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NEWSLETTER 1 - Friday 25th August 2023



AUGUST

- 28 All P1 new entrants in am only
- P7 Go Wild Transition Session
- Munching Monday!
- 29 Netball club resumes for P4-7 lunchtime
- 30 P1 school meal with parent 11:30am
- ALEC workshops - ELC, P1/2, P6/7
- Meet the Teacher Event 3:30-4pm
- Google Class support session 4pm
- 31 ALEC workshops - P3/4, P4/5
- P7 After School Go Wild Transition Session at Peterhead Academy 3:30-5:45pm



SEPTEMBER

- 04 P1 commence whole days 9am-3:15pm
- 06 SFSA meeting 6:30pm
- 07 SFSA meeting 2pm
- 15 School Sponsored Walk/ELC Sponsored Toddle
- 22 Celebrating Success pm
- 28 British Red Cross First Aid Training for P6/7
- 29 Macmillan Fundraiser organised by P1 & P7



OCTOBER

- 02 ELC Play n Stay Week
- 04 SFSA meeting 6:30pm

- Welcome

13 pupils have commenced school in P1 this week and we have 7 new starts in ELC. Nursery had a very successful tea party on Tuesday, an opportunity for parents/carers to chat together while the children played and become reacquainted after the long summer break!

A warm welcome to all our new families, we hope you all enjoy your time at St Fergus School and ELC, and we look forward to working in partnership with you over the coming years.



Letters have been issued to P1 parents regarding the school meal with your child on Wednesday at 11:30am. Please remember to reply

and make payment to the school office by Monday if you have not done so already.

- Munching Mondays

This pupil-led initiative to encourage healthy snacks will restart again on Monday. We ask that pupils bring fruit/veg for their morning playtime snack every Monday rather than crisps, biscuits, etc.

- Meet the Teacher



We would like to invite all parents to our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Wednesday 30th August at 3:30pm. This is an opportunity to visit your child's class and have an introductory informal chat with the teacher. Children are welcome to attend with parents/carers if you wish. **Please note that school will dismiss as usual at 3:15pm that day**

and there will not be access back into the building until 3:30pm to allow time for a comfort break for staff. If your child will not be using school transport that day then you must inform school by Tuesday 29th and collect your child at 3:15pm.

A workshop style support session will be held in Room 4 for parents who have never used Google Class before or who would appreciate a wee refresher. This will run from 4-4:30pm and will be led by Jim McLean, Education Support Officer with Aberdeenshire Council. We would encourage new P1 parents/carers to attend this workshop as Google Class is how class teachers issue classroom info and homework.

Please note that all email correspondence from parents/carers to school should be sent to the school email:

stfergus.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

or directly to the Head Teachers:

avril.sutherland@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

pauline.robertson2@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

This ensures that all mail is opened and responded to in a timely manner.

We ask that parents do not email class teachers through Glow mail on Google Class. Thank you.

- ALEC Visit

ELC and all classes in school will be having workshops with an ALEC educator in the special LifeSpace tent that will be set up in the hall next week. Follow the link below to watch a video for parents that gives further information:

<https://youtu.be/63M0bcDqVFO>

ELC Taking Care of Myself
P1/2 All About Me
P3/4 Mental Wellbeing
P4/5 Mental Wellbeing
P6/7 Friends

- SFSA (St Fergus School Association)

Our Parent Council known as SFSA has a principal role in supporting the school and children, giving a strong and encouraging parent voice.

Office bearers for session 2023/24 are:

Chairperson - Mrs Adele Smart
Vice Chair - Mrs Kate Robertson/Ms Susan Gillanders
Secretary - Mrs Suzanne Watson
Treasurer - Mrs Karen Davie

SFSA are holding two informal sessions for all parents to attend whether your child/ren are in school or nursery. Please come along for a tea/coffee and biscuits where you can chat with other parents and find out more about the role of SFSA and how you may be able to contribute. Session 1 will be held in the school library on Wednesday 6th September at 6:30pm and then repeated on Thursday 7th September in the school dining room at 2pm.

- Reminder

Please remember to phone the school office on 01779 403705 before 9am if your child is going to be absent. When you phone, option 1 allows you to leave a message on the absence line.

Mrs Stephen is in the school office from 8:30am - 3:30pm daily. If you phone after 3:30pm, again there is the option to leave a message but please be

aware that this may not be picked up until the following day.

Parents/carers who need to contact ELC (Nursery) between the hours of 3:30pm - 6pm should dial 01779 403708.

The school number should be used at all other times of the day.

- PE

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. If weather is good, PE may often be outdoors this term. Please provide outdoor PE kit if needed on the following days:

P1/2 Tues & Thu

P3/4 Wed & Fri

P4/5 Wed & Thu

P6/7 Tues & Fri

- Pupil Participation Groups

Over the next few weeks, we will be setting up various pupil groups including Pupil Council, Junior Road Safety Officers, Magazine Group, Librarians, Digital Leaders.

Application forms for Pupil Council (P4-7) and for JRSO (P4-7) have been issued and interviews will be taking place next week.

Prefects have been appointed and their roles will include helping at special school events, supporting younger pupils during wet breaks/lunchtimes, overseeing daily recycling.

Our Prefects for session 2023/24 are Georgie Addison, Alba Bennett, Iona

Hepworth, Jamie Pearson & Bailey Walker.

Our P6 pupils will take on the role of Play Leaders, taking turns on a rota basis to organise games for the younger pupils and support with the play equipment.

- Macmillan Fundraiser

P1 and P7 (working together as buddies) supported by Miss Cantlay and Mrs McLean will be responsible for organising our school Macmillan fundraiser event on the morning of Friday 29th September. More information to follow...

- The Aberdeenshire Children & Young People's Service Plan 2023-26

This is now available to read on the GIRFEC website by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.girfec-aberdeenshire.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Aberdeenshire-Children-and-Young-Peoples-Services-Plan-2023-2026.pdf>

- Twitter

Remember we post photos and comments of what's happening in school live onto Twitter. Can we take this opportunity to encourage as many parents/families as possible to start following school on Twitter @StFergusSch

Also, our school website gives you current information on all that's been happening in school as well as access to various resources/documents.

<https://st-fergus.aberdeenshire.sch.uk>