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Newsletter

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Fernielea Features

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back everyone to a very busy Term 2! This is the term when we hold lots of events which bring the community together. We will be having our first Christmas Shows since 2019 and we are delighted to be welcoming back our Senior Citizens Christmas Afternoon Tea where they are entertained by the pupils.

We will also be holding our first sponsored event since 2019 to help fund the Afternoon Tea. The sponsored event will be planned by the pupils so look out for more information in the next few weeks.

The parent council will also be holding our Christmas Fair in December. Look out your glitter and Christmas spirit and have a fun time.

Parking

With the darker nights coming, we would like to remind everyone to be careful about parking around the school. Please do not park on double yellow lines or on pavements as these are areas which, when parked on, block a safe view for pupils to cross. You will be approached and asked to move if you park on them. We are supported by Aberdeen Community Wardens and they will also remind drivers not to park in these areas.

The 2 local churches have given us permission for the last 3 years to park safely in their car parks. The other option is to walk to school as there are many positive benefits, mentally and physically, to walking to school. It would also benefit the community to have less cars around the school.

You can view our school travel plan [here](#).



**Keep it clear,
Don't park here.**

Winter Weather

The weather over the last 2 weeks has been warm but cold weather is on its way. We ask that all children come to school dressed for winter weather i.e., a warm jacket and suitable shoes. We have a stock of jackets and we are also able to access funding to provide jackets for families who need assistance to provide a jacket for their child. Please speak to Mrs Fjellroth (DHT) or Mrs Walker (HT) if you need any support with this. More financial information can be found [here](#).

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Staffing

We would like to offer a Fernielea welcome to Mrs Akthar who is joining our nursery as a support worker.

Medication

We have reviewed our medication policy recently and we wanted to highlight a few main points for parents if their child requires medication in school.

- The first dose must always be given at home prior to being given at school.
- An administration of medication form must be completed before any medication can be given and this must be reviewed every 6 months at the most but we will review it termly.
- If there are any changes to the brand, dose or type of medication then a new form must be completed.
- Only prescribed medication can be given in school. The medication must be in the original packaging with the child's name on it.
- When the medication has expired or the course completed, it will be returned to you via the school office, not your child.
- No medication should be taken into school by a child – only an adult and it should be handed into the school office.

ASTHMA -Children who require inhalers **must** have an inhaler in school. It is your responsibility to ensure that they have one with them as asthma is a condition that can become very serious very quickly and an inhaler should always be accessible to your child.

Our policy can be viewed [here](#).

Parent Council AGM

On 13 October, we held a very successful Parent Council AGM where we elected new council members and had a good number of parents join the parent council. We are very grateful for the time and support that the Parent Council give to the school. If you would like to find out more information about how you can support the school, join the Parent Council Facebook Page to keep up to date with opportunities.

Request

We are on the look out for a number of things that people may be willing to donate to the school as pre-loved items. We are looking for:

- Board games – complete and in good condition for wet playtimes and a board games club.
- Soft furnishings – cushions, cosy blankets, bean bags, rugs etc., to make cosy corners around the school and in the library
- Pop up tents for calm spaces in classrooms and around the school



P2 Harvest Assembly

We would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Munro, Mrs Andrew and P2 for their wonderful Harvest assembly which was attended by very proud parents and a member of the CFINE organisation, who was delighted to receive the very generous community donations of food items for their food bank. Her car was full to the top with food that will go a long way to help those in our community who need support.

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Dates for Your Diary	
Monday 31 st October	Term 2 starts
Friday 11 th November	P5 Remembrance Assembly - P5 parents welcome to attend 9.10-9.30
Friday 18 th November	Inservice Day 2 – School Closed to pupils including ELC
Monday 21 st November	Sponsored Event
Thursday 1 st December	Parent Council School Christmas Fair 6-8pm
Thursday 8 th December	Senior Citizens Christmas Concert – for local senior citizens to attend – <i>please give names and addresses to the office of any local senior citizen that you know who would like to attend</i>
Thursday 15 th December	School Christmas Concert
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 22 nd December	P1 & P6 Lead our Christmas Service – all parents welcome – time to be confirmed
Thursday 22 nd December	End of Term 2 for Primary pupils and 9-3 Nursery pupils
Friday 23 rd December	End of Term 2 for ELC pupils AM & PM
Monday 9 th January 2023	Term 3 Starts
Monday 13 th February	Holiday – school closed to P1-7 pupils and 9-3 ELC. Open for AM & PM ELC
Tuesday 14 th February	Inservice Day – school closed to all pupils including all ELC
Wednesday 15 th February	Inservice Day – school closed to all pupils including all ELC
Thursday 23 rd February	Parent Consultation 2
Friday 3 rd March	P4 Fairtrade Assembly – P4 parents welcome to attend 9.10-9.30am
Wednesday 8 th March	Parent Council Disco
Friday 31 st March	P3 Easter Assembly – P3 parents welcome to attend 9.10-9.30am
Friday 31 st March	Term 3 Ends (Whole School)
Monday 10 th April	Term starts – ELC-AM and ELC-PM only
Monday 17 th April	Term 4 starts – P1 – P7 and ELC-AM
Tuesday 18 th April	P7 residential trip
Monday 1 st May	Holiday – school closed to all pupils including all ELC
Tuesday 2 nd May	Inservice Day – school closed to all pupils including all ELC
Tuesday 9 th May	School photographer – class photos
Wednesday 31 st May	P1-7 Sports Day PM
Wednesday 7 th June	Reserve Sports Day – PM
Thursday 8 th June	Parent Consultation 3
Friday 9 th June	Summer Fair
Thursday 22 nd June	Parent Council School Disco
Thursday 6 th July	P7 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm
Friday 7 th July	End of Term 4 - P1 – P7 and ELC-9-3
Wednesday 19 th July – Friday 28 th July	ELC-AM and ELC-PM closed for holidays
Monday 31 st July	Nursery re-opens for ELC-AM and ELC-PM classes only
Thursday 17 th August	Last day of term for ELC-AM and ELC-PM
Monday 21 st August	Inservice Day 1
Tuesday 22 nd August	Term 1 2023/24 starts

Information regarding School Term dates can be found here:

[HOLIDAY DATES](#)

You can select the academic years from the selections on the page.

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