

Portlethen Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

Dress Down Day Friday 13 November 2020

We are holding a dress down day this Friday which is organised by Daisy McNeil, one of our S6 Youth Achievement pupils. The aim is to raise funds/gather items for a range of charities, these are:

Children in Need

Children in Need fund over 3,900 local charities and projects which directly support children and young people in communities across the UK.

They support a whole range of disadvantages such as poverty, disability, illness, distress or trauma. They also work with a range of partners to tackle some of the most pressing issues facing the UK's children and young people today, including mental health and wellbeing, violence impacting young people, holiday hunger, and social injustice.

Northsound Cash for Kids

The aim of this campaign is to ensure all children in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire have warm clothes to keep them going through the cold winter months.

Every £50 will give a child who's families are unable to afford them, a voucher to buy new winter clothes such as a jacket, hat, scarf, gloves and shoes.

The Larder Portlethen and Surrounding Areas

The Community Larder is based in Portlethen and available for all in the surrounding areas such as Newtonhill, Marywell & Muchalls. Everyone is welcome and it is a community run group. It provides food, toiletries and other items for families affected by a loss of income.

Fundraising Target

Our fundraising target is £500. This would give five children vouchers for clothes and allow us to send £250 to Children in Need. Ideally pupils will bring in 50p or £1 and more if they wish. If young people prefer to bring in food, toiletries or other non-perishable items these will go to The Larder.

Theme

Considering our need to keep the school well ventilated, the theme is **cosy/comfy** clothes for example joggers, cosy jumpers, pyjamas etc and pupils are asked to wear something **yellow or spotty**, if possible. The key is this should not be expensive and is accessible to all.

Collection

Items for The Larder should be placed in the boxes outside the school library when pupils arrive in **the morning, at break or lunchtime**. It is crucial these are non-perishable.

Money will be collected during **period two** on Friday. Teachers will collect this and it would be helpful if this was in the form of £1 coins or 50p pieces as counting is an issue at present and will have to be done with particular care.

Thank you for your support.

Neil Morrison

Head Teacher

11 November 2020