



# Pitmedden School News!

October 2021

## Vision & Values

Our **Vision** at Pitmedden is to provide the **highest quality** education that ensures our Pitmedden family **'Work together to do our best.'**

Our overarching values to achieve our vision are that every child is:

**I**ncluded

**R**espected

**H**ealthy

**R**esponsible

**H**onest

Term 1 has flown in and it has been great to see the many learning opportunities the children have been engaging in. We have had a successful launch of seesaw allowing families to see and engage with some of the learning their children are doing within classes.

We would like to wish all our families a restful October break and are looking forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of November.



## Staffing

- We recently used some of our covid relief funds to appoint a PSA, with a specific focus around literacy. We are delighted that **Mrs Stephen** will be joining us at the start of Term 2.
- **Mrs McMenemie** is reducing her hours at Pitmedden, she will still be with us on a Monday. **Mrs Blakey** was our successful candidate and will now be working at Pitmedden all week.
- **Mrs Donovan** was due to return from her maternity leave around January time. She has made the decision to take a career break and will return to Pitmedden in the future.
- **Mrs Fullerton** returned to Pitmedden from her maternity leave this week. We are thrilled to have her back. She will be working Thursday and Friday in P7. A huge thank you to **Mrs Findlater** for picking up the two days until Mrs Fullerton returned.
- **Mrs Findlater** will continue to be in school fulltime next term. We will be using some of our covid relief funds to allow Mrs Findlater to develop reading/writing within the school as well as supporting small groups of children in literacy.
- I am due to begin my maternity leave a few weeks into term 2. I am delighted that we have appointed **Mrs Katie Bowes** as Acting Head Teacher. She will be visiting Pitmedden to meet staff/children and begin the handover process.

**Director Visit** – We were very lucky to have a visit from Laurence Findlay, Aberdeenshire's director of Education & Children's Service. Our tour guides did a wonderful job showing Mr Findlay around Pitmedden School. Well done Ruby, Sarah, Hollie & Fraser.



**Pupil Committees** – A huge congratulations to our children who were nominated for our different Pupil Committees (Eco, Fairtrade, Rights Respecting & Pupil Council). They are an enthusiastic bunch who are looking forward to positively impacting the school/community with the work they will be doing in their groups.

**Therapet** - I am delighted that we have a new Therapet at Pitmedden. Heidi the dog will be visiting school on Tuesday mornings and working with small groups of children.

**November Calendar dates** - Below is an overview of November dates, this was previously sent via email at the beginning of term 1. Please note that as part of St Andrews day, on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, children are encouraged to come to school in their uniform but with a touch of tartan.

### November 2021

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> In-service	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> In-service	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Parent Interviews Book Fair Delivered	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Parent Interviews	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Touch of tartan for St Andrews Book Fair Collected					

**Friends of Pitmedden** - We have our next Friends of Pitmedden meeting on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm. This will be a virtual teams meeting, if you would like to attend, please email [lyn.mcgibbon@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:lyn.mcgibbon@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) and you will be added to the meeting. We would actively encourage as many parents/carers to attend as possible. We want to ensure that Friends of Pitmedden continues to thrive, allowing parents/carers to have their voices heard and support the school in the best way possible.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the school if you have questions.

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