



## NEWSLETTER 8 - Friday 22nd December 2017

### JANUARY

- 8 Back to School
- 18 Choices for Life P7 group 1 and 2
- 29 Family Learning Day 1.30pm-2.30pm  
Stay and Play Nursery

### FEBRUARY

- 5 Parental Questionnaires issued
- 9 Mid Term
- 12 Mid Term
- 13 In-service
- 14 In-service
- 22 Choices for Life P7 group 3 and 4
- 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
- 19 Sports Relief Week
- 21 P4/5 Sharing Learning 10:15am
- 21 Nursery April intake Taster Session

### MARCH cont.

- 22 Family Learning Day 11:10am-noon
- 23 Sports Relief
- 27 Fluoride Varnishing
- 28 Nursery April intake Taster Session
- 29 Last day of term

### APRIL

- 16 Back to School
- 26 Choices for Life P7 group 5

### MAY

- 2 Bags to School
- 7 May Day
- 11 Reports issued
- 14 Nursery Stay and Play begins
- 15 Parent Appointments 3:30pm
- 16 Parent Appointments 6pm
- 22 Potted Sports 1:30pm
- 28 P7 Activity Week
- 30 P2 Sharing Learning 10:15am

### JUNE

- 4 Local Holiday
- 6 P1 New Entrant Meeting 1:30pm
- 7 Open Evening 6:30pm-8pm
- 13 Nursery New Entrant Meeting 1:30pm

- Pupils of the Week

Congratulations to all who have been 'Pupils of the Week' - Jamie, Zac, Jackson, Ryan F, Mylee, Jay, Louisa, Kyle, Sandy, Maizie, Blaine and Ethan. Our 'Nursery Stars' - Cole, Jak, Nicole and Noah. Well done!

- Requests - Please Help!

Mrs Robertson is planning to design and create soft toys as part of Design Technology lessons. These teddies will be donated to 'Teddies for Tragedy'.

If you can support by donating size 10 or 3  $\frac{1}{4}$  knitting needles, oddments of double knitting wool or old school sweatshirts it would be greatly appreciated. Finally anyone willing to come up to school and help children with the knitting please contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

- Panto

After an initial rescheduling, the whole school visit to HM Theatre on Friday was a resounding success for pupils. They were completely enthralled by an entertaining and very funny version of 'Aladdin'. The magic flying carpet was awesome. Read on for some of the children's comments.

*It was so funny - we had to say Boo!*  
Bailey

*I liked all of it.* Jamie

*I liked the snake when it came out.*  
Charlie

*I liked when Aladdin came flying in his carpet.* Emmi

*Aladdin freed himself from a box of knives.* Willow

*I liked the snake, he looked like a vampire with those fangs on top.*  
Harrison

*I liked when they had the pans with the wooded spoons.* Ellah

*It was really funny when the lady was coming round on a toilet scooter.*

Bethany

*I liked the magic carpet, it was so cool when it came out of the stage.* Sandy

*My favourite part was when Aladdin's pan fell off and then squeaked. I loved the 'bush of lies', it was funny.* Aimee

*When the actors squatted down I thought it was hilarious.* Lyall

*It was very fun to watch I would easily go again if given the opportunity.*

Ethan

*All of it was amazing! The flying carpet twisted round and Aladdin managed to stay on.* Zara

- Christmas Parties

It has been super to see the children all turned out in their finery this year! The P6/7 game of 'Find Me' was a school highlight (lots of running allowed!). Thank you to our special guest Santa who attended the parties to give the children a gift. It was lovely to see so many parents/friends come and join the fun!

- School Christmas Concerts

Once again, these were fantastic! P1 and P2 performed 'The Nativity' beautifully, while P3 and P4/5 shared 'It's Chriiiiistmas', telling the Christmas story through The Christmas Chart Show. This was followed by P5/6 and P7 with a panto, 'Happily Never After'. There is so much talent in St Fergus School and it's great to see the children perform so confidently in front of a large audience. This was the culmination of weeks of hard work from both pupils and staff, so well done everyone!

