

St Fergus Primary School

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NEWSLETTER 7 - Friday 8th December 2017

DECEMBER

- 11 School Dress Rehearsal
- 12 Afternoon Concert 1:30pm
- 13 Evening Concert 6pm
Nursery trip to Boomerangs
- 14 School Christmas lunch
- 15 Nursery January intake
Taster Session
Leavers' Legacy Fun Day
- 18 All P6 and P7 party 1:30pm
- 19 All P4 and P5 party 1:30pm
- 20 Nursery party whole Nursery
pm
- 21 P1-3 party 1:30pm
- 22 Church Service 2pm
Last day of term

JANUARY

- 8 Back to School
- 29 Family Learning Day 1.30pm-
2.30pm
Stay and Play Nursery

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Please note that all P1-7 parties start at 1:15pm. Parents are welcome to visit at 2:40pm for a 'special guest' who will hopefully be arriving at 2:45pm.

FEBRUARY

- 5 Parental Questionnaires
issued
- 9 Mid Term
- 12 Mid Term
- 13 In-service
- 14 In-service
- 24 SFSA Film Night in Village
Hall
- 27 E-Safety Parent Group 9am

MARCH

- 5 All P4 and P5 Generation
Science Lego workshop
- 7 P5/6 Sharing Learning
10:15am
- 21 P4/5 Sharing Learning
10:15am
- 21 Nursery April intake Taster
Session
- 22 Family Learning Day 11:10am-
noon
- 23 Sports Relief
- 28 Nursery April intake Taster
Session
- 29 Last day of term

- Pupils of the Week

Congratulations to all who have been 'Pupils of the Week' - Charlie, Bailey, Kelsey, Kian, David Josh, Josh, Libby, Frazer, Skye N, Kane, Connor and Ellie. Our 'Nursery Stars' - Zackery, Jude, Britney and Katie. Well done!

- Visit from Chief Executive

Jim Savege, Chief Executive of Aberdeenshire, visited St Fergus School last week along with a number of local councillors. They were treated to home baked pancakes by P1, who had been reading about how to make pancakes.

Mr Savege commented on 'the passion and commitment and warmth generated in every aspect of the school and its activity. He said, 'It felt warm, ambitious and progressive. Hats off to the team for what you are achieving - let's keep it going!'

- Congratulations

Congratulations to Priscilla Strachan in P4/5 who along with her elder sister and brothers (Rebecca, Michael and Stuart) won an Aberdeenshire Youth Volunteer Award for their wonderful contribution as a family of voluntary work in Moldova during the school holidays. Priscilla had already met Mr Savege, the Chief Executive before his visit to school, at the awards ceremony at Thainstone House Hotel. Well done Strachan family!

- Leavers' Legacy

P7 raised the tremendous amount of £1016.60 at a recent Saturday bag pack at Tesco, Fraserburgh. Thank you to all P7 pupils, parents and family

members who came along and helped out.

Their next planned fundraiser is a Fun Day in school for pupils and nursery on Friday 15th December.

There will be stalls where the children can buy lots of different things that the P7 pupils have made and they can also take part in a variety of activities that will be on offer.

We appreciate your support. All money raised will go to the P7 Leavers' Legacy.

- Nursery Concert

The Nursery Christmas concert was a resounding success! Thank you to all members of the audience who so enthusiastically supported our youngest members of the school. The children were so confident, performing clearly and with plenty volume to such a large crowd. They managed to say and sing all of their words with lots of expression and it was lovely to see so many obviously enjoy their performance. Thank you to all who supported in the lengthy preparations. The nursery staff, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Hastie, Mrs Wiseman and Mrs Park did a fabulous job in helping the children to learn all their words and dressed them beautifully. Thank you to all who made teas and helped to create the props used. Also thank you to Mrs Cruden who filmed the event for the DVD.

