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Newsletter

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Fernielea Features

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Winter news

Christmas is coming! We are busy planning for the Christmas period and the Primary 7s are managing budgets and planning events to ensure that all pupils have a wonderful Christmas time.

Staffing update

This term we welcomed Miss Smith who will be working in P5/4 and P6.

Christmas

Christmas arrangements this year:



Parent Council School Christmas Fair – Thursday 7th December, 6-8pm – as well as lots of stalls and activities, classes will be selling items they have created as part of class enterprising activities, and they are hoping to make a profit from their investments and creative efforts.

Senior Citizens Concert – Tuesday 12th December at 1.30pm – please let us know of any senior citizens in the community that you would like to be invited along for a Christmas cuppa, a song and a wee bit of Christmas sparkle. Please contact the school office with their contact details by Wednesday 29th November so we can send out invitations.

Christmas Concert – Wednesday 13th December - 9.15am-10.15 am, 10.45am-11.45am and 1.30-2.30pm. The ticket allocation is 2 tickets per family only due to licensing laws – letter regarding tickets to follow. Please do not ask for more tickets as we are strictly prohibited by licensing requirements in terms of safety.

Christmas Jumper/Christmas Lunch Day – Friday 15th December – Christmas lunch is now available to pre-order via ParentPay.

End of Term – Friday 22nd December

Christmas Party Dates

Our P7 pupils are organising the parties this year again as part of their finance and enterprise project. They have been very busy gathering the views of the classes to make sure the parties are the best yet!

Children can wear party clothes to school on their party day but please ensure they are still wrapped up warm and wearing suitable clothing and footwear for going out to play at break and lunchtime.



HAPPY SAFE ACHIEVING

ELC, P1, P1/2 & P2	Monday 18 th December (special visitor coming for ELC & P1s, ho ho ho!)
P5-7	Tuesday 19 th December
P3 & P4	Thursday 21 st December

Christmas Panto

M & M productions will be performing Sleeping Beauty in School on Wednesday 20th December in the morning. It is always a firm favourite with pupils.

Whole School Christmas Service

On Friday 22nd December our whole school Christmas Service will be led by P6 and P1 – the Nativity. It will be held for the first time at Sheddocksley Baptist Church at 9.30am - parents/carers welcome to attend.



Gifts

Every year, families are very generous and pop in gifts for the staff which is very thoughtful. Like last year we would like to suggest that instead of this, families donate to a local food bank instead. We are aware that lots of our families are finding this period of time very challenging financially and we'd prefer that the money was spent on yourselves or put towards a worthy cause. Aberdeen food drops can be found in Tesco Woodend, CFINE at 2-4 Poynerook Road, Aberdeen, or at Aberdeen Foodbank North.

Christmas Cards

As we are a green flag ECO School, this seems to be the perfect opportunity to review the exchanging of Christmas cards. Like last year, we are asking that children do not take Christmas cards into school except perhaps one card for the whole class. This will cut down on paper waste and also ensure that we are keeping ourselves as safe as possible. As such, there will be no postbox in school this year.



Please do not ask for lists of names for cards because this request will be politely declined. We are also reducing the number of cards we send out to the community and are investigating alternative ways to spread Christmas cheer.

Place2Be – Parent Support

Our school has Alex, the school therapist/counsellor, and we also now have a school family practitioner, Pauline, who can support families and parents. The Parenting Smart website has lots of information including short videos to support you for every eventuality with your child. Please have a look – you will be pleasantly surprised to learn that the issue you are worrying about is actually something everyone has worried about at some point. Have a look at one of their videos: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/my-child-doesn-t-want-to-go-to-school>



Bike Dr

The Bike Dr will be in school on Tuesday 28th November all day. Take along your bikes for a bike check or any repairs. They will try their hardest to help. There is no cost for this service.



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Lunch Menus

All lunch menus can be located on our website or the [Aberdeen City Council Website](#) Lunches can be pre-ordered at home via your ParentPay account – [ParentPay](#)

School Term Dates 2023/2024

Term 2

30 October 2023 to 22 December 2023

- Term ends – Friday 22 December 2023
- Christmas holiday – Monday 25 December 2023 to Friday 5 January 2024

Term 3

8 January 2024 to 28 March 2024

- Term starts - Monday 8 January 2024
- Mid term holiday - Monday 12 February 2024
- In-service day - Tuesday 13 February 2024
- In-service day - Wednesday 14 February 2024
- Term ends – Thursday 28 March 2024
- Spring holiday – Friday 29 March 2024 to Friday 12 April 2024

Term 4

15 April 2024 to 5 July 2024

- Term starts - Monday 15 April 2024
- May Day holiday - Monday 6 May 2024
- In-service day - Tuesday 7 May 2024
- Term ends - Friday 5 July 2024

Dates for Your Diary	
Thursday 7 th December	Parent Council Christmas Fair 6-8pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Senior Citizens Christmas Performance and afternoon tea, 1.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	School Christmas Performance 9.15am, 10.45am and 1.30pm
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 18 th December	AM – ELC Christmas Party, PM – ELC, P1 & P2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 th December	PM – P5, P6 & P7 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 th December	AM – Whole School Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty M&M productions
Thursday 21 st December	PM – P3 & P4 Christmas Party
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Service – Led by P1 and P6 at Sheddocksley Baptist Church
Friday 22 nd December	End of Term for all ELC and Primary classes
Monday 8 th January 2024	Term 3 Begins for all ELC and Primary classes
Monday 12 th February	Mid Term Holiday ELC-9-3 and P1-P7, ELC open to AM and PM pupils only
Tuesday 13 th February	Inservice Day 3 – school closed to all ELC and Primary pupils
Wednesday 14 th February	Inservice Day 4 – school closed to all ELC and Primary pupils
Thursday 22 nd February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 6 th March	Spring PTA Disco
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term 3 for all

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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