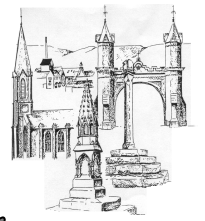


# Fettercairn Primary Newsletter



Autumn 2015

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## *A busy but good start to a new school year!*

The new term has gone with a flourish and the children all came back with great gusto. They have all worked really hard this term and it has been great to see how quickly all our new children came to terms with their new routines and the longer days.

Yours sincerely

*Ian Clarke*

Head Teacher

## *End of Term Service*

Last year the children conducted a great End of Term Assembly and showed off their many talents. We wish Kieran, Nikola, Nick and Megan all the best for the future.

## *Staffing*

Last session we said goodbye to Mrs Thornton and Mrs McCall. We wish them both all the best for the future. We welcome to our staff Mrs Fleming in P1/2 and Mrs Campbell and Mrs Leask as our new Pupil Support Assistants.

## *Contacting the school*

If you have any queries, concerns, or have anything you feel you want to discuss regarding your child please call or come in to make an appointment to see us. We are here to help you and your child. However Mrs Johnstone's work hours are Monday to Thursday. *This means that there is no one in the office on a Friday, so if you are contacting the school on a Friday please leave a message on the answer phone and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.*

**All visitors must come in to school via the main entrance and report directly to the school office where Mrs Johnstone will be only too willing to help. It would be appreciated if classroom teaching was not disturbed.**

Absences are recorded and, if we have not heard from you that your child will be off, it is our duty to telephone to check that your child is indeed at home. Please keep your child off school if they are not well enough to attend, no matter how much they want to come. School is not a good place for children when they aren't well. **Remember too that if your child has sickness / upset tummy then 48hrs must be left between the last bout and them returning to school.** This is to prevent other children/staff from getting it. If you know that your child is going to be absent due to an appointment please could you let us know in writing beforehand where possible.

## *Techfest*

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September all Primary 1 -7 pupils went to Techfest in Aberdeen. It was a great afternoon with each class attending three different workshops about science or technology. The feedback from the children was very positive and we would like to thank the Parent Council who funded this trip for the pupils./

### ***Nursery News***

We are grateful to families who have taken their children to visit the Montrose Air Museum [the museum prefers not to have organised trips for Nursery age children] and those who have brought in wonderful aeroplane 'show and tells' to enhance our learning. We also had a fabulous visit from Heidi, cabin crew from Loganair, who told us about her job and fielded difficult questions from the children [with a sense of humour!] Thank you to Katie's mum for arranging that.

Thank you also to Elijah's mum who welcomed us to the Community Allotment and let us taste some herbs and harvest potatoes, courgettes and an enormous turnip.

Family homework for this term - You will soon be having a visit from our 'Travelling Tom' who will arrive in his own suitcase to stay the night in your house. We would appreciate if you could help your child to complete 'Tom's Travelogue', instructions will be included.

### ***Community News***

Every Tuesday in September and October there will be a drop in café in the Public Hall from 2pm to 4pm. Entry is by donation. Please support this local activity.

### ***Aberdeenshire Life Education Centre Mobile Classroom (ALEC)***

On Wednesday 23rd September the ALEC Mobile Classroom visited our school. This is a resource which is sponsored by the Rotary and supported by Aberdeenshire Council and is all about giving the children a different experience with regards to teaching them all about their mental, emotional and physical health. Each class and Nursery were allocated a time for visit to the Mobile Classroom to learn or explore an aspect pertinent to their age and stage of development.