Thank you also to all parents for your help with providing costumes and a special thank you to the parents who filmed/edited DVDs, made up the Christmas hampers so beautifully for the raffles, cleared snow from around school to make it accessible for our performances. We are very grateful for each and every one of you! Thank you!

*My mum says it was the best ever!*

Lucas

*I had a big loud voice. Zac*

*I liked it when I got to jump up and down. Michael*

*I liked the jumping bit in the shepherds' song. Jackson*

*I liked being a camel. When I was on stage I went round in a circle. Harvey*

*I was a shepherd, I liked it when I said my words. Dylan*

*I loved the dance that I did as a camel. Charlotte*

*I loved being the helper Wiseman it was funny and I liked our dance. John*

*The P1 and P2 concert was really great. The Christmas Story was done really well and the singing was brilliant. Andrew*

*I really enjoyed my concert, especially when Finlay and I kept arguing all the time, it was great fun! Lucy*

*I liked singing the songs because they were really nice songs. Louisa*

*I liked the bit when Isla W grabbed Connor by the neck, it was really funny. Brooke*

*I enjoyed being the fairy godmother. I loved my dress. I was nervous to start with but it felt great once it was over!*

Isla D

*It was really great fun practicing with the costumes. I loved the role of Jafar. Aladdin is one of my favourite*

*Disney films and I liked being the villain. Blaine*

From all three concerts the massive sum of £817.70 was raised for The Max Appeal and Hamish Dear's Warm Hugs. These charities were chosen by the children. An offering will be taken at our Church Nativity service and this will also go to the above charities.

- Christmas Lunch

A huge thank you to all kitchen staff who provided staff and pupils with a delicious Christmas lunch, we really appreciate the special effort!

*I liked the jelly and the Christmas Crackers. Charlie*

*I loved pulling the crackers! Jamie*

*The Christmas dinner was really tasty. Dylan*

*My favourite part of dinner was the little sausages, they were really nice. Mia*

Mia

*I really liked the jelly. Ryan*

*It was very nice of the dinner ladies to make us a great Christmas dinner. Rylee*

Rylee

Thank you to SFSA for providing Christmas crackers!

- Leavers' Legacy

The Christmas Fun Day was fantastic!



P7 organised a Christmas Fun Day for the whole school to take part in and to raise money for their Leavers' Legacy Fund. Pupils made Christmas crafts and home-bakes to sell and had lots of fun stalls such as Find the Key, Reindeer Hoopla and a Tombola stall. With everyone's help they raised a fantastic £575.77. They would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their support.



*I loved it! I didn't want to leave. Iona*  
*I won a good prize. Bailey*  
*I liked making the reindeer, snowman and elf poo to sell. It sold out fast. Lennon*  
*I enjoyed making the Christmas crafts to sell. My favourite was the pom pom hat decorations. Connor W*  
*I liked running the Tombola stall. Saffron*

- Nursery News

The admissions fortnight for ELCC will be from 22<sup>nd</sup> January until 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. This is for children born between 01/03/2014 and 29/02/2016. Please note that parents of children returning to nursery in August also need to complete an application form. Remember to bring along a copy of your child's birth certificate.

- Admissions to P1

Registration week for P1 is 15<sup>th</sup> January to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018. All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 are invited to register for P1 for admissions in August 2108.

- Former Pupil Success

Congratulations to two former pupils Ashley Thomas and Zara Stephen who have both won coveted apprentice of the year awards. Ashley has won the Opito's Apprentice of the Year while Zara is Score UK Apprentice of the Year! It is fantastic to celebrate these successes, we are very proud of our FPs!

- 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](http://www.st-fergus.aberdeenshire.sch.uk)

- Farewell Mrs Stott

Mrs Stott, catering assistant has retired after 26 years of service! We wish to thank her for her wonderful contribution to the life of St Fergus School over this time. Mrs Stott will be sorely missed by all but we wish her all the very best as she moves onto a new exciting chapter!

- Finally

Thank you for all your support to help school be the wonderful community it is, we really appreciate all your positivity and kindness. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.