



Grandtully Primary News

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Dear all,

The weather has taken a turn colder in the past week or so but Grandtully looks beautiful with all the autumn colours and staff and pupils enjoy being out every day for the daily mile.

This newsletter gives the information for the term with any additional information coming from either the office via e-mail or from class teachers in homework/ email.

You will have received an invite to a public meeting with myself and councillors regarding the recent HMI inspection. Please try to come along to discuss the findings and the next steps for the school.

This is always a busy term as we plan, organise and practise for the annual show. It gives the pupils a great opportunity to develop presenting and acting skills as well as working on scenery, costumes and props. The pupils are working hard to learn scripts and make costumes and scenery. There is a one off day organised for parents to be involved as we are very keen to provide opportunities for all those interested. We are not charging to come along to the show but would very much appreciate any donations on the night or fundraising ideas you have to raise funds for the pupils to go on school trips or buy additional extras to enhance their learning.

Parent contact evenings are in the next few weeks and I am available during these if you would like to discuss any aspect of the school's work.

Best wishes

Laura McIntosh



Grandtully Pupils, Staff and Parents

Present



Please note this is change of date due to unforeseen circumstances!

On Wednesday 20th December 2017 from 6-8pm

In the Village Hall





Incredible Years

We know that being a parent can be a tough job and has its highs and lows! Sometimes our children don't behave the way we would want them to and we don't do or say the things we would like. This can cause lots of stress, arguments and isn't much fun. Many years of work with children and families shows that close relationships between children and their carers is one of the most powerful forces in giving them the best start in life. The Incredible Years supports and helps parents to manage their child's behaviour in a positive way. It also helps you prepare your child for starting school. We have trained staff to run high-quality parents' Incredible Years groups throughout Perth and Kinross. We normally run from January to June and August to December each year.

There is an additional course being run in Pitlochry starting in January. If you are interested please contact either the school or the team on the numbers below.

What is The Incredible Years? • Incredible Years is aimed at parents and carers who have children aged 3 years or who turn 3 during the course. • An opportunity to meet other families and support each other in a friendly relaxed environment. • Incredible Years runs once a week for 15 weeks and each session lasts for 2 hours. • A group activity with a maximum of 12 families in each group. • Incredible Years courses are open to mums, dads, carers, and grandparents. • Every session is led by 2 group practitioners, with weekly contact and support available between sessions. • Free crèche and transport are available.

What Will I do In the Incredible Years? In the sessions some of the things you will do include: watching DVD clips, talking about children's behaviour and working out new ways to manage situations at home. This will help you understand your child and their behaviour as well as your own. You will also explore ways of staying calm and be able to meet other parents in the same situation as yourself.

To find out more about the Incredible Years Courses and to get information on the locations and timings of future groups:

Web www.pkc.gov.uk/incredible-years Email Evidence2Success@pkc.gov.uk Tel Evidence2Success - Team Leader 01738 477836 Evidence2Success - Practitioners 01738 472216 01738 472217 01738 47285

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...what parents have thought about the course



Norovirus– The winter vomiting bug.....Advice for parents from NHS Scotland

- If your child has norovirus, keep them away from school or nursery for at least 48 hours after their last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.
- Children should not swim in a swimming pool for two weeks after the last episode of diarrhoea

Parent Contact meetings are scheduled for

Tuesday 14th November from 5.30-7.30pm and Monday 20th November from 3.30-5.30pm to discuss your child's progress, next steps and how you can support learning at home.



Library Van will be coming on 24th November

Book Fair 28th Nov-5th Dec.at Kenmore PS..more details to follow....

£27:60 was raised from the latest Rag Bag Collection



Book Week Scotland
27.11.17-1.12.17

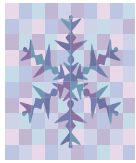


Children in P1,2, and 3 will receive free books and activities in Scottish Book Week. Older pupils will be taking part in the First Ministers Reading Challenge to promote a love of reading and provide another opportunity for you to support your child's learning. Parents are the first, and most vital, teacher any child has. While schools in Scotland give children a great education, learning doesn't start and stop at the school gates. Doing fun things with your children is one of the great things about being a parent. It makes you and your children happy and helps build stronger bonds.

You can make a huge difference. Research shows that children do better at school and throughout life when parents take part in their learning.

