

# Fernielea Features

Happy Safe Achieving



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We are now in our second week of a very busy term and everyone seems to have settled back into school with a positive attitude towards their work, which is great to see. There is always a lot to cover this term, along with hopefully many opportunities to work outside, weather permitting!

All the children had their photo taken earlier this week and hopefully you will be pleased with the results. Please return your envelope with your order as soon as possible but **by 3pm on 11 May, as the order will be sent off first thing on Tuesday 12 May 2015.**

There is an inservice day on **Friday 1 May** and staff will be working with our educational psychologist gaining a deeper understanding of some of the difficulties children in school are encountering. This will support us in the city council's new inclusion review. The school will then be closed on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** for the May Bank holiday. Next week school will be closed once again on **Thursday 7 May** as we are used as a polling station. Staff will be working that day on aspects of our Improvement Plan.

## Staff

I'm delighted to share the news that Mrs Craig had a beautiful baby girl last week. We send our congratulations to the Craig family and look forward to seeing Lexi in school in the near future. We welcome Jamie Hanratty as the manager to the Out of School Club. Thanks go to Nicola and Dawn for their hard work in covering role of manager since Kate left at the end of January. If you have any queries about out of school care, please contact Jamie.

## School Reports and Parents' Evening

Most parents returned the yellow slip commenting on their child's report last term - thanks for this as it allows us to work with you on supporting your child's learning. You should have received information about parents evening on Thursday 14 May. Final appointment times will be sent home next week - please look out for the slip in your child's book bag!

## Topics for this term

Across the school the main focus is Health and Wellbeing. Each class will have a different aspect of this ensuring all areas of the curriculum are taught. Please have a look at your class newsletter to check the specifics of the topic. Once again, if you can help with any of these projects please let us know.

Nursery	Ourselves and Living Things
P1	Look at me growing
P1/2	Look at me growing and Human Body
P2	Human Body and Safety in the Home
P3	Feeling Happy, Feeling Sad
P4	The Human Body
P4/5	Sports Science
P5	A Healthy Me
P6	Changes as we Grow
P7	Changes and Choices

## Pupil Council

This term we are helping to review our Golden Rules because we have had them for a long time. Children from P3 - 7 are going to say if they think some rules are more important than others and perhaps combine some of the rules as we think some of them are similar. We are also helping to make lists of new outdoor toys for the playground.

By Jodie and Fahim P7

## Our Playground

We frequently talk to the children about being responsible citizens both in and out of school. Part of this is thinking about others and one of our cycling / scooting rules in school is that from 8.30 - 3.30 children will walk with their bike or scooter in the playground. This avoids unnecessary "crashes". Please help us with this.

Children are more than welcome to come back to school on their bikes or scooters as long as they are responsible. The playground is a great, safe place to learn how to cycle. As the nights are getting lighter, I am aware that more children are playing in our playground in the evenings. Please remind your child to be safe and again responsible when they are out playing. Sadly we have had some minor acts of vandalism in school at the weekends which we always report to the police.

## Easter Bonnet Parade

On the second last day of last term, the parent council organised a coffee afternoon to help raise funds for Marie Cure and also for our new climbing frame for the early years playground. Our P7 class decorated eggs - they were also very impressive. Enjoy the photos!





## Holiday dates for session 2015 - 2016

The main dates for the holidays next session have been approved by the council. I have added in the inservice days which have now been agreed by the council. A few parents have queried the fact that next session there is a significant change with NO September holiday weekend.

<b>17 August</b>	<b>Inservice day for staff - school closed to pupils</b>
<u>18 August 2015</u>	School starts for pupils Term 1
12 - 23 October	Holiday
26 October	School starts for pupils Term 2
<b>16 November</b>	<b>Inservice Day - school closed to pupils</b>
21 December - 5 January	Holiday
<u>6 January 2016</u>	School starts for pupils Term 3
15 February	Holiday
<b>16 &amp; 17 February</b>	<b>Inservice days - school closed to pupils</b>
25 March	Holiday (Good Friday)
4 - 15 April	Holiday
18 April	School starts for pupils Term 4
02 May	Holiday
<b>03 May</b>	<b>Inservice Day -school closed to pupils</b>
<b>30 May</b>	Parent Council Family Fun Day
1 July 2016	Last day of term

## Dates for your diary

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	School Sports Day P1- 7 - weather permitting
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.