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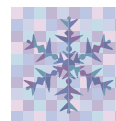


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It's that busy time of year again where the school is buzzing with festive activities. There are rehearsals for our school Christmas performance, Christmas Around the World; parties being planned by P7 and carol singing at various care homes in the community.

The weather is definitely cold now and we have managed to avoid the snow - so far! In preparation for any adverse weather, there are details at the end of this newsletter regarding sharing information about school closures and arrangements for inclement weather. Please ensure that your child is dressed for all weathers. Having spare trousers and socks in their bag is always handy just in case they get wet on the way to school or during breaks.



Staffing

At the end of this term, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Smith, our school administrator, as she retires after 19 and a half years at Fernielea School. Mrs Smith is an integral part of the school and she will be sorely missed. Over the years she has supported staff, families and members of our community and I know she will be greatly missed at Fernielea. We wish her well and hope that she enjoys her retirement enjoying her gardening and making the most of having time to try new pursuits.

P6 Radio Stars!

Our Primary 6 pupils have worked very hard over the last 6 weeks to write and produce a radio show which will be broadcast live on Friday 7th December at 11am. Five pupils have been selected to present the show live from the SHMU radio studios and recorded sections which the other pupils have made, will also be broadcast. It is an exciting community project which focuses on collaboration, communication and developing confidence. We wish them luck and we will be tuning in on 99.8FM or online at www.Shmu.org.uk.



Email Fernielea@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Website www.fernielea.aberdeen.sch.uk

Food Bank Collection

We are so proud of our hugely generous community. We collected over 19 crates of food and dry goods to donate to The North Food Bank to help families who need some support at this time of year. Adowa and Paul from Kings Community Church - who organised the reverse Advent Calendar - came along to our assembly on Friday to say a huge thank you and let the children know where the items were going and who they were going to help. The generosity of our community has overwhelmed us yet again - thank you.



P7 Residential Trip Fundraising

Every year, to try to keep the costs down, the P7 classes do some fundraising. This year they are lucky enough to have secured a bag packing session in the week before Christmas. It is on Tuesday 18th December 4-7pm at the Sainsburys supermarket at Garthdee. Please come along and support our P7s. The children will also be carol singing at the front entrance.

Pupil Voice Groups

Our pupil voice groups meet every 3 weeks and they have been working on some very exciting projects. A huge WELL DONE! To our Charities group who raised £250 for Children in Need. They ran a competition to design a new eye patch for Pudsey and they organised a Spot-tacular Non-uniform Day.

Our Transport group are looking at making travel to school safer for all. They are currently running a competition to design an outfit that will enable the wearer to 'Be Safe, Be Seen'. It is a very important message at this time of year.

There are lots of exciting developments coming as a result of the Pupil Voice groups.

School Placements

Aberdeen City Council are changing the way you apply for a school place for your child (P1-S6 only). From January 2019, you will need to apply online. For more information please visit their website <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/apply-school-place>

Enrolment for Primary 1 will take in January (dates to be published). Nursery enrolment will continue to be paper based this year.



Christmas Arrangements

This year we are ringing the changes and will be having a lower-key Christmas performance on **Wednesday 12th December (AM & PM)** with the children sharing their learning and singing about Christmas Around The World. Due to fire regulations and the fact that it is a whole school performance, tickets will be restricted to **2 per family** for the Christmas performances. This means that there will be no waiting list for extra tickets as we are going to struggle to fit everyone into the 2 performances.

9.30 - 10.30 Whole School Morning Concert

1.50 - 2.50 Whole School Afternoon Concert

As we don't charge entry to our shows, there is always a collection at the end of our performances. The Staff and pupils have agreed that the money will be split between 2 charities very close to our hearts this year - Sunrise Partnership, a bereavement counselling charity who have worked with many of our pupils and SIMBA, a charity who support families with the loss of a baby.



On **Thursday 13 December**, the Charities group aim to raise money for Save the Children by inviting everyone to wear a Christmas jumper to school in return for a small donation. **This is also the day of our Christmas Lunch.** The kitchen will serve a traditional Christmas lunch and an alternative of a baked potato on that day.

All class Christmas parties will take place on the following dates.

Friday 14 December P6s & P7s

Monday 17 December All P2s & All P3s

Tuesday 18 December Nursery & All P1s (with a special visitor!)

Wednesday 19 December All P4s & All P5s



Children can either wear their party outfit to school or take party clothes to change into at lunchtime. Please ensure they are dressed appropriately for playing outside.

On the morning of **Thursday 20 December** the whole school will be entertained, in our Hall, by a theatre company who will be performing 'Cinderella'.

On **Friday 21 December** we will, as usual, go to church for our Carol Service at 9.30am. The P4 class are organising the carol service along with their buddy class, P1/2.

Parents and families are welcome to attend the church service.

More information will follow nearer the time - please look out for this in your child's book bag.

Adverse Weather and School Closures

In the event of severe weather or school closure, parents/guardians can access the relevant information from 2 sources - the Aberdeen City Council information line and website. A letter will be issued this week with the relevant information which you should keep safe. This information is also included on the back of this newsletter.

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

Date	Event
6 December	School Christmas Fair 6-8pm
9 December	Senior Choir performing at CLIC Sergeant Concert & EE Christmas Carol Concert
12 December	Christmas Concerts - AM and PM
13 December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
14 December	P6 & P7 Christmas Party
17 December	P2s & P3s Christmas Party
18 December	Nursery & P1s Christmas Party
19 December	P4s & P5s Christmas Party
20 December	Pantomime (Cinderella) for all pupils (AM)
21 December	Term 2 Ends - Church Service at 9.30am, Summerhill Church all welcome
7 January 2019	School Term 3 begins
8 February	P4/5 Assembly
11 February	HOLIDAY School Closed
12 February	Inservice Day 3 SCHOOL CLOSED
13 February	Inservice Day 4 SCHOOL CLOSED
7 March	WORLD BOOK DAY - more information to follow
8 March	P4 Assembly
29 March	P3 Easter Assembly
29 March	Term 3 Ends
15 April	School Term 4 Begins
19 April	Good Friday - School Closed
03 May	P6 Assembly
17 May	P2 Assembly
20 May	P7 Residential Trip to Ardeonaig (20 -24 May)
31 May	P1/2 Assembly
5 June	Nursery Sports Day
6 June	Sports Day P1-7
14 June	P1 Assembly
4 July	P7 Leavers' Assembly
5 July	Term 4 Ends

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Information Line

In the event of severe weather or school closure Parents/guardians can access this feature by dialling the National Rate number **Tel: 0870 054 1999**

A Council message will be heard followed by a request for a six digit PIN number specific to our school. **THE PIN NUMBER FOR FERNIELEA SCHOOL IS 011320**

Website

On the internet, select <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/closure> A list of school closures will appear on the screen. This is cleared and updated at 4 p.m. on a daily basis.