See <http://scottishbooktrust.com/> for more details





Winter Weather Arrangements

In the event of the school having to close or partially close you will be contacted by either a member of staff or another parent who has agreed to be a link person. That decision is made usually about 7/7.30am following discussion between local members of staff, the transport companies and the Headteacher. Every effort will be made to open the school for children who can safely travel.

Please remember that the weather can be extremely localized and you may be the best person to give information to the bus/taxi company about where you live. If you realize that the weather would indicate this is not a safe option for the bus/taxi please contact the bus/taxi company directly to discuss the road conditions.

Please note that if the bus/taxi company do not pick up pupils in the morning they do not normally do the home-time school run. If you bring your child/ren in your self, you will need to pick them up at 3.20pm.

You will appreciate that time is of the essence in these situations and speedy and accurate information sharing is vital.

Information is available from the sources below:

Service	Contact Details	When Used	Other Comments
Radio Tay Am	Not applicable	All Instances	Frequency AM 1584 and 1161
Radio Tay Fm	Not applicable	All Instances	FM 96.4 and 102.8
PKC Customer Service Centre – Number for Parents	01738 475000 (main Council line)	All Instances	Available from 08:00 hours to 18:00 hours Mon-Fri however this line <u>may</u> operate from 07:00 hours in exceptional circumstances.
PKC website	www.pkc.gov.uk	All instances	Parents/Carers can find closure updates on the Perth and Kinross Council website by logging onto www.pkc.gov.uk where closures will be flagged up on the Home page, or alternatively access the information on http://www.pkc.gov.uk/Schoolclosures
PKC Twitter and Facebook	www.pkc.gov.uk/socialmedia	All instances	
Radio Heartland	Not applicable	Widespread conditions	FM 97.5, 106.6 Used if schools closed are within an area known not to
Radio Central	Not applicable	Widespread conditions	FM 103.1 Used if schools closed are within an area known not to receive Radio Tay signal

'Housekeeping' Information

Dinner Money

Please pay on –line if possible -£2.10 per meal - £10.50 for the week.

Suitable Clothing

All pupils should bring **rain jacket/coat with a hood /hat and suitable footwear** for playtimes/lunchtimes and outdoor learning.

Lost Property

To help keep this to a minimum please have your child's name marked on sweatshirts, polo shirts and gym shoes. Please feel free to come in and check the lost property box if your child has missing clothing.

Indoor Shoes

Please ensure your child has an appropriate pair of indoor shoes for the classroom, every day.

PE kit

PE kit– a white t-shirt and dark shorts/joggers should stay in school through the week, it can be taken home on a Friday for washing. Please ensure pupils have trainers and jogging bottoms for their daily mile, spare socks are handy too!

Communication / Changes in Arrangements / Absence

We would really appreciate Family Folders to be returned the next day.

Please **phone in** to let us know if your child is off for any reason to ensure we know they are safe.

All absences should be followed up with a brief note or e-mail explaining the reason for the absence. If we cannot ascertain a pupils safety through parents we will need to contact either the police or child protection agencies.

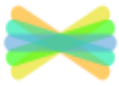
Sharing Learning

Drop in to have a chat about what's going on in the classroom, look at work every

3.20 --



Monday
3.50pm



SEESAW-STUDENT DRIVEN DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS

We are very much looking forward to developing the use of Seesaw with our pupils. It reflects the way technology influences and enhances our home and work lives giving you instant opportunities to see and respond to your child's work. Pupils will also be using Seesaw as a portfolio of work to track their progress.

We aim to share 2/3 items a week with you if you have signed up to receive notifications on your device.

For Students

Seesaw empowers students to independently document their learning with built-in creative tools, and provides an authentic audience for their work.

For Families

Seesaw gives families an immediate and personalized window into their child's school day, and makes communication with teachers seamless.

For Teachers

Seesaw saves time on organization and parent communication, makes formative assessment easy, and provides a safe place to teach 21st

Century skills.



In-service days

There are two in-service day in **November -Thursday 16th and Friday 17th.**
All school staff will be involved in training activities for the two days.

Christmas

Christmas Lunch for pupils on Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Service on Thursday 21st December @ 11.00am

Christmas Parties on Friday 22nd December with finish @ 12 noon for holidays



Your feedback is important to us.....