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### Early Season Greetings

I can't believe we are almost into December already! The children are busy learning their songs and practicing their dancing both through Street Dance and Scottish Ceilidh Dancing. Fordyce Primary has already begun building the Christmas excitement. Our newsletter will provide you with a timeline of events for your diary and help us all move through to the festivities together.

### Portsoy 75 Club

The Portsoy 75 Club have invited our pupils to take part in a Colouring Competition, they would also like to invite all pupils to a Childrens Christmas Party. Your child/children will be issued their invite today.

Colouring Competition: A winner will be selected from each class to receive a prize, and the overall winner will be invited to officially switch on the Portsoy Christmas Light Display on Saturday 2 December at 6.30pm at The Church Centre, Portsoy. **Please note that we need each parent/carer to email us if they DO NOT wish their child's named entry to be submitted.**

### Fordyce Community Association – Christmas Service

The Fordyce Community Association are hoping some families from Fordyce Primary School will support the Christmas Service on 24<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.30pm with some short readings. Please can you let us know if you and your child are able to take part by contacting the school office via email. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

### Christmas Performance

We are sending home letters today with the information about our Christmas Performances on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Please respond with the date you would like to attend so we can allocate your 2 tickets per family.

### Christmas Hamper Raffle

Each family will receive 1 sheet of raffle tickets for the Parent Council Christmas hampers. Thank you in advance for your generous donations from the school as we truly appreciate the positive impact the experiences and resources that the children benefit from as a result of these fund-raising events especially in these financially tricky times. The Parent Council will draw the hamper on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at the evening performance.

### Christmas Party

Our Christmas party will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. The Parent Council have generously offered to provide a party bag for each pupil. If your child wishes to get changed for the Christmas party, please send the outfit in a bag with your child on the morning. Please note do not send any deodorant or perfume sprays to school.

### School Lunch – Christmas Party Food

On the last day of term, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023, the canteen will provide a Christmas Party Food lunch. This will consist of:

- Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwich
- Half a sausage roll
- Cocktail sausage
- Ice-cream
- Cookie or Muffin (tbc)

Your child will be able to choose the sandwich option in the morning on the Clevertouch board in the classroom if they choose to have a school lunch that day.



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### **Clothing**

Please ensure your child's name is on all clothing, wellies, shoes etc. Can you ensure your child has P.E. outfit and an art apron (can be old t-shirt/shirt) in their school bag, thank you. There are a number of children who still do not have P.E outfits or aprons in school. Having a P.E. outfit in school every day also allows for a spare change of clothes in the event a child gets muddy or wet.

### **Rag Bag**

Thank you again for your generous support with the Rag Bag collection. We have requested that this be emptied, and we will notify you of when this has been done as some families have already been in touch requesting this information.

### **Dates for Diaries:**

Christmas Singing Performance	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 (afternoon)
Christmas Singing Performance	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 (Evening)
Christmas Lunch	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Portsoy 75 Club Childrens Christmas Party	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30-4.30pm (Portsoy Town Hall)
Christmas Party	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023

Regards  
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See below links for the school term dates and school lunches:

[School holidays and term dates - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

[Primary school meals - Aberdeenshire Council](#)