



Fishermoss School-Newsletter August 2021

'Being the best we can be'

Respect-Honesty-Responsibility-Kindness-Hardworking



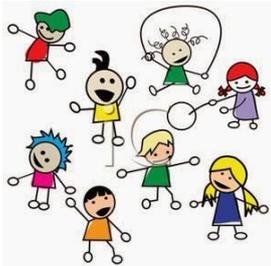
Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer and managed to create special memories catching up with family and friends! A special welcome to our new Nursery and Primary 1 pupils and to new Pupils in various classes across the school. A special welcome also to two new members of staff, Ms Paul will be joining our Nursery Team as an Early Years Practitioner and Miss Sangster will be joining our team of teaching staff as P4/5 class teacher.

In addition to the excitement of welcoming pupils back on Tuesday, we had STV news and media at our Nursery, with various officers from the authority also present, highlighting the availability of 1140 at our nursery setting and the investment the council has made to Early Learning and Childcare facilities. There was coverage on STV's six o'clock national news bulletin on Tuesday and on the Press and Journal's website. Here is a [link](#). The children were such fantastic ambassadors for our Nursery, as were our amazing Nursery Staff Team.

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. Thank you for supporting and encouraging your child/ren to wear School Uniform. It is great to see our pupils looking so smart. School uniform gives our pupils a real sense of identity and pride in their school and removes the pressure pupils can have about 'labels' and what's cool to wear!

Pupils are likely to need some reminders about taking a pencil, rubber, PE kit, homework diaries, and a jacket for our very changeable weather. We do send pupils out on days of light drizzle with hoods up in order to get essential fresh air. Thank you in advance for sending your child to school with a suitable jacket and **a big thank you for putting your child's name on their clothing**.



Playground Improvements

We are delighted with the great spaces we now have available in our playground, following the removal of the old Nursery and additional portable cabins. We look forward to our pupils taking the lead in deciding where new playground markings should go and how best we use the available spaces and resources.

Staffing News

Congratulations to Miss Mellis and Miss Blacklaws who, following competitive interview during the summer holidays, have secured teaching posts at Fishermoss School. I did promise Primary 3 and Primary 4 before the summer holidays that I would find super teachers for them. We are delighted that Miss Mellis and Miss Blacklaws will remain with their Fishermoss Family.

Classes & Staffing for this session are currently as follows:

Early Years Senior Practitioner-Miss Munro
Early Years Lead Practitioner - Miss Strang
Early Years Practitioners - Mrs Milne, Mrs Garden, Ms Sherratt, Mrs Alexander, Ms Craig & Ms Paul
Primary 1M - Mrs McDonald
Primary 1S - Miss Sang
Primary 2B/C - Mrs Bryson/Mrs Cameron
Primary 2S - Mrs Stewart/Mrs Storey

Primary 3 - Miss Mellis
Primary 4 - Miss Blacklaws
Primary 4/5 - Miss Sangster/Mrs Rennie
Primary 5 - Miss Airlie
Primary 6 - Mrs Middleton
Primary 6/7- Mrs McRae
Primary 7 - Mrs Morrison/Mrs Rennie

This academic year Miss Anderson (Depute Head) and Ms Adam will be providing Additional Support for Learning. Non-class contact time (NCCT) for class teachers will be provided by Miss Ruxton, Mrs Storey, Miss Kevan & Miss Anderson. Mrs Muir has been seconded to a post serving the Portlethen cluster schools as Prevention Intervention teacher until the end of the calendar year. She will not be leaving her Fishermoss Family as she will provide support in her new role at Fishermoss School one day per week.

Catering Services-For information, the ipayimpact system has been updated from August 2021, Primary 4 pupils are now included in the Universal free school meals. Please also find attached menu and allergen information [ourshire primary menu portal](#)



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 8th September at 7pm, via TEAMS**. 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 join us! We need you! Hopefully with meetings still being virtual there will not be the usual childcare concerns re attendance. The first event organised by the PSC is to be our **School Sponsored Walk!**



There will be a **Curriculum Event** via TEAMS for **Primary 1 Parents at 2pm and 6.30pm on Wednesday 25th August**. This event will provide Primary 1 parents with information about what their child will be learning at school, how best to support with homework and an opportunity to ask questions.

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 discussed the Golden Rules at home. The **Golden Rules, Dining Hall Golden Rules & Playground Golden Rules** are contained within our pupil homework diaries. 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. Please be mindful that many children and indeed some adults are frightened of dogs. **Dogs should not be brought into the school grounds at Nursery drop off/pick-up.**



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. Mobile phones should never be used to take photographs of other children or staff.

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