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Welcome back everyone after an extra long Summer break. It is very exciting to see everyone looking very smart in their new school uniforms and ready to learn. It has been a very positive start to the new school session.

Staffing

We welcome a number of new staff to Fernielea School this session. Miss Steel has joined us and she is teaching P7S this year. We have also been joined by 2 new Pupil Support Assistants (PSAs) Ms Lumsden and Ms Andrews. They will be working with a range of pupils over the course of each day and they will be supporting pupils in the playground. Mrs Mathieson has also joined us to work on a Tuesday with a range of classes in the Early and First stages. We will also be welcoming Miss Munro as one of our teachers and she will be joining us over the next few weeks. It is always an exciting time when we welcome new staff into our school community.

School Lunches

The current school menu can be found on our school website. It will run until the October break. If you would like your child to have a school lunch and they are P4-P7, then you can load money onto their card by visiting :

<https://online.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/accordpayment/TopUpOnline.aspx>

or you can place CASH into one of the envelopes in the reception area of the school and write your child's name and class on the front then it can be popped into the secure box by the reception.

Please note - **No dinner tickets are accepted.**

School Visits

Already the P6 and P7 classes have been on a school trip to Techfest to explore lots of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities. They learned the science behind bubbles and they found out how the body works. We are always keen to hear about the exciting experiments they all participate in at Techfest.



School Parking

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that it is **not permitted** for parents to use the school car park for dropping children off. It is very dangerous and it is for the safety of YOUR child. There are various parking options for you to make use of - Summerhill Parish Church car park, Fernielea Gospel Hall car park and the various streets around the school. No one should be parking on the yellow lines and no one should be mounting the pavement. Again, it is for the safety of YOUR child. The school is working closely with the Community wardens and local police to ensure that everyone is parking safely and considerately.

Our JRSO reps are currently judging a competition to design a parking banner and the winners will be announced this week.



School Uniform

School uniform will continue to be available from WCS, 687, George Street, Aberdeen AB25 3XP.

An ethical school uniform is also available on the KoolSkool Website. The direct link is:

<https://www.koolskools.co.uk/product-category/fernielea-primary-school/>

A new page has been added to the school website with all the information needed to order new school uniforms.

Homework Club

Parents were asked to respond to an online survey regarding the Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) money that every school was awarded. The purpose of the funding is to ensure that **all** children have opportunities to succeed in education regardless of their circumstances. One of the suggestions was that we have a year-round Homework Club that parents can also access.

So, starting Monday 11 September, we will be running a P1-3 Homework Club and a P4-7 Homework Club. Children and their parents are invited to attend each week and help will be on hand to support parents in order for them to support their child. We have all heard, "That's not what my teacher told me to do!" " I don't know what to do, my teacher didn't show me!" This is an opportunity to learn alongside your child and make homework a positive time between you and your child.

Letter will be issued this week. An information session will be held on 7 September at 3.15pm in the school hall. Miss Leicester and Mrs Bennett will be there to answer any of your questions regarding the club.

Class Projects This Term

Each class will be focusing on learning through Literacy this session and they will be studying a topic through a book or a series of books.

ELC	Goldilocks and The Three Bears and other traditional tales
P1C & P1F	Julia Donaldson Stories
P2L	The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch
P2/3	Pirates and the Carribbean
P3R	The Great Kapok Tree - Rainforests
P4	The BFG
P4/5 & P5	Charlie & The Chocolate Factory - The journey of chocolate
P6B & P6P	Kensuke's Kingdom - Japan
P7A & P7S	The Garbage King - Ethiopia



P7 Residential Trip

An information sharing meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th September for P7 parents to give you the opportunity to speak to staff and find out more about the trip in May. The meeting starts at 5.15pm in the hall.

Award Nomination

P6 Leading the Learning - Google Classroom

Last year's Primary 6 class have been nominated for a Children & Young peoples' Award! We are so delighted as they worked very hard throughout Terms 3 & 4 to ensure that all classes from P3-7 were accessing the Google Classroom tools effectively. They supported parents in understanding how we make use of the tools too. Representatives of the school will attend the Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 27th September. It is an honour to be nominated!



Parent Council

The Parent Council have organised a family Bingo night on Thursday 14th September (6 - 8 p.m.) to welcome everyone back to school and to welcome all of our new families. So come along with your bingo dabber and have some fun! Look out for flyers and posters with all the details.

Golden Time

We have changed the times of our Golden Time on a Friday and it will now run until 2.45pm which means that children will be in the playground participating in activities until that time. Please can I ask that parents wait until after 2.45pm to come into the playground on a Friday. Many thanks.

Medical Issues

Mrs Smith will be sending out information updates. Please can you check them, make any amendments and return them to school as soon as possible. Please make sure we have any updates on medical conditions for your child. At the end of last term Mrs Angus sent home all medications, inhalers etc, please can you make sure you return them to school along with a new, completed medical form as soon as possible. Thanks!

School Improvement

This year, we are focusing on creating a curriculum for our learners that takes into account our unique school community and the needs and opportunities within it. We are looking to ensure equity for all learners regardless of their life circumstances. We will work alongside pupils, parents and partnerships within the community to ensure that the curriculum is fit for purpose. We will be developing a positive behaviour strategy which will see our playground enhanced and enriched which should positively engage our pupils.

We will also be further developing profiling in school and you will be invited along to work with your child each term to create learning targets.

In Hazlehead ASG, all schools will work together to promote better Mental Wellbeing for all of our families. There will be a planned progression of learning for pupils and events that parents can attend.

Teachers will also work together to ensure that all children are progressing as expected and that a wide range of evidence is identified to help plan next steps.

Throughout the year you will be asked to contribute or give feedback on how the school is performing. It will be a busy year but we look forward to working with you to make Fernielea great!

Holiday Dates - please note that some dates may change
Holiday dates are also available on the Aberdeen City Council Website.

Date	Event
5 Sept	P1 Curriculum Talk and School Lunch with parents
7 Sept	Homework Club Information Session for parents
11 Sept	P1s start full time.
11 Sept	Homework Club Starts 3.15pm-4pm
12 Sept	P1 First Class Photo
12 Sept	P7 Residential Trip Information Session for Parents
14 Sept	Parent Council Family Bingo Night
22 Sept	Holiday
25 Sept	Holiday
28 Sept	Parents' Evening and ELC Curriculum Event
26 - 29 Sept	Book Fair
11 Oct	Parent Council Disco
13 Oct	Term Ends
30 Oct	Term 2 Starts

Holiday Dates for This Session - as displayed on Aberdeen City Council Website

Term 1

- In-Service Day - **Monday 21 August 2017**
- Term Starts - **Tuesday 22 August 2017**
- September Holiday - **Friday 22 September - Monday 25 September 2017**
- Term Ends - **Friday 13 October 2017**
- October Holiday - **Monday 16 October - Friday 27 October 2017**

Term 2

- Term Starts - **Monday 30 October 2017**
- In-Service Day - **Friday 17 November 2017**
- Term Ends - **Friday 22 December 2017**
- Christmas Holiday - **Monday 25 December 2017 to Friday 5 January 2018**

Term 3

- Term Starts - **Monday 8 January 2018**
- Mid Term Holiday - **Monday 12 February 2018**
- In Service Days - **Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 February 2018**
- Term Ends - **Thursday 29 March 2018**
- Spring Holiday - **Friday 30 March to Friday 13 April 2018**

Term 4

- Term Starts - **Monday 16 April 2018**
- May Day Holiday - **Monday 7 May 2018**
- In Service Day - **Tuesday 8 May 2018**
- Term Ends - **Friday 6 July 2018**