

Dear Families

I'm a wee bit late in welcoming you all back to school this year and this term. I do hope you all had a good holiday and are bearing up with the cold, wind and rain that is January in Scotland. At least we have dodged the snow for now! In my last bulletin I mentioned Severe Weather policy and indicated a few wee changes this year.

PKC have adapted central plans for severe weather a little. Previously, staff who could not attend their own place of work were meant to go to their nearest school (in the hope they could attend there safely and provide 'cover' for the staff who couldn't travel to their own workplace). This is now no longer the practice in PKC. Instead, where a school cannot open due to weather conditions and staff not being able to get to their work, children should stay at home and staff will provide some remote learning for them. This would be shared with children on Learning Journals. Communications from school would come in the usual forms: EduSpot (the App) or Groupcall Emails (depending on which you are signed up for). Do get in touch with Mrs Beattie in the school office if you want to check your comms preference.

## **Learning Journals – reminder of Abernethy School/Nursery practice**

Up to 2 parents can have access to Learning Journals. We have, in line with Teachers' Working Time Agreement, an expectation that teachers send home 1 'observation' and 2 'stories' over a 2 week period of time. In Nursery, there are the same expectations.

An observation is more likely to feature work/learning/personal targets your child is working on and should inform you of their skill levels here, sometimes with ideas for the child to keep working at or for you to support your child with at home. A story is a more general post which lets you know of other things your child is doing currently in school. We would ask that you 'like' the posts as you see them then we'll know you are able to access Learning Journals. If any parent is having issues with Learning Journals do please get in touch with Mrs Ellis, in the office, as she is our main contact with the Learning Journal company who iron out problems for us. Learning Journals does cost quite a bit of money, paid for by our Parent Council fundraising, so we really want it to work properly for us.

## **Primary 1 registration for August 2026**

This is a reminder for any parent who wishes their child to be registered for Primary 1 next session, to do so this week. If your child is already 5 or turns 5 by 18 August 2026 then they should be enrolled for school. If you are not sure about registering your child for school do please get in touch with us. Here is the link for registering your child to Primary 1 [Primary and secondary school enrolment - Perth & Kinross Council](https://www.perthandkinross.gov.uk/primary-and-secondary-school-enrolment-perth-kinross-council)

As we gather the list of children preparing to join P1 in August, we also begin early transition activities. Those who are going into P1, and who are already at our Nursery, will be more involved in activities such as Assemblies, playing in the playground during breaktimes, visits into the P1 classroom to play with the current P1 etc. We will have a full timetable of specific transition events, to help your child prepare for school, from Easter onwards. But in the meantime, we will be dabbling here and there in a

