

Fettercairn Primary Newsletter



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A busy but good start to a new school year!

Wow this term has really flown in! All the children settled in well after the long summer break and they have worked very hard and will deserve their holiday.

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 Aidan, Jake, Jodi, Logan and Kevin all the best for the future.

Staffing

This session we have had one change to our staffing with Mr Colbenson taking up a post at Auchenblae Primary School. Mrs L Casasola has been recruited to replace Mr Colbenson, however she has been unwell since the summer, so I have been helping out in each of the classes to allow the teachers their non-class contact time.

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. Where possible please could you ensure your child is aware of how they are getting home before your child comes to school. Please be aware Mrs Johnstone only works 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./

First Aid

This term Primary 5, 6 and 7 pupils will be attending First Aid Training along with pupils from Luthermuir, Marykirk and Redmyre here at Fettercairn.

Dalguise

As our Primary 6s will know there has been a slight change to how we have organised our P6/7 trip to Dalguise. Previously we have joined with Marykirk and Luthermuir pupils but from next year we have organised that all P7s in the Laurencekirk Cluster will go to Dalguise together as a Transition Project. If this is successful it will become an annual activity.

Aberdeenshire Life Education Centre (ALEC)

On Friday 6th October ALEC 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 were allocated a time to learn or explore an aspect pertinent to their age and stage of development.

Clubs

Each year the school receives a report from Active Schools and over the last few years it has shown that as a percentage of pupils we have the highest number of children attending the clubs that they are involved in. These figures do not include the clubs that our pupils organise or the school staff organise. So well done to all those pupils who attended a club and thank you to all of the parents who continue to support these great activities.

This term we have had Morning-Multi Sports, Dodgeball and Homework Club. Thanks to all those pupils and staff who contributed to these.

Next Term these clubs will continue as well as the Film Club, Lunchtime Dance Club, Performance Club, Choir Club, Cross-country Running Club and hopefully the Art Club.

If you feel like you are able to contribute to any of these clubs or are able to offer your time to provide the children with a different type of activity then please do not hesitate to contact me.

PE Kits/Water Bottles

Over the last term it has been noticeable the number of children who do not have an appropriate PE kit in school. Please can you check your child's kit to make sure that their footwear is suitable and that they have a change of clothes which is also suitable to part take in physical exercise (shorts, leggings, t-shirt, tracksuit etc and clearly marked). Also it would help greatly if the kit was left in school as a number of pupils who take their kit home often forget to bring it back.

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./

Parking

Again I have had a number of conversations this term regarding the parking so please could I ask that the bus lane is kept clear and that when parking we respect the needs of our neighbours, other road users and *ultimately the safety of our children*. If possible please park in The Square and walk to collect your child/children.

Fettercairn Primary Parent Council – October 2017

Welcome back and I'm sure you'll all agree the 1st term has flown by and has been a busy one.

SOUP & SWEET: It's been a busy few weeks behind the scenes and preparations are now in full swing. To date we have, including our own, over 25 stalls attending the "Christmas Market" with something for everyone. We have had some fantastic raffle donations including passes to M&D theme park, Bedlam paintball sessions (worth £200 each), meal vouchers and lots more still coming in.

Laura from *Laura Walter Photography* is now taking bookings for mini Christmas photo shoots so please contact her on mail@laurawalter.co.uk for more details.

Santa's elf has been busy organising his workshop and Santa has contacted us to remind everyone to return your form so he has an idea of how many gifts he has to load into his sleigh.

We also have a Facebook event page so please keep checking it for updates and links to the stalls that are attending. Please share and invite your friends and family. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact any of the organising committee below but meanwhile remember and pop **SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER** in your diaries.

STALLHOLDERS - AMANDA WILSON
RAFFLE - JULIE ALEXANDER
BOTTLE STALL - ARLENE DICKSON
HAMPER. - EMMA SMITH
SANTA. - YVONNE STEWART
ADVERTISING. - ANGIE WATSON

RAG BAG: A massive thank you for your continued support. Over the summer we raised £59.60 and another collection has just been picked up. Well Done!!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: I've been asked by a few parents to look into starting an after school club. As I'm sure you'll understand this will involve a lot of work so I'd like to thank Clare Taylor-Brown for her invaluable help with this. We firstly need to check the feasibility to ensure it will be financially viable before proceeding with the necessary paperwork from Care Commission etc so look out for a questionnaire in schoolbags soon.

BIKEABILITY TRAINING: Yvonne Stewart, Fiona Moore and Scott Douglas recently completed a course to deliver cycle training to the P5-7's. We would like to take this opportunity in thanking them for volunteering their time in delivering the training over the coming months ahead.

INSURANCE: Once again we are very grateful to Aberdeenshire Council for funding our insurance and membership of the **SCOTTISH PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL (sptc)** for the forthcoming year. Below are a list of useful websites that we currently get lots of useful information from.

SPTC - www.sptc.info. Facebook page - SPTC Scottish Parent Teacher Council/
NATIONAL PARENT FORUM OF SCOTLAND (NPFS) - www.npfs.org.uk

AND FINALLY: Our next meeting is to be held on **WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2017 @ 7pm in the ADULT LOUNGE.** Meantime, as always, if you have further queries, ideas and or suggestions or would like a copy of the minutes via email, please do not hesitate to contact Amanda on fettercairnpc@gmail.com

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
email: natalie.stewart@aberdeenshire.gov.

Poppy Appeal

There will be a monetary collection box in school for the Scottish Poppy Appeal 2017 until Friday 10th November. Thank you for your support.

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. This is not required if you already receive by email. We cannot send any information to you via email without your written permission.

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Name _____ Signed _____ Date _____