



Uryside School News

The life of the school



Week Ending: Friday 18th December 2020

We'd like to wish everyone in our Uryside community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Uryside School.

A Singing Christmas Tree!

A huge thank you to Right Here Productions for bringing a little Christmas cheer to all the classes this week. It was a lovely start to the week having everyone outside enjoying the Christmas Tunes.



Whole School Christmas Parties

A first for Uryside, we had a whole school interactive Christmas party yesterday. The event seemed to go really well with all classes joining in and partying along. DJ's McGunnigle and Shanks provided the music and even Mrs Dodd joined in with one good arm!

A huge thank you to Emma McKimmie and her band of helpers for sourcing and providing all of the party snacks.



School Fundraising update

Catalyse Vineyard Church thank everyone for their response to the Christmas jumper appeal. A large number of quality, used items were collected and sent to families who might not otherwise be able to source these.

The P4 food bank appeal was superbly well supported. A van full of goodies was stocked up last night ready to join the local foodbank appeal.



The Santa run amassed a grand total approaching £540.

To everyone who supported the recent fundraiser from Cauliflower cards, with your support, £370 was raised. A huge thank you to Mrs Kinghorn for co-ordinating and organising this.

Lucky Squares Winner!

Well done to Leyton Donald in P4A who won the prize.

New Gritting Machine

The Parent Forum have sourced and funded a new gritting machine that will replace the present bucket and spade. The hope is this will allow our new janitor to cover more of the playground and pavement area.

Santa was fair chuffed with it, unfortunately he will not get much use from it! However, it might help him should his sleigh get stuck!



Inverurie Events Virtual Christmas Party (Friday 18th from 6pm)

The Inverurie events team have created an online party that can be viewed on the links below. It all goes live tonight at 6pm, but can be viewed any time after. Listen out for those Uryside requests and shoutouts!

Nursery - P3s Party

bit.ly/XmasParty_Nursery_P3

P4s - P7sParty

http://bit.ly/P4_P7_XmasParty

All is accessible for staff, pupils, parents via Inverurie Events Facebook Page which they just search for or access via:

<https://www.facebook.com/eventsinverurie/>

Early Learning and Childcare Applications 2021/2022

From August 2021, all children are eligible to receive up to a maximum of 1140 hours of funded Early Learning and Childcare per year, or a pro rata amount, from the term after their 3rd birthday. Parents/carers can choose whether these hours are accessed in a local authority nursery or within a playgroup, private day nursery or childminder, which has been commissioned by the local authority.

Those children who are three before 31st August 2021 are eligible for a funded Early Learning and Childcare place in August 2021; children who are three before 31st December 2021 are eligible for a funded Early Learning and Childcare place in January 2022; children who are three before 28th February 2022 are eligible for a funded Early Learning and Childcare place in April 2022. Funded places for session 2021/2022 are available at both local authority nurseries and with playgroups, private day nurseries and childminders, which has been commissioned by the local authority.

Information and the online application form for local authority nurseries, commissioned playgroups, private day nurseries and childminders will be available from **18th January 2021 –29th January 2021**. These can be obtained online from <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/information/early-learning-and-childcare-information/>

For children who become eligible to commence their Early Learning and Childcare funded place in the **2021/2022** session, applications should be **submitted online between 18th January 2021 and 29th January 2021**. A list of all provision is listed in the '*Applying Early Learning and Childcare for Your Child – Application Booklet*'. Booklets are available from the website at

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/information/early-learning-and-childcare-information/>.

Evidence of the child's date of birth (original birth certificate) and evidence of home address (for example a recent utility bill or recent bank statement) will be required, once you have received confirmation that your child has been offered a place.

P1 Registration week – 11th – 15th January

“Aberdeenshire's Registration Week for Primary 1 admission is Monday 11th January to Friday 15th January 2021.”

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28th February 2022 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admission in August 2021.

Parents/Carers of those children due to commence attendance at school in August 2021 should now register their children for the appropriate local primary school.

