

Fernielea Features

Happy Safe Achieving



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It was great to see most parent on parents evening earlier this month. Thank you to everyone who returned the questionnaires. I was very encouraged to see so many responses - 134 in total!

As a result of our consultation, from August next session our Golden Rules will be amended

At Fernielea we want to be safe and happy so that we can achieve.

We

- *are calm, kind and gentle*
- *are thoughtful and respectful*
- *listen well and follow instructions*
- *always do our best*
- *look after equipment and property*
- *are polite and use good manners*
- *keep ourselves and others safe...think first!*
- *always tell the truth*



Follow the rules,

**it helps keep us safe and happy
so that we can all learn.**

Thank you to those who also responded about our School Improvement Plan. I'm delighted 6 parents who responded agreed with starting languages at an earlier stage. Some parents made the suggestion of cooking and growing our own vegetables. This could be linked into both our Health and Wellbeing and our technology programmes and we will look into this for future years.

The ICT returns showed that most parents felt confident about reporting information with only 10 parents stating that they would like advice on e safety.

Please see the link below for some guidance

<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/mychild/internetsafety/index.asp>

Sports Day

Weather permitting our sports day this year will be on Tuesday 2 June from 1.15pm. Our reserve date will be Tuesday 9 June. This year we have planned a different day following feedback from parents and children last year. All children should come to school in appropriate PE kit to complete activities both inside and outside over the course of the day. Children may wear a tracksuit over their shorts if the weather looks inclement! Once again we have asked the children to wear a coloured top linked to their house:



Edinburgh BLUE

Crathes YELLOW

Fraser GREEN

Stirling RED

In the morning, the children will be participating in activities in the gym, hall and outside demonstrating the skills they have been learning in PE with Miss Thomson over the year - gaining points for their house. Then, in the afternoon, all the children will be involved in the more traditional sports day races. Our nursery children will come out and join us for their races at 2pm. Morning children may come back and join up with the afternoon classes for their race. You are welcome to come and join us for the afternoon session of sports day.

Parent Council - Family Fun Day



The parent council family fun day is this Saturday from 9.30 - 12.00am. Last year this was a great day with lots of exciting things for our children to do. I believe than before, so come along and j



Dogs in the playground

It came to my attention during parents evening pare in our school playground. There are signs at the gate in newsletters that NO DOGS should be in the schoo children are very frightened of dogs and will scream However friendly or calm your dog may be with you a very different way to a stranger screaming. Please l to the rule - NO DOGS. Many thanks.

Health Issues

Since this is our Health and Wellbeing term, I thought I would include some useful advice and guidance for everyone.

I have been made aware by a local pharmacist that there have been a high number of cases of threadworm in the local area recently. Please find the link below for guidance from NHS.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Threadworms/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

If you think your child has this condition, please use the appropriate treatment for all the family and then it must be repeated 2 weeks later.

Sun Safe

We all need some sun, but it is important we enjoy the sun safely. Children have delicate skin that is more prone to damage by the sun. The good news is that there are simple steps we can take to encourage children to enjoy the sun safely:

- Talking at home to your child about the importance of enjoying the sun safely and teaching them how to apply sunscreen
- Applying sunscreen in the morning before school on sunny days
- Ensuring you send your child to school with a wide-brimmed hat, sunscreen, clothing that protects areas which may be vulnerable to burning and a bottle of water.

We can all benefit from these vital lessons about enjoying the sun safely and help children adopt a healthy attitude towards sun protection now and in the future.

Further information please click on the link:

- [Sun safety Q&A](#)



School Photographs

We are awaiting the delivery of the school photographs. Once they arrive, a groupcall message will go out and the photographs will be given to your child to take home.



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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.

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

Dates for your diary

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.