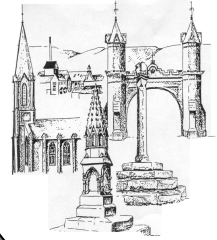


Fettercairn Primary Newsletter



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Another busy time ahead!



As ever, this term has been a flurry of activity! We have had two days of In-service training for the teachers on 17th and 18th November. The staff attended a range of training about dyslexia, child mental health, outdoor learning and Modern Languages work with Mearns Academy.

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 £120.37 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 £64.55 which was similar to last year's total. Well done!

Christmas Crafts

What a fantastic morning! I would really like to thank the Mrs Wilson, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Dickson, Mrs Watson, the Pupils, Staff and Parents who attended on the day, and made it such an enjoyable and successful morning.

Christmas Tree

This year's school Christmas tree was again kindly donated by Mr. S. Pettersen from the Fasque Partnership. We would like to thank them for this kind gesture./

Carol Concert

Our Christmas Carol Concert is on Wednesday 14th December at 6.30pm in West Mearns Parish Church. All the children have been busy learning songs and readings for the Carol Concert. 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 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) 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

I have continued our Monday football club for P4-7, our Morning Multi-sports for P1-4 on a Tuesday and Cross Country on Monday Lunchtimes. I would like to thank Miss Oberlander and Mrs Armstrong for all their efforts in delivering the Art Club this term. The children have really enjoyed this and produced some excellent work. I would also like to thank Mrs Fleming for overseeing the Film Club. I would also like to thank Logan Davie, Ellie Dalgetty, Rowan King, Becky King and Helena Gibbons-Wood for all their efforts in the Dance Club and Performance Club. Well done girls.

Family Learning

We had a good turnout for our information event about the Bug Club and Active Heinemann. Thank you to all those who participated and I hope that you found it worthwhile. I would really like these events to be informative to you so if you have anything that you would like me to cover please let me know. Next term I am hoping to get a colleague from the Community Learning and Development Team to come and speak about their role in the Mearns and what they can offer you.

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.

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./

Snow Procedures

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

Rag Bag Collection: We are delighted to advise you that our first collection during Term 1 raised £57.60. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Craft Morning: Our craft morning held on Friday 2nd December, was a huge success. Our thanks go to everyone who came along and helped make and/or bought our children's wonderful festive creations. Our thanks go to Amanda and Vicky and the staff for organising the crafts and Arlene and Angie for providing the refreshments. To date we have raised £130 approx with some items still for sale. These will be available to purchase after the Carol Service on Wednesday 14th December.

Carol Service Refreshments: Following the success of our "Hot Chocolate Station" last year, we are delighted to inform you it will be available again this year following the Carol Service, at a cost of £1 per "luxury Hot Chocolate". Tea/Coffee will also be available.

Christmas Hamper: There are still some squares available to purchase for your chance to win our "Night Before Christmas Hamper". Our thanks go to Lorna, Stacey and staff of Fettery Shoppe for selling our squares for us over the past few weeks. The winner will be announced during the refreshments following the Carol Service.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17th January 2017 @ 7pm in Adult Lounge. All welcome./

Dates for your Diaries

- Wednesday 14th December** School Show in the church hall at 6.30pm for School and Nursery Pupils
- Thursday 15th December** School pupils perform at QE court
- Friday 16th December** Nursery Nativity in School Hall at 11am
Christmas Jumper day for school and Nursery Pupils
- Monday 19th December** Nursery Party
- Tuesday 20th December** Christmas Party for P1-7 (PM)
- Wednesday 21st December** School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas holiday.
- Thursday 5th January 2015** **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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