



Fishermoss School-Newsletter August 2018

'Being the best we can be'

Respect-Honesty-Responsibility-Kindness-Hardworking



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed the glorious weather. A particular warm welcome to our new Nursery pupils, pupils to Primary 1, new Pupils in various classes starting for the first time at Fishermoss and of course new staff. It's been lovely seeing former pupils catching up with friends and our new younger ones starting for the first time! They will all soon get into the routine of getting up early and going to bed early, following the long summer break. It is great to see our pupils looking so smart in their school uniform. Thank you for supporting and encouraging this.

Pupils are likely to need some reminders about taking a pencil, rubber, PE kit, homework diaries, indoor shoes etc and a jacket for our very changeable weather. We will send pupils out on days of light drizzle with hoods up in order to get fresh air therefore pupils who think jackets are 'uncool' will need to reconsider! Thank you for sending your child to school with a suitable jacket and **a big thank you for putting your child's name on their clothing**. Can we also request pupils please bring a rainy day book or puzzle, which fits into their tray, for days when we have an indoor break.

Classes & Staffing for this session are currently as follows:

Early Years Lead Practitioner-Mrs Longfield
Early Years Practitioners- Mrs Milne, Mrs
Garden, Miss Strang & Mrs Eddie
Primary 1M-Mrs McDonald
Primary 1S-Miss Sang
Primary 2-Mrs Bryson/Mrs Cameron
Primary 2/3-Mrs Stewart/Mrs Muir
Primary 3-Mrs Bloice

Primary 4 Miss Airlie
Primary 4/5-Mrs McRae
Primary 5-Mrs Storey/Mrs Young (Acting DHT)
Primary 6-Mrs Middleton
Primary 6/7 Mrs Morrison/Mrs Ferrero
Primary 7 Mrs Sayer/Mrs Dawson



Mrs Sproul-Brown (Acting DHT), Miss Weston and Mrs Sanderson will all be providing Additional Support for Learning.

Mrs Rennie will be providing non-class contact time cover for various class teachers on Wednesdays and Mrs Muir on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Miss Ruxton will be delivering French and Art on Mondays & Fridays, to various classes, to also provide non-class contact time for class teachers.

We are usually saying 'welcome' to staff at this time of year but on this occasion we find ourselves saying 'farewell'. Mrs Hazel Longfield will have her last day at Fishermoss School Nursery on Friday 24th August. We are most grateful to her for all she has done over the past 5 years to support the children in our Nursery. She has been an extremely dedicated member of staff and we wish her well in her new career in the department store which is 'never knowingly undersold!'

School Lunches-Changes to times and prices

Over recent years, in order to accommodate the high numbers having school lunches, we have operated a staggered lunch hour. Given our school roll has reduced we have reverted back to **all pupils having the same lunch hour which is 12:20-1:20pm**. This was previously communicated in our newsletter at the end of last term. A reminder that, given the new Government guidelines which came into force from 21st August, there will no longer be additional drinks sold at lunchtime. Water will be available as normal.



Reporting to Parents

A reminder of dates from our July newsletter, **Parent Consultations** will take place on **Wednesday 3rd October 6-8:30pm & Thursday 4th October 3:45-6:15pm**. Details to follow. Please do not hesitate to contact school regarding any issues or concerns, or indeed good news, you wish to share. Just phone, e mail or put a note in your child's homework diary and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.



Please note the new school telephone number is: 01224 472875

There will be a **Curriculum Event** at school for **Primary 1 Parents at 7pm Wednesday 29th August**. This event will provide Primary 1 parents with information about what your child will be learning at school, how you can best support with homework and an opportunity to ask questions.

The '**Show and Tell**' Curriculum Event for other classes will take place on **Tuesday 6th November 6-7pm**. Details will follow.

Abernethy Primary 7 Residential Trip-An information sharing meeting will be held on **Wednesday 10th October 6pm** for Primary 7 pupils and their parents in our school hall. Details will follow.