- School Christmas Concerts

Could all parents please support our school during the Christmas concerts by remembering the following points to ensure the smooth running of the events. No pre-school children should

attend the Christmas Concerts, this is due to limited seating available. Also our pupils have spent a long time rehearsing for their performance and this should not be interrupted by younger children who could possibly disrupt the show. Our younger family members are welcome at all Sharing Learning events where there is more room available in the hall and the show is not so long for them to sit through. Please do not take videos or photographs during performances, a DVD is available to purchase and more importantly, it can distract pupils and disturb other audience members. Please stay seated for the whole performance, it is very discouraging for our older pupils to have people leave before their performance. Pupils will be collected from the class areas after the whole school has performed. Please give the senior pupils time to tidy away costumes and change before going to collect from the classes.

We greatly appreciate your support in this way it makes the event run smoothly and offers a memorable experience for all.

- Sharing Learning



Looking ahead, here are some dates for the diary of when classes will be sharing their learning with family and friends. All

dates are Wednesday mornings, starting at 10.15am.

7 th March	P5/6
21 st March	P4/5
30 th May	P2
20 th June	P1
4 th July	P7

- 'Blaze' Magazine

Please check your child's school bag for edition 3 of our school magazine that was issued yesterday. Our Magazine Group have once again done a fabulous job. Thanks to parents (ex-pupils!) for their help and contributions.

- Scottish National Standardised Assessments



Issued with this newsletter is a copy of a parent/carer leaflet giving information on the new SNSAs that will be used with pupils in P1, P4 and P7. Please contact the head teachers if you wish further information about this.

- Christmas Charity Fundraising

Donations and money raised from the sale of raffles at our Christmas concerts will be split between 2 very worthwhile charities chosen by our Pupil Council.

Hamish Dear's Warm Hugs is a charity that supports children diagnosed with cancer so that their families can organise days out with them at times when they are well enough to be out of hospital. Having a seriously ill child can be challenging financially as well as in so many other ways, so the charity tries to help by providing vouchers for special treats and days out.

The Max Appeal is a charity that supports families affected by DiGeorge syndrome. As well as running events and providing information and resources, the charity also supports research to expand knowledge of the condition.

- Christmas Church Service

Once again the church service on the last day of term will begin at 2pm. All are warmly invited to attend, it's a wonderful way to begin the Christmas holidays. As always P1 and P7 pupils will be telling/acting out the Christmas Story. The school choir will be performing and some of our pupils who learn violin will also be taking part. All pupils will dismiss from the church at 3:15pm. If an adult is not at the church service, please note that children should be collected from the church at 3.15pm, not from school. School transport will leave from the church. Afternoon nursery will attend the church service. For nursery parents not at the service, children should be collected from St Fergus church at 3.15pm. Morning nursery children are welcome to attend with their parents at 2pm. An offering will be taken at the church door for the charities chosen by the pupils.

- Coding Club

Digital Leaders supported by Mrs Robertson will resume the Coding Club again in the New Year. Initially this will be offered to pupils in P4-7 until half term then taster sessions will be available for younger pupils. This will be a lunchtime club.

- New Information From Scottish Government

The Scottish Government has now updated its advice on vitamin D in line with the new SACN recommendations as follows:

Everyone (all adults and children) age 5 and above

Everyone age 5 years and above should consider taking a daily supplement of 10µg of vitamin D, particularly during the winter months (October - March). Between late March/early April and September, the majority of people aged 5 years and above will probably obtain sufficient vitamin D from sunlight when they are outdoors, alongside foods that naturally contain or are fortified with vitamin D.

From October to March, everyone aged 5 and over will need to rely on dietary sources of vitamin D. Since vitamin D is found only in a small number of foods, it might be difficult to get enough from foods that naturally contain vitamin D and/or fortified foods alone.

Ages 1- 4 years

Children aged 1 to 4 years of age should be given a daily supplement containing 10µg vitamin D. We recommend Healthy Start vitamin drops for all children in health.

- 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

Follow school on Twitter for updates about what's going on @StFergusSch.

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INFORMATION**

School Emergency Line

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Aberdeenshire Council Website

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