### ***School Lunches***

Please note the cost of school lunches is £2.10 per ticket. Cheques should be made payable to Aberdeenshire Council. P4-7 pupils are encouraged to be independent and purchase these on arrival at school. Once a book has been purchased please just put one ticket in each day with your child's name on it. The autumn and winter menu is now available and will begin after the October Break. If you lose your leaflet you can access the leaflet using this link - <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/meals/primary-and-special-school-meals/>

### ***School News/Flu Immunisation***

We are pleased to say that there will be a number of clubs being offered to the children this Session. The morning multi-sports club and football club have continued this term. The art club has ran again this term and has been incredibly popular. Many thanks to Mrs Gibbons-Wood and Mrs Armstrong for organising this for the children and thanks to all the parents who gave up their time to help supervise the children. The children have also ran their own dance club on a Monday lunchtime and a Performance club on a Wednesday. Thanks to Logan Davies (P6), Ellen Gordon and Josie King for organising these clubs. The Cross-Country running club and film club will begin again after the October break.

Please make sure all flu immunisation permission letters (P1-7) are returned to school before Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Also poppies are now in school so please support Poppy Scotland./

**Water bottles**

Just a reminder that the pupils are permitted to bring water bottles to school for use in the classroom. Please make sure that the bottles are clearly labelled and that they are taken home every evening to be cleaned./

**SPREE**

I would like to thank Mrs Dickson for organising and giving her time to providing the opportunity for parents to purchase this discount book.

**McMillan Coffee afternoon**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of September the school community joined together with many other organisations from around the country to help raise money for McMillan cancer support. All the children dressed in their casual clothes and the parents had a coffee afternoon. Thanks to all those who attended and provided cakes for the coffee afternoon. A special thanks must go to Mrs Dickson for organising this event. The Coffee afternoon raised £141.05.

**Fettercairn Primary Parent Council – Autumn 2015**

**Welcome back everyone and a huge welcome to new children and parents/carers.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Parent Council Meeting**

The next Parent Council meeting will be held at 7pm on **Wednesday 7th October** in the Parent Lounge at the school. All parents/guardians are welcome to come along – the more the merrier!

Joining the Parent Council gives you the chance to directly support your child's education, influencing decisions about school matters and fundraising for equipment and trips. It's also a great way to get to know other parents and teachers at the school. All welcome.

**Bag2school**

The next Bag2school collection will be in November. Bags will be sent home in the childrens home packs in early November. These can be filled with unwanted clothing and textiles, for which the school receive £0.50 per kilo. An easy way to de-clutter and raise money for the school at the same time!

**Soup n Sweet**

The annual Soup n Sweet fundraiser will be held at the school on November 14<sup>th</sup>. For it to be a continued success, we need YOUR HELP! More details to follow but if you are willing to help on the day, make soup, a sweet and/or home baking then please do get in touch. You can contact Lisa Gibbons-Wood or come along to Parent Council meetings.

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**USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Uniform swap shop**

A uniform swap shop has been opened for school jumpers. 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.

**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!!

**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 Jessica Pollock on 01561 340357 ([jessiebabev@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jessiebabev@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 or Lisa Gibbons-Wood 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

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**Adverse Weather leaflet**

If you require an Adverse Weather Leaflet you can download an electronic copy from the Aberdeenshire Council website which can be accessed <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/parents/carers/AdverseWeatherLeafletforParentsandCarers.pdf> If you are unable to access the internet please contact Natalie Stewart, Communication Assistant Education, Learning & Leisure Tel: 01224 664428 Fax: 01224 664615 email: [natalie.stewart@aberdeenshire.gov](mailto:natalie.stewart@aberdeenshire.gov).

**Future Correspondence**

If you would prefer to receive the school Newsletter or any school correspondence by email please tear of the slip below and send it back to school, where we will begin to send any relevant information to you via email. We cannot send any information to you via email without your written permission.

If you already receive information by email you do not need to complete again.

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I would prefer to receive school information via email and I give you permission to send school correspondence to my email address \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL TERMS/HOLIDAYS      SESSION 2015 - 2016**

**TERM 1**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October inclusive**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August - In Service

**TERM 2**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December inclusive**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November - In Service

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November - In Service

**TERM 3**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April inclusive**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Occasional Day

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Occasional Day

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Mid Term

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February - In Service

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February - In Service

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday

**TERM 4**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July inclusive**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - May Day