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NEWSLETTER 15 - Friday 19th April 2024



APRIL

- 22 ELC/P1 transition session
- 26 P7 group visiting Renouard Court
- 29 ELC/P1 transition session
- 30 *Bags 2 School Collection



MAY

- 01 SFSA Meeting 6:30pm
- 03 Reports out to parents
- 06 School & ELC closed for May Day Holiday
- 08 Parent Appointments 3:30pm>
- 09 Parent Appointments 6pm>
- P1 & P7 Dental Inspections

MAY CONTINUED

- 10 Celebrating Success pm
- 13 ELC Key Worker Reporting Fortnight
- 17 P7 Activity Week final payment due
- P2/3 Sharing Learning 1:30pm
- St Fergus Netball Gala 4pm
- 20 ELC/P1 transition session
- 21 Potted Sports 1:30pm
- 24 P7 group visiting Renouard Court
- 27-31 P7 Activity Week
- 29 Meeting for parents of new entrants into P1 - 11am



JUNE

- 03 School & ELC closed for local holiday.

- Bags 2 School

Please note the change of date for the Bags 2 School collection. We now request that all bags of used and unwanted clothes/textiles are dropped off at school on the morning of Tuesday 30th April before 9am. The more weight donated, the more money we raise for school!

- St Fergus School Association

The netball gala is fast approaching and last year was very busy. There will be several stalls and a BBQ which was extremely popular last year.

We are looking for donations of bottles and sweets for a bottle/sweet tombola. Packets that can be separated are perfect.

We also NEED lots of helpers to make this happen. Even if your child is not involved in the netball gala it would be great if you could come along and help. That would also allow our helpers who have children playing to perhaps watch a game.

Last year our gala was a great success, all money raised goes to the whole school and benefits all our children.

It takes a lot of manpower to make these events happen. If you can help for even 1/2hr between 4pm & 6pm Friday 17th May please let the school know or contact me directly.

Many thanks

(Adele Smart, SFSA Chair)

- Reporting to Parents



Reports will be sent out electronically by email on Friday 3rd May. Please do not phone school unless you have not received the report by the end of the school day. There will be a link on the bottom of the

report for parents to provide feedback and comments to the class teacher ahead of the parent appointments on 8th/9th May.

- Decorated Easter Egg Competition Winners

Pictured below are this year's winners of the decorated Easter eggs! We are grateful to our school cleaners, Mrs E Brown and Mrs B Sinclair for judging the entries and presenting the prizes at our end of term assembly.



- Easter Assembly

Our school choir led an Easter Assembly for school, ELC and their parents. Their performance was outstanding both musically and in their level of confidence. A special thank you to Miss A Cantlay for all her hard work with the choir and to the children for their commitment every Wednesday lunchtime.



Our P5/6 class performed beautifully during the assembly as they showcased their progress in learning to play the

ukulele. Mrs L Strong intends to run a Monday lunchtime club this term for other pupils in P5 and P6 wishing to learn to play this instrument.

- ELC

We finished off term 3 with a lovely visit from the Easter bunny who kindly gave all our ELC children a creme egg!



Also well done to our ELC winners of the Easter Egg decorating competition Theo, Adam and Amelia.

A warm welcome to our new starts that are joining us this term, we hope you enjoy your time at St Fergus ELC.

The children have been busy this week exploring pattern and are learning how to copy, continue and create different patterns.



The children have begun to make their own police station and are interested in learning how police can help keep us safe and are looking forward to a visit from PC Mel Hislop.



As part of our health and wellbeing we are talking about different ways to be physically active and have started practising races for our ELC sports day later in the term. (Mrs Morgan)

A gentle reminder to all ELC parents that children should be in nursery by 8:45am for morning sessions and 1:15pm for afternoon sessions. Late arrival can result in interruption/delays of learning activities for everyone.

We request that nursery children do not bring their own personal toys/belongings to the sessions unless specifically asked by staff to do so for a particular purpose. This helps to minimise the risk of personal items getting lost and time being spent dealing with this.

Thank you. (Head Teachers & EYSP)

- Lego Club



Lego Club (for P1-3) had an Easter themed week to finish off just before the holidays.



"I like coming to Lego Club and making colourful things." Grace P3

"It's fun to build different things." Bailie P2

"I like playing with Lego. I like making things on my own." Archie P1

- Leading Learning



Nursery came to visit P5/6 as there were a few nursery boys and girls who were extremely interested in Space.



We listened to the story The Smeds and The Smoos by Julia Donaldson and then the children worked together to complete some fun activities - using construction to build rockets, using different shaped paper to create rocket pictures and drawing pictures from the story book.



They also got a snack of 'pink milk and brown bread' just like the one in the story.



- Congratulations

Congratulations to our P5 pupils who recently completed their Play Leader training through Aberdeenshire Active Schools. They are pictured here receiving their certificates from Active Schools Co-ordinator, Mairi Graham.



- Rotary Quiz



Congratulations to our P7 team on achieving 3rd place medals at Peterhead Rotary Primary Schools Quiz recently. Well done to all who took part - a great evening, building friendships and supporting transition.

- PE

As much as possible, PE will be outdoors this term. Please ensure your child has outdoor trainers, joggers/leggings and a sweatshirt - brought to school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday for washing.

- Pupils of the Week

Congratulations to all who have been 'Pupils of the Week' - Camilla, Maysie, Olivia, Sophia Ross, Tyler, Sophia Morris, Amy, Elsa, Michael & Britney and our 'Nursery Stars' - Arran & Miller. Well done!

- Learning Leader Awards

Congratulations to Lachlan and Jessie, who achieved their certificate for 5 Learning Leader Awards.

What are Learning Leaders?



Happy Heroes are self-motivated, co-operative and take ownership of their learning.



Our Confident Commanders persevere, show resilience and independence.



Achieving Advisors reflect on their learning and challenge themselves.



Creative Captains are curious, ask questions and use their imagination creatively.

- 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>

*Please find attached to this newsletter, a Public Health Scotland poster, giving parents/carers information on when they should/should not keep their children off school and ELC.