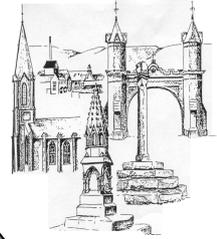


Fettercairn Primary Newsletter



December 2015

Issue No 29

Another busy time ahead!



As ever, this term seems a flurry of activity! We have had two days of In-service training for the teachers on 17th and 18th November. All the staff attended first aid training and we also worked on our school curriculum and our new reporting document.

Mr I Clarke
Head Teacher

Parent Interviews

We have been busy speaking to parents over the last couple of weeks about the children's progress. If you have been unable to attend please contact the school to arrange an interview at a convenient time.

Poppy Appeal

This year the school and community collected £162.40 in support of our service men and women. We would like to thank all those who contributed to this wonderful cause.

Children in Need

I would like to congratulate the Pupil Council for organising a very successful day. All the children enjoyed the day and they collected a total of £72.54 which was double last year's total. Well done!

Soup and Sweet

What a fantastic day! I would really like to thank the Parent Council, Pupils, Staff and Parents who made this, such a successful day. I was so amazed by the amount of money (£1600) that was raised that you should all be very proud of your contribution. Well done and thank you to the Parent Council for organising this.

Christmas Tree

This year's school Christmas tree was kindly donated by Mr S Peterson. We would like to thank Mr Peterson for this kind gesture./

Christmas Show

Our Christmas Show is on Wednesday 16th December at 6.30pm in West Mearns Church, Fettercairn. All the children have been busy making props, learning and learning songs for our show 'Children of the World'. It would be of great help if you could ensure your child is at the **Church for 6.15pm**. After the show the teachers will bring the children back to their classrooms where we ask you to collect them from. Nursery parents can collect their children after the show in the church. The Parent Council will also be serving hot chocolate and mince pies back in the school after the show. Everyone is extremely welcome to join us!

Absences

We would like to remind you all that if your child is not going to be in school for **any reason** it is essential that you ring the school (Tel No. 01561 340250) between 8.45a.m and 9.30a.m Monday - Thursday (as Mrs Johnstone, School Administrator is in to take messages, answer machine also available) to let us know that they are safe. It is the policy of Aberdeenshire Council that if we don't hear from you then we do have to start calling you or your emergency contacts to confirm that the pupil is indeed safe.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We have continued the football club for P4-7 on a Thursday after school and I would like to thank Mr Smith for giving his time up to give the children this opportunity. I have continued delivering Morning multi-sports for P1-4 on a Tuesday morning and a film club on a Wednesday. I would like thank Mrs Gibbons-Wood and Mrs Armstrong for all their efforts in delivering the art club, which finished early this term. The children really enjoyed this opportunity. I would also like to thank Logan Davie, Ellen Gordon and Josie King for all their efforts in the Dance club and Performance club. Well done girls.

Cross-Country

At the beginning of this term I ran the Cross-country club again and a number of pupils entered the first of three Cluster races. This was held at Luthermuir Park on a very cold and dark evening. All the children ran their best race and were a credit to the school and their parents. I was very proud of them. The next race is at the end of next term and I will again be starting the training nearer the time. Well done to all those pupils who took part and all those parents who came and supported them.

Emergency Contacts

It is very important that you keep all your details up to date with the school, just in case we need to contact you about anything. Please if you have recently changed mobile etc. let us know so we can update our records. An emergency contact in the village is vital in case of emergency closure should you **live outwith the village**.

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./

Parking

Again I have had numerous conversations this term regarding the parking outside school so please could I ask that the bus lane is kept clear and that when parking we respect the needs of our neighbours. Also if possible please park in the square and walk to collect your child/children.

SNOW PROCEDURE

In times of severe weather it is sometimes necessary for the school to remain closed. This decision is made as soon as it is evident that pupils and staff may be putting themselves at risk by travelling to school. The decision is not taken lightly by any Head Teacher and in the event that the weather does turn inclement I will be liaising with the transport companies, members of staff and Mearns Academy before making my decision. Occasionally parents feel that the conditions in their area do not justify us closing but we hope that you can appreciate that we have to make an overall judgement that covers many miles and that at the time the decision was made, it was the right decision for all concerned.



To hear whether or not the school is closed you can-
Call our School Information Line on
0870 054 4999 entering the code 021690 when prompted
or
listen to the radio stations
BBC Scotland, Northsound
or



Go onto the internet on www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures

We understand and share your frustration on these days but are at the mercy of the weather I'm afraid. The staff are prepared for these, having identified work that is to be carried out at home, should the school be closed.

Fettercairn Parent Council News - December 2015

Soup n Sweet

We are delighted to say that we have had another successful Soup and Sweet Christmas Fayre raising over £1600! Thank you so much to everyone for your help and kind donations, without which we could not have achieved such an amount. All money raised will go directly to help support our school which includes being able to fully fund this year's pantomime for all school and nursery pupils.

Thank you!

Bags2School

Thanks also to everyone who returned the Bags2school donations. All monies raised will go directly to support our school. The next Bags2school collection will be in May.

Christmas Concert refreshments

After the children's Christmas concert in the Adult Lounge, we will be serving refreshments of hot chocolate, tea, coffee and juice with a selection of mince pies and shortbread. Any donation of mince pies/shortbread will be gratefully received. Adults and children very welcome./

Parent Council meeting

The next FPC meeting will be held at 7 pm on **Wednesday 13th January** in the Adult Lounge
All welcome

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) 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

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.

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).

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 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 (Chairperson)		l.gibbons-wood@rgu.ac.uk
Sarah Adams (Secretary)		Sarahadams777@live.co.uk
Morag Williamson (Treasurer)		Diablowidow@hotmail.com

Dates for your Diaries



- Wednesday 16th December** School Show in the West Mearns Church at 6.30pm for School and Nursery Pupils
- Thursday 17th December** School pupils perform at QE court
- Friday 18th December** Nursery Nativity in School Hall at 11am
- Monday 21st December** Nursery Party (am) P1-7 Christmas Party(pm)
- Tuesday 22nd December** Christmas Jumper day for school and Nursery Pupils
Pantomime from 1.30pm for whole school families
(seating return required)
School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas holiday.
- Wednesday 6th January 2016** **School Re-opens.**

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 can not send any information to you via email without your written permission.

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Head Teacher: Mr I Clarke

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Future Correspondence

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 _____