

# Fettercairn Primary Newsletter



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## ***Spring is finally here!***

At last we have had some good weather! In school there are lots of exciting things happening as we approach the holidays but as always the pupils and staff are working hard to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Ian Clarke  
Head Teacher

## ***P7 visit to Mearns Academy***

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of visitors from Mearns Academy come to speak to the Primary 7's about S1. On 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> June P7's will go up to Mearns Academy for their visit.

## ***Staffing***

Next session we will not see a change to our Staffing. However we are increasing our class numbers. We will have a P1/2 class with Mrs Thornton as teacher. There will be a Primary  $\frac{3}{4}$  class with Mr Clarke and Mrs Smith as teachers and I am really pleased that Mr Smith will be staying with us and taking the Primary 5/6/7 class. Nursery will continue with Mrs Duffin and Mrs Veitch. This year has been a very good year staffing wise and I am really pleased that we will be able to continue with the same personnel. I would like to thank them all for working incredibly hard to take things forward this year and we all look forward to next session to see what exciting new things we can work on.

## ***Jammin Fitness***

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May we had a very successful day with Andy Mecknie from Jammin' Fitness who came to work with the children on Rights Respecting Schools and dance from around the world. The children were incredibly active all day and finally produced a small show to the parents. The day was enjoyed by all who took part and I would like to thank the parents who supported us and all the children and staff for their input on the day.

## ***Health Promoting School***

Recently in school we have had our Health Week where the children took part in many sporting activities and learned about different aspects of health. It was a really enjoyable week but we must remember that as a school we are always promoting a healthy lifestyle and discussing with the children different aspects like toothbrushing, hand hygiene, general self-care, healthy eating and appropriate choices. It would also be helpful to us if you can support us in this by ensuring that your child has healthy choices for their snacks and in their packed lunches, making sure that they have appropriate PE kit, helping them with their own personal care and reminding them of their duty towards each other and the respect that each of them deserve./

### ***Head Lice***

Please check your child's head regularly (we recommend weekly) and notify the school if you find head lice. Current advice on the treatment of head lice is available from your local pharmacist. I have included an up to date pamphlet about Head Lice, with this newsletter.

### ***Inclusion in Schools***

All schools throughout Scotland have a duty to promote inclusion for all pupils regardless of their abilities and any barriers to learning they may have. All children face a diversity of challenges in their life and we have to offer a flexible approach in order to ensure that no child is prejudiced and that barriers to participation, learning and achievement are removed. It is everyone's responsibility to help develop inclusion for all pupils, whether that be working directly with the school or through understanding, patience and support.

### ***This Term***

We have already seen a busy few weeks and the coming weeks will be no different. In school P4-7 are attending swimming lessons at Stonehaven Leisure Centre and they will have taster sessions of rugby and hockey. The P7's have had training in making a film and have entered a competition about the 1930s-60s with the winning entries shown on national television.

All of our Thursday working groups are continuing with lots of activities and learning taking place. I would like to thank all the staff for making these groups so successful. The children really enjoy these activities.

P7 go to Mearns on the 15<sup>th</sup> June for their 3 day visit

The new P1's will visit the class on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June with a Parents induction meeting also taking place on 17<sup>th</sup> June.

We will be having our Curriculum Breakfast on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am in the school hall, where you will be able to see and hear about some of the exciting things the children have taken part in this year. Your views on our curriculum and any aspect of the school that you think could be improved will be sought during this event.

Our Final Assembly is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 2pm.

The dance club has started again and is run by Logan Davie and Ellen Gordon and I would like to thank them both for organising this opportunity for the other pupils. The football, film and morning multisports club have continued this term.

### ***Community Walk***

This year our annual community walk took place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May in the morning which was a change of time and day. However this did not deter anyone from taking part and it was very well attended. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to walk with their children and making it a very enjoyable event. I would also like to thank all those people who have already handed in their donations. The Pupils are at present deciding who the money should be donated to. If there are any remaining donations still to come in please can you send them into the office as soon as possible./



**Parent Council meeting - AGM**

The next FPC meeting which includes the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, which will be held at **7pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** in the Adult Lounge.

Please come along if you can – parent support is especially important at this meeting, and it would be great to see as many of you as possible 😊

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**USEFUL INFORMATION**

**EasyFundraising**

Earn cash for us when you shop online by logging on first to the EasyFundraising website ([www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fettercairnpc](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fettercairnpc)) This is free and simple to use with over 2000 retailers including Amazon, Ebay, Argos, etc. It also offers exclusive retailer voucher codes so you can save money when you shop.

This is a really easy FREE way to donate to our funds when you do your normal online shopping. Please tell your friends and families too as the more members we have the more money we make!!

**Uniform swap shop**

Remember if you have any old school jumpers which are in good condition you can either donate them to the swap shop or swap them for a larger size. If you need a new school jumper but don't have any to swap there is also a donation box.

**BUZZIN BEES GROUP**



A group for Bumps, Babies and Bairns is held in the Adult Lounge every **Wednesday morning from 10am - 11.30am**. Tea/Coffee is provided for the parents/carers and juice and snack are provided along with stories, singing and games. For more information please contact Fran Wood or Laura Anderson on 01561 340516 or email at [buzzinbees@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:buzzinbees@hotmail.co.uk).

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If you would like a copy of the minutes FPC meetings to be sent to you by email please contact Sarah Adams with your email address. Alternatively you can log on to [www.fettercairn.aberdeenshire.sch.uk](http://www.fettercairn.aberdeenshire.sch.uk) and click on Parent Information. There is always a copy of the minutes on the Parent Council Notice board in the Adult Lounge If you are unable to attend the meetings or in the interim have any ideas, comments or queries please do not hesitate to contact the current office bearers: Lisa Gibbons-Wood, Sarah Adams or Morag Davidson.

# Dates for your Diaries

*Curriculum Breakfast      Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June      School Hall      9.30am*

*Farewell Assembly      Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July      School Hall      2pm*

**TERM 4** – School Closes Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**School Session 2015-2016**

**Term 1 – In service day Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**School re-opens Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**School Closes Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

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