Dear Parents/Carers

**Wonderful to see blue skies today, however**…...given the wet and windy weather that has been relentless of late, dark afternoons, not to mention the Loch that appears on the path by Bourtree Park, we think it might be marginally more pleasant for you if you came into the playground for pick-up at the end of the day!  It will make it easier for your children to spot you and perhaps your feet will be a bit drier……. though drainage in our playground is not the best either!  I think perhaps we all need to get into the way of wearing wellies!

**Arrangements for drop off in the morning will remain as they currently are.**

**The new arrangements for pick-up will begin from Monday 28th November as follows:**

Parents are welcome to enter the playground **from 3:15pm,** as this allows any classes involved in outdoor learning to be back inside.

Parents collecting pupils from **Primary 1 to Primary 3/4** classes are to **enter and exit the playground via the Nursery gate,** to avoid causing congestion at the side steps entrance where we will have other classes exiting the building & playground.

* **P1 Mrs MacDonald, P1 Miss Sang & P2 Mrs Storey/Mrs Muir**à the class exit via the infant entrance, round the back of the building where there are the steps and a hopscotch.  **Primary 1 parents** should stand at the **‘solar system planets’.**  **Primary 2 parents** should stand **on the running track.**
* **P2/3 Mrs Bryson/Mrs Cameron & P3 Miss Mellis/Mrs Stewart** à the class exit right round the back of the playground & building down the ramp next to the large container.  The two classes will come down to the bottom of the ramp. Please stand back **beyond the corner of the building** to allow space for the 2 classes and their teachers.  Once you have picked up your child, please follow the kerbstones at the edge of the tarmac by heading in the direction of our agility trail to avoid cutting through where other classes will be dismissed.
* **P3/4 Miss Airlie** exit via their classroom fire door and down the ramp next to the ‘snakes & ladders’.  Please stand by the ‘snakes & ladders’ and exit the playground via the Nursery gate.
* **P4/5 Miss Sangster & P5** **Miss Blacklaws** à exit by the side entrance by the steps to the public path.  Parents can meet and collect as they currently do from the public path so no change to current pick-up arrangements for these classes unless you want to meet your child somewhere else!
* **P6 Mrs McRae** & **P6/7** **Mrs Middletonà** classes exit via the main entrance at the front of the building.  Please enter & exit via the entrance by the ‘clothing bank’ and keep well back on the grass area to allow teachers space to take out lines.
* **P7 Mrs Rennie/Mrs Morrison** à the class exit via their classroom fire door.  Please enter & exit the school grounds via the entrance by the clothing bank and keep clear of the bike shelter to allow pupils easy access for their bikes.

Teachers’ priority is to safely dismiss their whole class.  Thank you in advance for allowing them the space to do so.  As you leave the playground, please avoid walking through class lines waiting to be dismissed.

If you have several children to pick up, then arrange a suitable meeting place.

There is no change to where After School Club will meet pupils which is near the ‘stop clock’ by the Nursery.

The issue of ‘ponding’ on the public path adjacent to the school has been reported to those who are responsible for the upkeep of Bourtree Park.  My reference to a ‘Loch’ was perhaps an exaggeration!

It may be the case on icy days that we will need to revert to parents being outside the playground at pick-up as it is safer for you to be standing on grass than icy tarmac!

Mention was made above of a few playground landmarks in the form of playground markings so you may wish to do some weekend homework and explore where they are!

**Thank you for your kindness in supporting the following charities……**

* £417 raised for Children in Need.
* 63 boxes were filled for the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal & £126 raised for transportation costs.
* £50.47 raised for the Poppy Appeal.

Our Fishermoss Family at its best!

**Christmas is coming……School Christmas Lunch for pupils & staff……**Thursday 22nd December.  The price of Christmas lunch is £2.50 (P1-5 pupils are excluded from this charge)

Menu

Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast (V)

Oatmeal Stuffing & Gravy

Chipolata Sausages

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Carrots, Sweetcorn, Brussel Sprouts

Roast Potatoes

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Jelly & Ice Cream

Christmas Shortbread

Please complete the online form using the following link by **Monday 5th December**:

[**https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ\_i1NCUSVndDttzBKCwpgAr6qxnRDhbRWYJYU3zlUMjZNQTlVMFZQU1RDVjgyUFZGUUVFQUpDVy4u**](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKCwpgAr6qxnRDhbRWYJYU3zlUMjZNQTlVMFZQU1RDVjgyUFZGUUVFQUpDVy4u)

Please note there is no alternative, to the Christmas lunch menu above, being served on this day e.g.  sandwiches etc

**Christmas outing to the Cinema……**Wednesday 21st December at Vue Cinema in Aberdeen to see Disney’s ‘Strange World’. A wee reminder, so you can avoid booking tickets for this one before we get to see it as a school…. trying to avoid spoilers! Great news to share in that our PSC have agreed this year to pay for the tickets, in addition to transport costs! There will therefore be no cost to parents this year! An early Christmas present!

**Portlethen Santa Run…..**will be happening this week 29th, 30th Nov & Thu 1st Dec!  Pupils will be coming home with their chocolate coins from Santa this Thursday and hot chocolate will be available from the front of Fishermoss School from 5:15pm when Santa comes by. All are welcome!  No snow forecast, but there will be a snowman….who may have some sweets!

**Fishermoss PSC Christmas Fayre….** please do come along and join us at Fishermoss School a week today, Friday 2nd December 6-8pm! We would love to see you there!

Dates for other Christmas activities at school will follow next week!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kindest regards

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