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Dear Parents/Carer

Welcome back, I hope everyone enjoyed a good break.

### **Hallowe'en Parties**

The New Pitsligo School Hallowe'en Party will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

P1-4 6.15pm – 7.15pm  
P5-7 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Please come in fancy dress. Entry is £1 and pupils can bring money for a tuck shop. Children can bring a turnip or pumpkin lantern and there will be prizes for best costume and best lantern. **All pupils must be collected after the event by an adult as it will be dark.**

### **Aden-een**

The Aden-een event takes place at Aden Park on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm – 9pm. This event is free and includes a firework display. They ask that you bring torches, wellies and fancy dress.

### **Online Alerts**

Aberdeenshire council has changed the way parents receive online alerts about school closures and changes to school transport. You can now sign up for these notifications through *myaccount* on the Aberdeenshire Council website – if you currently pay for school meals online, you will already be registered. *myaccount* is a simple, secure way of accessing a range of Scottish public services using just one username and password and 13,000 parents across Aberdeenshire are already enjoying the benefits of it.

As well as being able to sign up for alerts, your home page will automatically give you handy information such as your bin collection days, where your nearest recycling centre is and the names of your local councillors. So, if you want to be kept up-to-date and take advantage of the other *myaccount* benefits, sign up to the new system by going to the Aberdeenshire Council website and clicking on the red **register** button in the top right-hand corner.

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### **Open Afternoons**

Literacy Open Afternoon	2-3pm	8 <sup>th</sup> November 2016
Numeracy Open Afternoon	2-3pm	23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2017
Open Afternoon	2-3pm	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017

(Parental choice of subject area)

### **In-Service**

The school will be closed to pupils for staff training on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Children in Need – Spotalcular**

Children in Need, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November we will make the school spotty for the day by challenging everyone to dress in spots. Even people who don't like dressing up can pop on a pair of spotty socks £1 donation. The PTA will have a pop-up shop in school that day at 9am and 2pm selling a range of goodies from £1 to £3.

### **PTA**

A few tickets are still available for the grown-ups night out on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. It promised to be a great giggle. Contact the office for tickets.

### **School Photos**

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to take individual and family photographs.

### **Willows Nativity**

We will be gathering volunteers to perform a short Nativity at The Willows on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Details will be sent home with those pupils who are keen to take part.


### **Fresh Air**

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the chilly New Pitsligo winter. We will not be bringing children in early unless it is pouring with rain as the children are far healthier outside in the fresh air running about. Please make sure that all items of clothing, even gloves, are clearly labelled.

### **Christmas Fair**

The Christmas Fair will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Details will follow nearer the time.

There will be a range of fun activities to try, teas and coffees and items for sale.



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