Dear Parents/Carers

**Welcome back!**  Our First Fishermoss Family Friday Update of the new academic year!  We hope you all had a lovely summer and managed to create special memories catching up with family and friends whilst enjoying the beautiful weather!

A special welcome to our new Nursery and Primary 1 pupils and to new Pupils in various classes across the school.  Our Primary 1 pupils have been so confident coming into school and have settled in quickly.  It has been a joy to see!  It has also been lovely seeing former pupils catching up with friends.  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 is 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**.

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Description automatically generatedAs previously shared at the end of last term, we are looking forward to parents joining us for events at school!  The first of these will be our **Curriculum Event** for **Primary 1 Parents @ 6.30pm on Wednesday 31st 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.In support of Parents who cannot attend the 6:30pm meeting at school, we are running an online meeting to share the same information at 2pm. Details were emailed earlier today to Primary 1 Parents.  In addition, as already shared with Primary 7 Parents, there is a meeting for **Primary 7 Parents & Pupils** at school **Thursday 8th September @ 6:30pm** in relation to our proposed **P7 Pupils Residential Trip** to the Abernethy Outdoor Centre!

**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 **Thursday 15th September at 7pm** in our school hall.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 save the date and do join us!  We need you!  Further information will be issued by the PSC next week!

**Tour of Britain 2022**……As the Tour of Britain arrives in the North East we are all being encouraged to consider an optional **Active Travel Day** on **Friday 2nd September** where pupils can walk, scoot, wheel or cycle to school.  You as parents will know what method best suits your personal circumstances!  We would always encourage pupils to consider active travel to school as appropriate.

**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.

**Mobile Phones……**Pupils should leave mobile phones at home.  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.

Finally, sharing **some ideas for this weekend……** Please find attached a poster with details for a **Rugby Open Day** in Stonehaven Saturday 27th August which is open to all Primary 1 to Primary 7 pupils, as well as nursery age tots!  Perhaps something new to try!  Also tomorrow from 2-6pm **Lethen Park Care Home** are holding their **Summer Fair** which will have something for everyone….Lego exhibition, tombola, cake stall and other refreshments!

Thank you for all your support this first week back in the new academic year!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kindest regards

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**Respect-Honesty-Responsibility-Kindness-Hardworking**