To register for a primary school place, for a school within your catchment area, please complete the online application which can be found at:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyForSchoolPlace>.

It is usual practice for children to attend their local catchment primary school, however, you have the right to apply to place your child in a school other than your local school. Please complete an out of zone placing request. (You should still register your child in a school in the area you live in until you know the outcome of your application) Out of Zone Request form can be found at:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/admissions/out-of-zone-school/>

With COVID 19 restrictions in place, please email the school a copy of the below or alternatively bring these with you when your child starts school:


- the child's birth certificate as this is required as evidence of their date of birth and;
- evidence of the parent/carer's home address (for example a recent utility bill or recent bank statement).

All schools in Aberdeenshire have the same start date, in the middle of August each year. You will be informed of this year's start date at the time of registration at school. Aberdeenshire Education & Children's Services makes no provision to admit any children who are five after the end of February, unless that child has previously been registered and has commenced full-time attendance (excluding induction) in a state supported or Forces school and is transferring into Aberdeenshire. In this case, the local authority can exercise discretion. Registration for a nursery or playgroup does not count for the purposes of this exception.

And finally.....

After 8 short years (that's what he told us!) and many, many happy memories; Uryside School and community said a Happy Birthday and retirement to our school janitor, Mr Ross. His colourful hats, stories and unquestionable assistance will be sadly missed by all. He has promised to remain in touch, as long as he's not away in his motorhome!






Inverurie

Nativity

Sheep Trail

1st - 24th December 2020




One of the **Shepherds** wants to go and visit **Jesus** in the stable,
but he can't find all his sheep!

Can you help him by completing the Sheep Trail?

Complete the Sheep Trail by finding the sheep's names.
He visited shops on the High Street, West High Street
and at the Garioch Shopping Centre.

A form and more information can be found online at
[Inverurie Nativity Sheep Trail 2020 - St Mary's Church, Inverurie](http://InverurieNativitySheepTrail2020-StMarysChurch.Inverurie.stmarysinverurie.org.uk)
stmarysinverurie.org.uk

or on Facebook [St Mary's Episcopal Church, Inverurie](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysEpiscopalChurchInverurie) | Facebook








**ITS BACK!!
DANCE FITNESS
WITH GILLIAN
FOR P4-P7**

Event Name	Age group	Days / Dates	Time	Venue	Cost
Dance Fitness	P4-P7	Mondays 11th January 1st March (no session 15/02)	5.50pm- 6.40pm	Inverurie Community Campus Dance Studio	£21

How to Apply – Please visit <https://www.livelifeberdeenshire.org.uk/sport-and-physical-activity/active-schools/active-schools-in-your-area/inverurie/>

Payment (if applicable) – The payment process will be detailed in the confirmation email. We have now moved to online payment

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Holiday Dates:

FRIDAY 18 TH DECEMBER 2020	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
TUESDAY 5 TH JANUARY 2021	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
MONDAY 15 TH FEBRUARY 2021	MID-TERM HOLIDAY
TUESDAY 16 TH FEBRUARY 2021	IN-SERVICE DAY
WEDNESDAY 17 TH FEBRUARY 2021	IN-SERVICE DAY
OCCASIONAL DAY	TBC
THURSDAY 1 ST APRIL 2021	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER BREAK
MONDAY 19 TH APRIL 2021	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
MONDAY 3 RD MAY 2021	MAY DAY HOLIDAY
OCCASIONAL DAY	TBC
FRIDAY 25 TH JUNE 2021	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 16 TH AUGUST 2021	IN-SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 17 TH AUGUST 2021	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
FRIDAY 15 TH OCTOBER 2021	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR OCTOBER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER 2021	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
THURSDAY 18 TH NOVEMBER 2021	IN-SERVICE DAY
FRIDAY 19 TH NOVEMBER 2021	IN-SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 21 ST DECEMBER 2021	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
WEDNESDAY 5 TH JANUARY 2022	SCHOOL RE-OPENS

More holidays information can be found here:

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/school-term-dates-and-in-service-days/



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