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Dear Parents/Carers,
Happy New Year!

Vision, Values and Aims

At New Pitsligo and St. John's School we are committed to achieving the following through the Aberdeenshire Entitlements

**Successful Learners Confident Individuals
Responsible Individuals Effective Contributors**

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We aim

- to involve pupils, their parents and the wider community in the learning process
- to monitor and record the progress of the individual child in order to support that child's learning
- to provide and maintain suitable resources to enable the efficient delivery of the curriculum
- to create a well disciplined and happy atmosphere of warmth, caring and friendliness where the individual is valued and our achievements are something to be proud of
- to encourage good home school relationships and community links
- to provide the necessary organisation and leadership to identify targets for improvement, maintenance and achievement
- to equip pupils with foundation skills, attitudes and expectations necessary to prosper in 'a changing society' and to encourage creativity and ambition
- to prepare pupils for responsible citizenship by promoting the development of values, beliefs and attitudes compatible with living in an inclusive and multicultural world
- to value and support all pupils and ensure their access to a curriculum appropriate to their needs
- to promote the best levels of learning and teaching experiences which promote good learning, good behaviour, self-discipline and respect for self, others and the environment
- to have a positive and proactive impact on our community

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School Overview

Please find enclosed with your letter, a copy of our overview. This has been circulated before, and gives a broad picture of what we offer here in school. A more in-depth rationale is available as you come into the main corridor in school.

As ever your feedback on this would be greatly appreciated as we want it to properly reflect our school and our vision.

School Building Work

Work to develop our new nursery will begin in term four. The plans are now on show in school. Come in and tell us what you think.

Auditions for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Auditions will take place in the week beginning the 6th February. All pupils will be involved in the show, but those wishing to do a bit more should prepare a song (any song) and on the day will be given a short bit of the script to read if appropriate.

Credit Union

Savings with the Credit Union are now available again on Fridays, so if there's any Christmas money needing saved, pupils can bring it along.

Rag Bag Collection

The bags will be collected on Friday 27th January.

Burns Lunch and Poetry


On Friday 27th January we will be celebrating Burns with our Burns lunch and poetry afternoon. Pupils can wear anything tartan that day and the PTA have a lovely tartan treat for them.

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March we are going to celebrate World Book Day. Pupils can come to school dressed as a character from any Roald Dahl book.

Our book swap initiative has continued throughout the year. Pupils can bring in an old book and swap it for one they have not read.

Yours sincerely



HELEN JAMES
Head Teacher