

Fernielea Features

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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. Most of 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 11 classes which is currently an increase. 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.

Mr Patrick Robertson, our Principal Teacher will be leaving us this summer as he is returning to the central belt of Scotland. I would like to thank Mr Robertson for all his hard work at Fernielea - as well as teaching P6 and now P3, he has supported us with a number of key initiatives over the last 2 years - updating our school website, co-ordinating our Science work, leading us to achieve our Gold Award and also the work completed on our digital technology resources throughout the school. Next session we welcome Miss Emma Jackson and Mr Galbraith to Fernielea. Mrs Lamb will be starting her maternity leave. Mrs Cameron will be staying with us until October when she too will start her maternity leave. I would also like to thank Mrs Sinclair for her work this year working in our pupil support classes. Over the holidays, Miss Coull will be getting married, and will be returning as Mrs Stephen. 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 very relaxing holiday!

Sports Day Results

We managed to get our sports day completed on our first attempt this year! The rain stayed away and all the children seemed to enjoy themselves. It was great to see so many parents and friends join us. Edinburgh ended up as overall winners again. This year we also awarded points for children who were "Great Sports."

1st Place **Edinburgh**
2nd Place **Stirling**
3rd Place **Crathes**
4th Place **Fraser**



Cycling and Scooting

Last week was Cycle to school week and our P7 Cycle monitors reported the increase in using "wheels to school" at assembly on Friday. The difference was significant. In fact we were delighted to be told that across the city we were in the top group of schools for regularly having high numbers of children coming to school on "wheels." This week our P6 class are reviewing our safe routes to school. We are continuing to promote safe cycling, scooting and walking to school and would encourage families who live further away where possible to park and stride. This makes the whole area around school much safer - and everyone will be healthier as well - a double bonus!

Summer Reading Challenge

Next school session one of the main areas we will be working on improving in school is reading. We have noticed that some children really enjoy reading, but we rarely see children reading for enjoyment. Over the summer the City libraries are holding a challenge in connection with Tesco. We have shared this information with the children in assembly last week and many seemed interested so we have included some information here.

The Challenge website is www.recordbreakers.org.uk. There are loads of games and competitions. Alternatively you can download the app: www.sol.us/records where you can unlock secret video clips and games. It looks like great fun and it will give your child the opportunity to keep progressing their reading skills over the summer holidays.

School Uniform

Over the holidays I know almost everyone will be purchasing new school uniform. May I remind you that our school uniform is available to order on line from John Lewis johnlewis.com. Examples for sizing etc. are available in the John Lewis Department Store in George Street where you can also use their on line ordering service. A school fleece is also available. Shoe bags are available from the school office. The wearing of school uniform promotes pride in the school and illustrates that we are all an equal part of Fernielea.

The Fernielea School uniform is:

- GIRLS** School sweatshirt
 White blouse or school polo-shirt.
 Black or grey skirt/trousers.
 Black low heeled shoes.
- BOYS** School sweatshirt
 White shirt or school polo-shirt.
 Black or grey trousers.
 Black school shoes.

All school clothing should be clearly labelled with your **child's name**. It's surprising the amount of "lost property" we are left with at the end of each term.

If you think you are entitled to a clothing grant (see information on Page 4) please ask Mrs Smith in the school office for a form - or alternatively you can access on the city council website.

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/community_life_leisure/grants_and_funding/gra_Maintenance.asp

Clothing Grant - Who is entitled to a clothing grant?

You may be eligible for a school clothing and footwear grant if you are in receipt of any of the following:

Income Support,

Income-based Jobseekers Allowance,

Income-based Employment and Support Allowance,

Housing Benefit,

Council Tax Benefit,

Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit and your child is under the age of sixteen and attends Primary or Secondary School in Aberdeen.

Free School Meals - Who is entitled to free school meals?

Pupils are eligible for free school meals if their parents or carers are in receipt of one of the following:

Income Support

Income-based Job seekers Allowance (JSA)

Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

Child Tax Credit (CTC) but not Working Tax Credit (WTC), with an income under £16105 with effect from April 6th 2015.

Both maximum Child Tax Credit (CTC) and maximum Working Tax Credit (WTC) with an income under £6420.

Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Universal Credit

Dates until the end of term

24 - 26 June	P7 pupils to Hazlehead Academy -3 day visit
25 June	Moving Up Day where pupils meet their new teacher
01 July	Nursery Disco (during school hours)
02 July	P7 Leavers Show to parents
02 July	Parent Council Disco
03 July	School Closes for Summer Holidays
18 August	School re-opens for pupils