

Fernielea Features

Happy Safe Achieving



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Well, it has been very busy in all our classes, with lots of visitors and visits related to our learning. P3 went to find out about Aberdeen by following the Apardion route . P5 went to visit Blairs College and Chapel to learn more about Scotland in the time of Mary Queen of Scots. The biggest event of the term is the Primary 1 wedding. Great excitement for all in P1. Photos of the wedding and our visits will be on our school and class blogs.

With a few weeks of term left, we still have quite a few events coming up. Our P3 class are leading the Easter Assembly on Thursday 24th April. Also, our Parent Council are holding a 'Decorate the Egg' competition for Easter. The school is closed on Friday 25th for Good Friday but we reopen again on Monday 28th March for the final week of Term 3. School closes for the Easter break at 3pm on Friday 1st April. I hope we will all get some good weather to allow us all to enjoy the break.

Staff

Firstly, congratulations go to Miss Kate Gardiner who has been appointed Interim Acting Principal Teacher. I would also like to congratulate Jennifer Hadden, one of our cleaning staff, for receiving her 25 year service award from Aberdeen City Council. She is a valued member of our school staff and community.

Welcome to our students - Miss Allan, Miss Matson and Miss Sadler who have joined us in the P2 and P1 classes. They will remain with us for the next few months.

Parent Council



Our Parent Council are holding a 'Decorate the Egg' competition for Easter with entries being invited into school from Wednesday 23rd March - judging will take place on Thursday 24th so, get cracking with decorating those boiled eggs!

The recent Parent Council Disco was a great success and lots of photographs have been posted on the school blog. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made it possible.

Our Parent Council held a meeting with the Pupil Council on Wednesday to gain their views on the events that are provided for pupils and their families. The children were very clear about the things they liked and also the things they wanted to improve.

"We love the discos, the dancing and winning prizes!" "We like not having parents there!"

"Can we have some seating or picnic areas for the fun day?" "We loved the inflatables."

Communication with Parents

Fernielea now has a school Twitter account @FernieleaSchool. Links to the blog and to relevant information will be tweeted here as well as the school blog.



Safety Around School

Can I please request that you all support our Health and Safety requests by making sure that pedestrians use the proper paths (NOT walking through the car parks) and also closing gates to ensure all our children are safe. There have also been regular incidents of dogs fouling in the school grounds and dogs running freely around the playground after hours. Dogs should **NOT** be in school grounds for any reason. Please help us with this.



Parents

Course coming soon.....

Family Learning are offering the following course to all Fernielea parents.

I'm A Parent...Get Me Out Of Here!!

Parenting is one of the hardest jobs in the world which doesn't come with a manual. Don't panic, this 7 session course offers parenting skills and tips to positively enhance your role as a Parent/Carer.



For more information, come along and meet **Fiona** from the Family Learning Team, at the school, on 27th April 2016 between 8.30-10am Fernielea. Feedback from other parents who have attended this course is very positive.

Rotary Quiz

Good luck to the Fernielea Quiz team. Mrs Walker will be taking them to the Rotary Quiz which is being held at Hazlehead Primary after school today. The team members are: Lewis Leiper, Keira Foote, Taylor Robertson, Ellie Ross-Sutherland and the reserve - Sophie Gilbert.

Sport Relief



Sport Relief is being held, in school, on Friday 18th with everyone being invited to dress in casual sports clothes for a £1 donation. Each class will get the opportunity to take part in our 'NO RUN-a-thon' during class time. It should be great fun. Peter McDougall, our new Active Schools co-ordinator, is going to pop along to cheer us all on!

School Meals

Your child should bring home the new menu for the summer term soon. We will also post this on the school website. There are changes to the menus for the summer term. Please have a look at them with your child so they know what there is available for lunch. This avoids children being upset at lunchtime.

A new cashless system for school lunches, similar to the Accord Card system used in secondary schools will be introduced to Fernielea School sometime in May. The Parent Council were briefed on the changes at the last Parent Council meeting. More information to follow.

School Crossing Patroller

Our school lollipop lady, Carol Blazendale, is hanging up her lollipop after 4 years as our crossing patroller. Her last day will be Thursday 24th March and we wish her good luck and thank her for keeping our children safe. As yet, there is no replacement so there will be no supervised crossing from Monday 28th March.

Health/Illnesses

There has been an outbreak of Chickenpox in the school, especially in the Early Learning Classes. The most up to date advice from the Health Protection Team is that children who have Chickenpox should stay off school/Nursery for at least 5 days after the appearance of the last crop of spots have appeared and then they should only return if they are well. Often children are unwell prior to the spots appearing.

There is also the usual winter vomiting bugs going around at this time of year. Please remember that there is clear guidance that children who have vomited or have diarrhoea should **only return 48 hours after** the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

P3 Apardion Trip



P5 Blairs Trip



Holiday dates for session 2016 - 2017

The main dates for the holidays for next session have been approved by the council and can be found on Aberdeen City Council Website.

<u>16 August 2016</u>	School starts for pupils Term 1
23 & 26 September	September Weekend
10 - 21 October	Holiday
24 October	School starts for pupils Term 2
23 December	Last day term
26 December - 6 January	Holiday
<u>9 January 2017</u>	School starts for pupils Term 3
13 February	Holiday
3 - 17 April	Holiday
18 April	School starts for pupils Term 4
01 May	Holiday
30 June 2017	Last day of term

Dates for your diary Now →Summer

25 March	-Good Friday - School Closed
01 April	School Closes for Easter Holiday
18 April	Summer Term Starts
28 April	School Photographer
02 May	May Day Holiday - School Closed
04 May	Inservice Day - School Closed
05 May	Election Day - School Closed
12 May	Parents' Evening
13 May	P6 pupils Transition Event to Hazlehead Academy
19 May	P7 pupils Transition Visit to Hazlehead Academy
23 May	P7 Residential Week at Ardeonaig
2 June	Sports Day P1- 7 - weather permitting
24 - 26 June	P7 pupils to Hazlehead Academy -3 day visit
30 June	Parent Council Disco
01 July	School Closes for Summer Holidays
15 August 2016	Inservice Day
16 August	School starts for pupils

Please try to take your holiday during the children's breaks as holidays during term time will usually be classed as unauthorised.