

# Fettercairn Primary Newsletter



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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 Bryan, Eoin, Frazer, Hannah, Ellen and Josie all the best for the future.

## *Staffing*

Last session we said goodbye to Mr Smith and this term Mrs Veitch has moved on as well. We wish them both all the best for the future. We welcome to our staff Miss Oberlander in P3/4. At present we are in the process of appointing a new Early Years Practitioner and I hope to be able to give you some news soon.

## *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 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 and as soon as./

### ***First Aid***

This term Primary 5,6 and 7 pupils have all been attending First Aid training along with pupils from Luthermuir, Marykirk and Redmyre here at Fettercairn. All the children seem to have enjoyed their training and they have represented the school well and helped the pupils from the other schools enjoy their days at Fettercairn.

### ***Dalguise***

The week beginning Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September saw our P6/7 pupils go off to Dalguise. All of them had a great time and came back with some great stories. Well done for representing the school so well.

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

On Wednesday 7th 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 was allocated a time to visit the Mobile Classroom to learn or explore an aspect pertinent to their age and stage of development.

### ***School News***

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, football club and cross country running have continued this term at Fettercairn and netball has continued to be run at Marykirk for interested pupils.

Next Term these clubs will continue as well as the film club, lunchtime dance club and hopefully the art club all starting again.

### ***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**.

### ***McMillan Coffee Morning***

On Friday 30<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 came to school dressed in their pyjamas or green and white clothes and many parents attended a coffee morning in the Adult lounge. Thanks go to Mrs Dickson for organising this event and to all those who supported the coffee morning through baking cakes and attending.

### ***Fettercairn Primary Parent Council – September 2016***

Welcome back and hope you all had a lovely summer. Following our meeting on 6th September 2016 we would like to inform you of our office bearers for the forthcoming academic year and their contact details

**CHAIRPERSON:** AMANDA WILSON - amanda@wilson300.fsnet.co.uk

**MINUTES SECRETARY:** LISA GIBBONS-WOOD - l.gibbons-wood@rgu.ac.uk

**TREASURER:** ANGIE WATSON - angie123watsonyahoo.co.uk

If you would like to receive a copy of our minutes and any other relevant communication via email (to save on printing costs) please don't hesitate to contact either Lisa or Amanda on the above email addresses and we will add you to our mailing list. A paper copy of the minutes after each meeting will also be available on our noticeboard in the adult lounge.

### **FUNDRAISING COMEDY NIGHT**

Our major fundraiser for this year will take place on **FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER** where **Breakneck Comedy** ([www.breakneckcomedy.co.uk](http://www.breakneckcomedy.co.uk)) are coming along to the **St Laurence Hall, Laurencekirk at 8pm**. Alongside this event we will have a raffle too with some fantastic prizes already been donated by local companies. Tickets are priced at £15 per person. To help keep outgoing costs to a minimum this will be a 'bring your own drink' event. All monies raised from raffle sales and partial ticket sales will go towards our much needed funds so please support this event if you can. Posters and ticket info to follow in due course and we are looking into return transport to/ from Laurencekirk if there is a demand for it. Our grateful thanks go to Helene for organising this fantastic event.

### **FUTURE DATES OF MEETINGS**

**Tuesday 1st November 2016 @ 9.30am**

**Tuesday 17th January 2017 @ 7pm**

**Tuesday 14th March 2017 @ 9.30am**

### **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!!

### **BUZZZIN 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)).

*If you have any ideas, suggestions and/or anything you wished discussed at a meeting and are unable to attend please do not hesitate to contact Amanda.*

### **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/parentscarers/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

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**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.

**Poppy Appeal**

There will be a monetary collection box in school for the Scottish Poppy Appeal 2016 until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your support.

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