

Fernielea Features

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If you have any comments about any of the information please let us know

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Summer Approaches.....

This term is always really busy and I don't know where the year has gone! This being our second last week once again I am proud to say we have had another very successful year at Fernielea school. Our P7 pupils are out visiting their new schools and we are looking forward to welcoming in our new P1 and nursery pupils. Children throughout the school have worked hard and have made good progress academically. I hope the sun will shine over the holidays and that everyone can enjoy some quality family time together.

Classes for Next Session and Staffing updates

I know many of you are now thinking of your child's class for next year, and currently the classes have been composed and children will be meeting their new class teacher this week. We will start the year with 10 classes. Due to the high number of pupils wanting to attend our school many of our classes are nearly full next session. I am confident your child will be happy with their new teacher.

As you may be aware Mrs Morrison our PE teacher for the last 9 years is retiring in September. We wish her well and thank her for her dedication to our children and support over last few years. Last week Mrs Duncan our PSA and school escort also retired following 15 years of service to our school. Mrs Duncan has supported children in our ASN base and classes throughout school with great care and sensitivity. We also wish her a very long and happy retirement. We will be interviewing for this post on the last week of term.

Next session we welcome Miss Sam Coull to Fernielea, she is joining us from Cults Primary, and Mrs Craig will be returning to school after the holidays following her maternity leave. Mrs Smith will be continuing to work in our Pupil Support Class. I would also like to thank Mrs Imrie for again teaching 1 day a week in our P2 class. We hope that Mrs Imrie will continue to help when needed. Over the holidays Miss Parrot will be getting married, and will be returning as Mrs Lamb. We hope the sun shines on her wedding day.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work once again and hope that they too have a relaxing holiday!

Sports Days

We finally managed to get our sports days completed earlier this week. The rain stayed away and all the children seemed to enjoy themselves. It was great to see so many parents and friends join up. Cameron Harold in P7 played well as the children came out at the start. Both our P3 and P7 classes danced well - even though the music sometimes appeared to have a mind of its own!! Edinburgh ended up as winners.

1 st Place	Edinburgh	744
2 nd Place	Stirling	680
3 rd Place	Crathes	631
4 th Place	Fraser	629

Enjoy some of the photos!



Thank you to Mr Tracey and the Cocket Hat for supplying fruit kebabs, juice and ice poles. All the children really enjoyed them.



Sporting Achievements

Our football team will be enjoying their trophy night this Friday at Summerhill Hotel. There will be a disco and buffet. If you would like further information please contact the Parent council PCFernielea@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

A number of our children performed really well at the Active School Fun Run. Corey Stevenson in P4 came 1st, while Sophie Bain in P7 came 2nd in her age group and Taylor Robertson came 3rd in the P5 group. Well done to all 10 of the children who participated.

Out of School Club

I am really please to inform you that our Out of School Club is going from strength to strength. The parents had their AGM earlier this month and are now reporting they have waiting lists for most days. Every year parents have to re register their child, if you think you might need the use of the club either during school or holiday time please contact Kate on 01224 315504 for more information. We now have a new chairperson Michelle Stuart (mum of Chloe in P2). Without people volunteering for these posts we would not have the club. Our Out of School Club was set up 8 years ago and is now run by a group of parents, as no official organisation or company wanted to establish a club in our area. It has taken a significant amount of time and energy of parents over this time to make the club financially viable. The Club are selling Spree books once again this year - please contact Kate if you would like to purchase some. I know they have been very popular in the past!

Windows

I am really pleased that the work has now started on our replacing some of our windows. The new double glazed units make a huge difference to classrooms and we are all looking forward to the significant improvement they will make to the hall, gym, ICT suite and library. The windows and doors at the front of the school are also being replaced, so hopefully when we all return on 19 August the school will look great!

Parking restrictions around school

You will also have noticed the new traffic lines on Stronsay Drive, ensuring there is no parking outside the school gates and the lines have also been extended on Stronsay Place. I am aware that Community Wardens will be patrolling the area regularly to ensure drivers are adhering to the traffic laws. Please be aware that you should not be parking on the thick yellow lines in the new bus stop area. This is also an offence. Many thanks to our Parent Council for pursuing this with our local councillors. Parents should also note that the car park at the front of the school is for staff and visitors. Parents, friends, grandparents should not be parking there and collecting children. We are continuing to promote safe cycling, scooting and walking to school

Commonwealth Baton

The "real" Commonwealth Baton will be in Aberdeen on Monday 30 June and will be carried along Kings Gate to the roundabout at Hazlehead. The whole Primary School will go down to cheer on the baton outside Rosewell House, leaving school just after break at approximately 10.50. The baton is planned to be on Kings Gate at 11.20(ish!), then we will return to school. Nursery children may be collected early, but due to the timings and the end of the nursery session the staff will not be taking all of the children. Let's hope for a dry day!

Engineer 'n our Lives

All the Primary children participated in a week long set of engineering activities. There are many photos in the class blogs on the school website- please have a look!

Dates until the end of term

27 June	Parent Council Football Awards Night
3 July	P7 Leavers Concert pm
3 July	Summer Disco - Parent Council 6 - 7p.m. (Nursery - P2) 7.15 - 8.15 p.m. (P3 - P7) <u>Please remember ALL children must be collected by an adult</u>
4 July	Last day of term

Please use these holiday dates to book your holidays. I have been very disappointed with the number of parents who have requested time off, having failed to use the holiday lists issued. Holidays during term time will be classed as unauthorised unless there is a very special reason. All requests MUST be written in advance to the Head Teacher for approval.

Holidays for next session - 2014-2015

18 August	In-Service Day - School closed to pupils
19 August	School Term begins
18 September	In-Service Day / Election Day - School closed to pupils
19 - 22 September	September holiday weekend
10 October	School closes for October holiday
27 October	School Term begins
17 November	In-Service Day - School closed to pupils
19 December	School closes for Christmas holiday
5 January	School Term begins
16 February	Mid term holiday
17 - 18 February	In-Service Days - School closed to pupils
2 April	School closes for Easter holiday (3 April - Good Friday)
20 April	School Term begins
1 May	In-Service Day - School closed to pupils
4 May	May Day holiday
3 July	School closes for summer holiday

Here's hoping for great weather during the holiday period.
I hope you and your family have a good time.