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What a busy November we have had! Today we even had snow! It is time to wrap up warm and get out the glitter in preparation for Christmas. Lots of Christmas events are taking place over the next few weeks so be sure to check the dates at the back of the newsletter.

Clothing

Many thanks to the Parent Council who organised the winter clothing appeal last week. There are some lovely winter coats for children to make use of if they don't already have a suitable coat. Some of our families have already benefited from the clothing. **Remember - there's no such thing as bad weather - only inappropriate clothing! Coats MUST be worn to school.**



Head Teacher Appointment

I was delighted to share my news with you all that I was the preferred candidate for the permanent post of Head Teacher at Fernielea. I have thoroughly enjoyed being the Acting Head Teacher for the past 2 years and was delighted that I was permitted to continue in this role. Being the Head Teacher is a privilege, which allows me to work with terrific staff, children and their families. I will endeavour to continue the great work that goes on at Fernielea and ensure that all of your children are 'Happy, Safe & Achieving.' Thank You - Mrs Walker

Christmas Choir Events

Our School Choir have been entertaining many people over the last few weeks and they will continue to entertain right up until Christmas Day! The choir recently recorded a performance which will be aired on Christmas Day on STV2! They were very professional and performed beautifully.

The choir also entertained shoppers at Dobbies Christmas event. A large number of our families came along to support the singers. It was a great community event. Videos are on Twitter @FernieleaSchool

Next week the choir are performing in St Marks Church as part of the Evening Express Carol Concert. It is a magical evening which guarantees to raise everyone's Christmas spirit. Please come along to support them. Tickets are available from

<http://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/events/evening-express-carol-concert-398754>

On Tuesday 19th December, at 1.30 pm, our choir will also be performing outside Union Square as part of the Aberdeen 12 Days of Christmas Event. Pop by when you are Christmas shopping to hear them sing. A huge thanks to Mr Thomson for all of the hard work he puts in to ensure our choir are fantastic!

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Website www.fernielea.aberdeen.sch.uk

Christmas Shows

Rehearsals have begun for our upcoming Christmas performances on Wednesday 13th December.

Nursery → P3 'Hey Ewe!' and P4 → P7 'Lights, Camel, Action!'

The children hope to entertain you with dancing, singing and amazing acting so please do come along to support them. Letters for requesting tickets (2 per family per show) were handed out last week and you will be given requested tickets soon. Any additional requests for tickets will be placed on the waiting list and as tickets become available they will be handed out to those who are waiting.



Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 14th December the children and staff are being asked to wear a Christmas jumper/top to raise money for Save the Children. The suggested donation is £1 per pupil. It will also be our Christmas lunch day and the children will be given the choice of turkey dinner or baked potato with cheese. The children especially enjoy this day as they are served by the staff!

Parent Council Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching. It will be held on Thursday 7th December from 6-8pm and Santa is coming! The Parent Council will be selling tickets for the Santa sessions, Monday 4th → Wednesday 6th December, at the front entrance of the school from 8.45am -9am. It will be a fabulous event with our pupils selling items they have made as part of their enterprise projects. There will also be lots of delicious home bakes which should be sent into school on the paper plates that were handed out earlier this week. We look forward to seeing you there!

Good News!

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Morrison, one of our fabulous PSAs, gave birth to a beautiful girl last week. She is called Eve. The children were so excited to hear the news. We wish them well and look forward to meeting Eve for the first time soon.

Parking Winners!

Congratulations to Yasmin Kemp, Finlay Anderson and Alan Tijokaruthedam, the winners of the parking banner design competition. The Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) selected the winning designs and the Parent Council paid to have the designs printed onto large banners. The banners will be displayed outside the school to remind families to park safely at all times. Additional patrols are being carried out by the city wardens to ensure parents are adhering to parking rules.

Can I take this opportunity to say that **no one** should be entering the car park on foot. There is a clear and easily accessible pathway for you to use which will ensure the safety of your child. The car park is for staff use only.



P7 Absafe Visit

Last week the P7 classes went on a visit to the Absafe learning centre.

The first room was like the inside of a house and we had to say the things that were dangerous. We saw matches and lots of plugs plugged into an extension cable. Candles were in dangerous places, beside cards, which could catch fire. We also watched a video about fire safety. We learned about how dangerous a railway line can be. In the road safety area we learned that we shouldn't play near roads and not to cross in between cars. It was a great trip and we were class of the week in assembly because we were so well behaved on our trip.

By Bradley P7



Santa's Workshop

Calling all parents! Santa needs your help on Friday 15th December, 9-15am -10.15am. A special workshop is being set up by the Parent Council to ensure that the Nursery and P1 pupils receive beautifully wrapped gifts from Santa as he's let us know that he is very busy this year and needs some help. Please come along and help - it's a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and have a coffee, mince pie and a chat.



P5 Remembrance Assembly

On the 10th November, P5 led their Remembrance assembly in front of the school and parents. It was a fantastic assembly which made everyone think about those who died in the wars. We helped to raise money and awareness of the Poppy Appeal by selling poppies to all the classes.

By P5



Chalk Talk

Last week, Macaulay and Sumaiya from P7 went to the Aberdeen Journals office to be editors for the day. They were invited to edit the quarterly Chalk Talk magazine that is issued in the Evening Express. They worked alongside children from some other schools and made very important editorial decisions. There is a fantastic article in this quarterly issue about Fernielea School and our P6 Google Ambassadors. The Chalk Talk magazine was issued to the older pupils yesterday. It is also available in our front foyer and as a supplement in the Evening Express.



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

Date	Event
1 December	P6B Assembly
5 December	Choir sing in Evening Express Carol Concert 7-9pm
6 December	Christmas performance for the local senior citizens - Nursery→P3
7 December	Parent Council Christmas Fair 6-8pm
13 December	Christmas Concerts AM & PM
14 December	Christmas Jumper Day (£1) and Christmas Lunch
15 December	**Santa's Workshop session for parents 9.15-10.15 Mince pies provided!** Come along and help!
18 December	P2 & P3 Christmas Party
19 December	Senior Choir singing at Union Square 1.30-2pm
19 December	Fernielea Community Carol Sing-a-long in the school playground - 9.30am. All welcome
19 December	Nursery & P1 Christmas Party AM (Nursery), PM (P1 & Nursery)
20 December	P4 & P5 Christmas Party PM
21 December	P6 & P7 Christmas Party PM
22 December	Christmas Church Service - all welcome
22 December	Term 2 Ends
8 Jan 2018	Term 3 Starts
2 February	P6P Assembly
12 February	Holiday
13 February	Inservice Day - school closed to pupils
14 February	Inservice Day - school closed to pupils
23 February	P4/5 Assembly
9 March	P4 Assembly
29 March	P3 Easter Service
Thurs 29 March	Term 3 Ends
16 April	Term 4 Starts
4 May	P2/3 Assembly
7 May	Holiday
8 May	Inservice Day - School closed to pupils
18 May	P2 Assembly
8 June	P1 Assembly (both classes)

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

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/view-school-term-and-holiday-dates>