Parental Involvement

Thank you to all who are involved with our **Parent Staff Council (PSC)** as together we strive to make Fishermoss School the best it can be. Our **PSC Annual General Meeting** is taking place **Wednesday 5th September at 7pm, in Fishermoss School Staffroom**. We would be delighted to see more, and new, parents attend so you can find out what you can do to further enhance your child's experience at school. **Please do come along! We need you!** The first event organised by the PSC is our **School Sponsored Walk!** The date has been set for the afternoon of Monday 24th September-details to follow.



Fishermoss Football Association are looking for volunteers to coach our Primary 1 pupils. If this is something you are interested in please contact the school office on **01224 472875** or by e-mail fishermoss.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Keeping Fishermoss a Happy, Healthy and Safe Place to Learn-Some reminders.....

School Motto, Vision, Values, Aims & Golden Rules-Pupil homework diaries contain details of these. We would greatly appreciate parents discussing and reinforcing these with their child(ren) at home. There is also a section in the homework diary for parents to sign to indicate they have specifically discussed the **Golden Rules at home**. The **Golden Rules, Dining Hall Golden Rules & Playground Golden Rules** are all in your child's homework diary. We will of course also be reminding pupils about these.

Staff car park-This should only be used by staff and disabled persons. Bourtree car park is available for parents to park.

Zig-Zag lines-Please remember to avoid parking on these.



Dogs -Dogs are not allowed in our school playground and should not be left tied by school entrances.

Care & Welfare of Pupils-We are aware of the challenges that face working parents. Most of our staff are themselves working parents. We are unable to have pupils put into the school building before the start of the school day for staff to childmind. Parents should make other arrangements. Parents should also make arrangements for the end of the working day and have children collected on time.

Security-Parents must always use the main entrance to access the building and report to the school office. Parents should not access the building via cloakrooms and side entrances when lines are being taken in or as pupils are being dismissed.

Parents should not approach other children in the playground regarding issues or concerns. Any issues involving pupils should be dealt with through the school, if it is a school matter, or by speaking to the parent of the pupil concerned.

Mobile Phones-Pupils should not bring mobile phones to school. If a pupil ever feels the need to contact their parents they should speak to a member of staff who will make the necessary arrangements as appropriate. If parents wish to make contact with pupils during the school day they should contact the school office. Parents may request that their child be allowed to take a mobile phone for use after school but the mobile must remain at all times in the pupil's bag during the school day. Please inform the class teacher of this. School will not accept liability for any damage or loss to the phone.

All of the above are to ensure that Fishermoss is a happy, healthy and safe place to learn where we all demonstrate **Respect, Responsibility and Kindness.**

Eco School and Budgets!

In order to save money, and to reduce our global footprint, it is our intention to continue to have as many as possible of our newsletters sent by e mail to parents. Class newsletters will also be e-mailed and can also be viewed on our website. Should there be any parent who does not have internet access please inform the school office.

On the subject of budgets, if you come across any **school reading books** which have appeared under beds and in cupboards could they please be returned to school. We'd be delighted to see them back!

Our **School Handbook**, available on Aberdeenshire Council website and the school website, contains other key information you will need about Fishermoss School.

We look forward to working in partnership with you again this new academic year as we continue to aspire to make Fishermoss a happy, healthy and safe place for learning with us all **'Being the best we can be'**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Margaret M Ferguson
Head Teacher



Dates for your diary

August

Wed 29th - Fishermoss Primary 1 Parents Curriculum Event 7pm.

September

Mon 3rd - Primary 1s in for full days

Wed 5th - Parent Staff Council AGM 7pm

Mon 24th - School Sponsored Walk 1:20pm

October

Wed 3rd - Parent Consultations 6-8:30pm-details to follow

Thu 4th - Parent Consultations 3:45-6:15pm-details to follow

Wed 10th October-Abernethy Meeting 6pm - Primary 7 Residential Trip

Fri 12th - Last day of term

Please see our July newsletter on the school website or Aberdeenshire Council's website for other School Holiday dates!