

Fernielea Features

Happy Safe Achieving



February 2015

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Well the predicted snow came and I'm pleased that we managed to start on time and stay open over the days with the wintry weather.

Next Monday (16 February) is the Mid term holiday in school and then the staff have two in-service days where we will be developing working with the schools in the local area, concentrating on Maths assessments in our schools and we will also reviewing our language programme. We will also be considering the impact of the work we have been doing this year and looking ahead, considering what we need to work on next. Questionnaires will be issued on parents' evening to get your views on our way forward. Support staff will be learning about the *Grow Well* health initiative in schools as well.

Late arrivals

I review attendance of all pupils throughout the school on a weekly basis with Mrs Skinner our Home School Liaison Officer. There are a few children who are regularly arriving late for school. (Whilst I can appreciate this on a snowy day, on every other day this is not acceptable). This can mean that your child will miss the first instructions of the morning. School starts at 9.00am with registration finishing at 9.05am. Please try to get your children to school on time.

Medicines in School

Over the last few weeks there have been a number of children needing to take antibiotics in school to allow a course to be completed. Support staff will administer medication which has been prescribed by a doctor, this includes inhalers for asthma, however, you must complete an administration of medicine form before we start giving your child any dosage. We have now put this form on our website to allow you to complete it before you bring in the medicine to school. We always try to support families, and appreciate that sometimes children are well enough to be at school, but still have a couple of days to complete a course of treatment. All medicines are returned at the end of the school year so that they can be renewed. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to get in touch.

School Website

Please have a look at the school website- there is up to date information on

- almost all of the class blogs.
- photos and information about the Burns celebration
- great news about our school receiving an Excellence Award in Health.
- our most recent Care Inspectorate Report
- Big Maths - a new tab has been added with class "learn its"
- the names of children who have received Certificates - on the HT Blog
- Information about our P4/5 class assembly

As I said in the last newsletter it seems unnecessary giving you the same information twice. Please take a moment and look online with your child. <http://fernielea.aberdeen.sch.uk/>

Parent Council Disco

You should have received information on Friday last week from the Parent Council about the



new arrangements for their school discos. We all hope that this will lead to more successful and enjoyable discos for the children. Our nursery boys and girls will enjoy some party games during the day which we feel will be more appropriate for them.

Green News

At assembly last week we told everyone in school that we are now able to recycle more items, which is great news! We can recycle hard plastics (eg things that have contained a liquid and yoghurt cartons), shoes and clothing (which go into the Parent Council bin) along with the paper and batteries which we have been recycling for a number of years now. Every now and again we go around school and do a "spot check" on energy efficiency. We give out stickers for classes / staff who make sure they switch off items which are not being used eg computers, lights, projectors etc.

By Ellen and Kai P7 Eco Reps



Holiday dates for session 2015 - 2016

The main dates for the holidays for next session have been approved by the council. Please note that next session there is a significant change with no September holiday weekend.

Four inservice days are yet to be agreed.

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| <u>18 August 2015</u> | School starts for pupils Term 1 |
| 12 - 23 October | Holiday |
| 26 October | School starts for pupils Term 2 |
| 21 December - 5 January | Holiday |
| <u>6 January 2016</u> | School starts for pupils Term 3 |
| 15 February | Holiday |
| 25 March | Holiday (Good Friday) |
| 4 - 15 April | Holiday |
| 18 April | School starts for pupils Term 4 |
| 1 July 2016 | Last day of term |

Dates for your diary

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| 12 February | Parent Council Disco |
| 16 February | Half Term Holiday - School Closed |
| 17 February | Inservice Day - School Closed for pupils |
| 18 February | Inservice Day - School Closed for pupils |
| 13 March | Red Nose Day - Charities Committee - info to follow |
| 16 March | Engineering Week |
| 02 April | School Closes for Easter Holiday (Good Friday 03 April) |
| 20 April | Summer Term Starts |
| 01 May | Inservice Day - School Closed |
| 04 May | May Day Holiday - School Closed |
| 07 May | Election Day - School Closed |
| 14 May | Parents' Evening |
| 21 May | P7 pupils Transition Visit to Hazlehead Academy |
| 25 May | P7 Residential Week at Ardeonaig |
| 2 June | Sports Day P1- 7 |
| 24 - 26 June | P7 pupils to Hazlehead Academy -3 day visit |
| 02 July | Parent Council Disco |
| 03 July | School Closes for Summer Holidays |
| 17 August 2015 | Inservice Day |
| 18 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.