

Fettercairn Primary Newsletter



June 2016

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Summer 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 smooth.

Ian Clarke
Head Teacher

P7 visit to Mearns Academy

Over the last term we have had a number of visitors from Mearns Academy coming to speak to the Primary 7's about S1. The 20th, 21st, and 22nd June sees the P7's go up to Mearns Academy.

Staffing

I would like to thank all the staff for working incredibly hard to take things forward this year and without their dedication to the school and children many of the things we do would not be possible. We all look forward to next Session to see what exciting new things we can work on. However as with any business we are not immune to staffing changes and this year we say goodbye to Mr Smith who has a new position in the new Hillside school at Portlethen. I would like to thank him for all the work he has done over the last two years and I know that you like me wish him all the best for his future career. As Mr Smith moves onto a new part of his career we welcome Miss Oberlander, who will be joining the staff from August. I know they will be given the usual Fettercairn welcome.

Sports Week

In May we had our sports week, which due to the weather stretched over a couple of weeks but it was again a great success with the children enjoying many different sporting activities ranging from yoga as well as a visit from Generation Science and another 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.

During this week we also had our annual sports day which went very smoothly. Credit here must go to the staff and children for making it such an enjoyable event.

This year's winners were: Nursery – Merrin Salmon
P1 – Eva Campbell
P2/3 – Emma Watson, Boudewijn Koning
P4/5 – Melina Pavlantis, Connor Donald
P6/7 – Hannah Adams, Bryan Dalgetty

Potted Sports Team Winners – Esk 2

Overall House Winners – Esk/

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.

Sporting Activities

Mr Smith recently took our P5-7 footballers for a friendly game against Auchenblae Primary. This was the first time in many years that Fettercairn Primary have had a team represent them at football. Although the team did not win they represented the school well and should be congratulated for their resilience and team work. Many thanks to Mr Smith for giving up his time to arrange this opportunity for the children.

At the moment we are presently looking at suitable dates to arrange a rematch alongside a dodgeball game against Redmyre Primary for those interested children.

At the start of this term we finished our Cross Country series of races and we had a number of children representing the school. Well done to Connor, Frazer and Euan for competing in all the events and earning their Gold Certificate and congratulations also to Melina for her silver certificate and Bryan, Ellie, Rowan and Gregor for their Bronze certificate. I would also like to thank Mr Atkinson for all the time and effort he puts into these events.

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.

All 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.

Our support of Unicef and Day for Change raised £108.75. Thanks to all those who supported this great cause.

P7 go to Mearns on the 20th June for their 3 day visit.

The new P1's will visit the class on Wednesday 15th and 22nd June with a Parents induction meeting taking place on 15th June.

We will be having our Curriculum Showcase on Wednesday 29th June at 3.15pm – 4.15pm 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 sought during this event.

Our Final Assembly is on Thursday 30th June at 2pm.

The dance club and drama has started again and is run by Logan Forbes and Ellen Gordon and I would like to thank them both for organising this opportunity for the other pupils. The football and multisport club have continued this term. Mrs Fleming also started a Homework Club that many children attend.

Each class teacher has also organised a class trip with the P5-7 class having been to Aberdeen Urban Studies Centre, P3/4 class visiting Discovery Point and P1/2 class going to Dynamic Earth on 27th June. Our P7's also have their trip to Codonas, Aberdeen on Tuesday 28th June.

Community Walk

This year our annual community walk took place on Tuesday 17th May in the morning which was a change of time and day. However this did not deter anyone from taking part and it was well attended. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to walk with the children and making it a very enjoyable event. I would also like to thank all those people who have given donations. The monies will be given to the Public Properties Committee to help with the Public Hall restoration.

Nursery News

Once again, the children have asked to visit Dizzy Rascals' for their Nursery end of term treat, and we will be there on Tuesday 28th of June from 09.30 -12.00. Parents/carers are asked to drop/collect children at the venue to save on the cost of hiring a bus. We would like to thank you for your continued support, especially to those parents who have given up their time to come and talk to the class or accompany us on outings. We look forward to seeing you all at the Leaver's Celebration and for refreshments afterwards in the Nursery garden.

Parking

Please take extra care when picking up and dropping off your children and allow for pedestrians to use the pavement. Please could I ask that the bus lane is kept clear and that when parking we respect the needs of our neighbours. It would be of great help if parents could park in the square and walk up to the school to pick up the children.

Outdoor Learning

P1/2 and P3/4 have had five successful outdoor learning sessions with activities that include making art wing materials from the garden, animal charades, learning bird names and their songs, making smelly potions in the garden and writing about them and making birds' nests with a partner. All the children have had great fun taking part in these sessions.

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Bags To School

Thank you to all those who supported our bags to school, with all the money raised going directly to help support our school. This term, the P4-7's are again taking part in weekly swimming lessons with the bus being funded by the FPC.

Fettercairn Gala

The FPC in partnership with the school are organising events at the Gala and we need helpers! If you can spare a couple of hours on Gala day please see Lisa Gibbons-Wood. All help will be greatly received.

Thanks/

It has been a busy year and the FPC would like to say a huge thanks to all parents/carers, children and staff for all your continued support over the year. It has been a successful year, raising valued funds to help support our children and school.

Fettercairn Parent Council invites you to join its membership. A strong parent council enables us to support many activities and organise fundraising which means we can fund school trips and equipment etc. This month, myself and Sarah Adams (Secretary) come to the end of our posts therefore FPC will be seeking replacements. If you are interested in the roles or just coming along to the meetings and want to know more, then please contact me for more information. It is important that we are transparent in our activities therefore I will send home my annual Report.

Have a good summer. Lisa
Parent Council meeting - AGM

The next FPC meeting will be held at **7pm on Wednesday 15th 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 😊

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

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.

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. 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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Dates for your Diaries

Curriculum Showcase *Wednesday 29th June* *School Hall* *3.15pm*

Farewell Assembly *Thursday 30th June* *School Hall* *2pm*

TERM 4 – School Closes Friday 1st July

School Session 2016-2017

Term 1 – In service day Monday 15th August

School Re-opens Tuesday 16th August

School Closes Friday 7th October