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Ferneielea Features

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Summer is coming – we hope!

The sun is hopefully going to be making an appearance soon which will be a welcome arrival for all. Lots of learning is taking place outdoors at the moment and the children and staff are rediscovering the school grounds. We are so lucky to have such amazing spaces to make use of. Over the next few months we will be going further afield exploring The Burnie and the Den of Maidencraig. Even if the sun is shining please ensure that your child has a jacket with them just in case of summer showers. Also remember a spare set of clothes in their bag just in case.

PE will be outdoors unless there is inclement weather – this is still the recommendation of the Scottish Government in keeping your child safe.

Restrictions Update

Thank you all for being so supportive in wearing face coverings when picking up and dropping off. Restrictions are still in place for the safety of your children and our staff. We look forward to easing of restrictions in the future which will only come if we continue to minimise risks for community transmission. Some of the restrictions applied to schools may seem strange or even a bit contradictory at times but please be assured that every mitigation is in place with safety in mind.

Remember to encourage your child to take a water bottle to school every day to ensure they are hydrated – especially if the weather gets warmer. As a health promoting school, water bottles for drinking in school should only contain water and never juice or fizzy drinks.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Miss Irvin (P6) and Mr McDermott (P5) who are teaching in Fernielea currently – they joined us in Term 3 and have been very welcome additions to the Fernielea staff. We also welcomed back Mrs Leslie who has returned from maternity leave after the birth of her lovely daughter, Hannah.

We also have some exciting news regarding more Fernielea babies. Mrs Amato, our PT, had a little girl, Callie; Miss Blakemore had a wee boy, Freddie and Mrs Stephen had twins, Lucas and Noah. All are doing extremely well and we are absolutely delighted and excited that the Fernielea family has grown so much this year!

Miss McKenzie, EYP in the nursery, is now on maternity leave and we wish her all the best for the safe arrival of her baby. We will be waiting to hear her exciting news when baby arrives.

We also said farewell to Mrs Bennett who has taken up her new post as DHT at Seaton Primary School. We gave her a fantastic Fernielea Farewell and thank her for all that she did for the Fernielea community.

Reminder to all Parents

Parents are not permitted on school grounds except for Nursery & P1 parents at drop off and pick up times only or by prior arrangement by the school.

If your child forgets something – do not bring it in as you will not be allowed access to the school. Whatever your child has forgotten they will be fine. We always feed children and there's plenty water and clothing in school. The only exception to this is vital medication (phone school first).



HAPPY SAFE ACHIEVING

Road Safety



Our Crossing Patroller, Emma Dines, has left her post and we would like to wish Emma well and extend our thanks for ensuring the safe passage of our families across the busy junction for many years now. Currently there is no crossing patroller so we would ask that you remind your child to wait for the crossing signal before attempting to cross the road. We are waiting to hear about a replacement being recruited. All children will be reminded in assembly of how to cross the road safely.

Primary 7 Leavers



Primary 7s have been very flexible and creative in their ideas of how to mark their final year in Primary 7. A week of activities from Monday 7th June to Friday 11th June, is currently being planned with 2 days off site at the Adventure Aberdeen site in Kingswells with access to the Rubislaw Quarry for some water based activities (to be confirmed). The pupils and teachers are currently finalising the timetable of events which will be shared with parents next week along with consent forms. There will be no cost for this week of activities.

Food Bank

We still have food available for families who need a helping hand. Just let us know and we will have the bags ready for collection.

Sports Day

This year we will be doing Sports Day in classes during PE times. Sadly, we are unable to invite parents to attend. The children are busy practising their throwing, catching and running skills in preparation.



School Photographs

Every class will have a class photograph taken with their teacher between now and the end of term. This will be taken by staff members and shared with families via Google Classroom. You will be advised of the date that the photographs will be taken. We understand that this is not the ideal situation but it will provide all children with the opportunity to have a photograph of their current class and teacher/PSA.

EU Settlement Scheme Deadline

From Tuesday 11 May, there are only 50 days to go until the deadline of 30 June 2021 for applications to be made to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS).

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their family members who were resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, should apply without delay at www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme so they can continue to work, study, and access free healthcare and benefits in the UK after 30 June 2021.

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen or their family member (resident in the UK by 31 December), you must check if you need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme for your children, even if you've already applied for yourself. There are less than 50 days to protect their existing rights in the UK.

If you know an elderly or vulnerable EU, EEA or Swiss citizen who was living in the UK before 31 Dec 2020, they need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme by 30 Jun 2021 to protect their rights and benefits. Help them apply and find out more at www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme

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Jewellery in PE Reminder

We would like to remind all parents of the current rules regarding jewellery in PE. Health and safety is extremely important during every P.E. lesson. All reasonable steps are taken to ensure that foreseeable risks with the wearing of jewellery are managed.

Aberdeen City Council P.E. Network, Chief Officer and the Association for P.E have agreed a code of practice to ensure consistency across Aberdeen City Schools.

Main Points -

- All jewellery is to be removed by the individual and if this is not possible, the child should not wear any to school.
- Earrings that cannot be removed must be taped over during the class lesson and this will be done by the individual child.
- Where an item of jewellery cannot be removed, an alternative activity should be considered. If this cannot be done, then the child will not be able to participate in that element of the lesson.
- Hidden body piercings should also be removed. All guidance will be adhered to with immediate effect.
- False nails are not acceptable for school/PE.



We also ask that the only earrings to be worn in school are studs as any dangling or hoop-type earrings can be caught and cause serious injury.

Our School Handbook, which is available on the school website states:

For children's safety we do not encourage pupils to wear any jewellery at school.

If children have their ears pierced, we permit the wearing of studs. However, ALL jewellery MUST be removed before Physical Education for Health and Safety reasons. If it cannot be removed by the child, it must be taped up

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 25 th May 2021	P7 Last Class Photo (retake), all to wear school uniform to school
Week beginning 31 st May 2021	Parent Reports to be sent out to all parents via email over the course of the week
Monday 7 th -11 th June 2021	P7 Activities Week
To Be Confirmed	Parent Consultations

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