

St Fergus Primary School

Creating the Potential
to Succeed



Pupils will Exceed
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NEWSLETTER 1 - Friday 1st September 2017

SEPTEMBER

- 4 P1 whole days
- 7 Bible Club starts 3:15pm-4:15pm
- 8 Sponsored Walk - pm
- 12 Meet the Teacher 3pm
- 13 St Fergus Gas Terminal 40 years old
- 15 Sponsor money handed in
- 22 SFSA Bingo Tea 6.30pm
- 29 MacMillan Fundraiser

OCTOBER

- 2 Nursery Stay and Play sessions commence
- 4 Family Learning Day 10.00-10.45am
- 9 Global Citizenship Week
- 11 P3 Assembly 10:15am
- 12 Halloween Disco 6-7:30pm
- 13 Last day of term



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EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

*St. Fergus School: A Member of the Peterhead Children's Services Network
An Apache Link School*

- Pupils of the Week

Congratulations to all who have been 'Pupils of the Week' - Brendan, Willow, Ellah, Grace, Skye S and Lennon C. Well done!

- Welcome

A warm welcome to all our new families, we hope you all enjoy your time at St Fergus School. We also welcome a number of new staff, Miss McQuillan who is in P2, Mrs McLean who is in P5/6, Mrs Bagshaw who is doing the probationer day weekly in P2 and Mrs Kemp who will cover in P3 every Friday to allow Miss Cantlay to teach Music throughout school.

- Wool Request

If anyone has spare wool could you please pop it into school as Mrs Stott in the kitchen is doing some knitting for charity. Thank you.

- Sponsored Walk

As usual we will be starting off our year with a sponsored walk for pupils. This will take place on the afternoon of Friday 8th September. Sponsor forms were issued earlier in the week. We encourage you to collect as many sponsors as you can, either to sponsor your child per lap or to donate an amount. The money raised will contribute to class activities over the course of the year. Thank you for supporting our school in this way. Nursery will also be participating by having a sponsored toddle at both am/pm sessions that day.

- Thank You!

Staff would like to say a huge thank you for all the gifts received at the end of the summer term. Your

generosity and good wishes were once again really appreciated.

- P1 School Lunch

My Daddy liked it and I liked it! - Jamie



It was the best cheese panini in the whole world. Zac

I liked the cookie. Michael

I wanted seconds. - Charlie



It was lovely to see so many parents for the P1 lunch taster. The chicken was a treat! Children ate very well.



- Meet the Teacher



We would like to invite all parents to our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Tuesday 12th September at 3pm. There will be a presentation in the hall from 3-3:15pm where we would like to share some of our planned improvements for the session, followed by a chance to meet your children's teacher.

- Vision and Values



Our vision and core values were developed a few years ago with our pupils and parents but they are still very relevant today. Our vision and values are found on the top of each letter home and on the newsletter, we feel they describe the ethos of our school and form the foundation of everything we do. Creating the Potential to Succeed, Pupils will Exceed Expectations. Our core values are

Happy, Confident, Achieving and Creative.

- PE Kit

Please remember to ensure that your child brings a gym kit to school in their bag on a Monday. It can then be taken home for washing on a Friday. Shorts should be worn for indoor PE as well as a T shirt and gym shoes. Long hair needs to be tied back and all jewellery must be removed. Earrings that cannot be removed should be covered with micro pore tape for safety.

- Class Topics

Each term children learn about a different theme which covers various areas of the curriculum. This term classes are studying various different topics in interesting and exciting ways.

P1 are studying through My Neighbourhood.

We have a school. - *Jamie*

I live in St Fergus. - *Alba*

They would like to find out:

Are there any farms? - *Jamie*

What do we do at school and is there a shop? - *Michael*

P2 are learning all about Our Body and want to find out:

What food should I eat to be healthy?
- *Euan*

How do I keep my body clean? - *Calvin*

What are the different parts of our eye? - *Betzie*

We already know lots of information:

We need our eyes to see and our ears to hear. - *Savannah*

We need to brush our teeth to keep our mouth healthy. - *Alfie*

We all have different eyes. - *Georgie*

P3 will find out all about their theme next week...we don't want to spoil the surprise!

P4/5 are very enthusiastic about learning all about The Vikings

They already know:

They travelled round the world stealing. They had shields and swords. They had boats which were long and the ends were decorated.

They want to learn:

How long ago did they live?

What did they eat and drink?

What were their houses like?

P5/6 will be venturing into space for their topic next term. We will be exploring our solar system and finding out what would happen if we ventured into a black hole. Time will be taken to research the role of astronauts. We plan to look at the history of space exploration as well as investigating future missions which will involve us designing and creating a colony complex for Mars!

P7 are studying Energy.

We already know some facts about energy, here are some:

I know that wind is a source of energy.

- Amy

I know that you can get energy from water, wind, oil and gas. Ross

The sun is a form of energy. - Connor

These are the things that we want to know about energy:

I want to know more about nuclear energy and geothermal energy. Sapphire

I would like to know how energy is made and how it helps us. - Reuben

I want to learn about the gas site and how they can pump it through to our houses. - Aidan

- Lunchtime/After School Clubs

Over the course of this school session 2017/18 we intend to run a number of school clubs. We hope throughout the course of the year to offer the following -

Choir, Magazine, Netball (P5-7), Digital/Computer Club and Children's University Club.

Further information will follow from Active Schools regarding their after school clubs. The Thursday Bible Club 3.15-4.15 will resume on Thu 7th September.

- Head Lice

Please remember to check your child's head weekly. If head lice is found you must continue to check for the next few weeks to ensure the head is clean.

- SFSA Update

SFSA met on Wednesday 29.08.17. The full minutes will be published online ASAP. Next meeting is at 11am 4th October following the Family Learning Day.

- Congratulations

Congratulations to Myah Herlihy (P7) who won the Scottish Week, Peterhead Has Talent competition for her beautiful singing performance of 'Ave Maria'.

Congratulations also to two of our P6 boys for their athletic achievements over the summer. Charlie Clarke won a silver medal for 400m while Lennon Hastie won a bronze medal for long jump. They were competing against

pupils from Peterhead, Fraserburgh, Mintlaw, Ellon and Banff cluster schools.

During the weekend Adam Henderson and Stuart Laird were playing for Aberdeen Under 11 squad over in Holland and played friendly matches in a 12 000 seater stadium. After playing 5 games the boys' team won 3 and lost 2.

I loved playing in front of all the parents, the weather was really hot, not great for playing football! - Stuart

The stadium was really cool and parents got to sit in the VIP area which had leather seats. I loved walking out of the tunnel onto the pitch. - Adam

- Walk On Wednesday

Walk on Wednesday begins again on Wednesday. For those new to school, children walk to school on a Wednesday morning and each journey is logged resulting in winning a badge at the end of the month (if each Wednesday is completed). There is a 'Park and Stride' option for children who arrive by car, parents can park at the bottom of School Road and walk up to school. Children who live very close to school are asked to complete a lap of the park.

- Nursery News

The nursery children are settling well back into the routine and enjoyed their first session of Topper Tuesday. We picked the carrots then made lovely soup and a delicious carrot cake. We have been busy making ourself pictures which we have displayed on our nursery wall.

- School Website

Remember to have a look at the Latest News section for more information and photos of what's been going on here in school.

www.st-fergus.aberdeenshire.sch.uk

- Twitter

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Back to school!