Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for being so supportive regarding yesterday’s delayed opening of school.  I do hope wintry days like these will be few and far between!

**Cinema Trip**……As previously shared, a booking has been made for Primaries 1 to 7 to see the Disney film “Strange World” at Vue Cinema in Aberdeen on Wednesday 21st December.  This film is a new release and is rated PG.  Our thanks again to the PSC for funding the buses and the cost of all the tickets this year.

Could you please follow the link below to access the Microsoft Permission Form for this trip.  The deadline for completion is Thursday 15th December.  We do hope that everyone will attend as this is the rare occasion we all go together on a school trip.  Memories are made of days like these!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKCwpgAr6qxnRDhbRWYJYU3zlUQlhUNEE2OEYyOVNNVVlOU0lOS09VTlZKQy4u>

Arrangements for the day will be as follows:

* Buses will leave school at 9:15am and return to school at approximately 12:30pm.
* All pupils will require a packed lunch and we will be eating these at school on our return.  Packed lunches can be ordered from the school kitchen in advance via the Microsoft Permission Form.  Please be aware there will be no hot meals or other options available.  Payment for packed lunches for P6 & P7 pupils should be made in the usual manner as per school lunches and the cost is £2.50.  For all pupils, **if you do not order a packed lunch via the Microsoft Permission Form, we will assume they are bringing their own packed lunch from home.**
* Pupils can take water and a small snack with them to the cinema.  The snack should be what they would normally take for a morning break.

**Reminder of December Dates for your diary……**

Individual **Class Christmas Parties** will be held on the following afternoons:

* Thu 15th P2/3 & P3
* Fri 16th P2 & P3/4
* Mon 19th P1M & P1S
* Tue 20th P5 & P6/7
* Wed 21st P4/5
* Fri 23rd P6 & P7

Our **PSC** are kindly arranging Party Bags.  Pupils can come to school dressed in party clothes or they can change at school.  Party clothes can be anything from frocks to Christmas jumpers to casual……whatever they would normally wear to a party.

Fri 16th Primary 1 **Nativity Performance** to Primary 1 Parents 10am-details have already been emailed to P1 Parents regarding this event.

Wed 21st **Cinema Outing** to Vue Cinema, Aberdeen to see Disney’s ‘Strange World’.

Thu 22nd **Christmas Church Service** 9:30am- Portlethen Parish Church-Parents are very welcome to join us.

Thu 22nd **Christmas Lunch.** A reminder that, there is no alternative to the Christmas lunch menu being served on this day e.g.  sandwiches etc Online forms should now have been completed by all parents wishing their child to have a school lunch that day.

**Portlethen Parish Church……**are holding their 10th Christmas Tree Festival 12th - 16th December 1.00pm-8.00pm.  All are welcome to attend!  As has been the case in previous years, Fishermoss School has sponsored and decorated a tree for the festival.  Funds raised will go to Aberdeen Cyrenians.

**As always**……if your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are back in good health.  Please do not send unwell children to school to see how they cope.  Do keep them at home until you are sure they are fit and well.  We know children don’t want to miss out on class parties, or other Christmas events at school, but please do continue to err on the side of caution.  We really appreciate all you are doing!

Have a lovely weekend….and take care on the ice!

Kindest regards

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