Dear Parents/Carers

It was so special to welcome so many of you back into Fishermoss School for our **Parent/Teacher Consultations** this week.  There was such a lovely buzz!  We really value these conversations and loved welcoming you back into school.

Thank you to all who were able to join us for our **Sponsored Walk** today!  A super Fishermoss Family event and always a happy occasion!  We were so fortunate with the weather and certainly made sure we were noticed in the community with our **‘Crazy Hair’.** There was great hilarity this morning with the incredible hair creations arriving in the playground.What a super effort everyone made!  Thank you so much for your monetary contributions for our Sponsored Walk and for donations to the PSC Bottle and Chocolate Tombola stalls for this year’s **Christmas Fayre,** which will be held **Friday 2nd December at Fishermoss School!**

**PSC Christmas/Winter Designs or anything else you fancy**…… To raise funds, our Parent Staff Council are giving families the opportunity to bring their child’s design to life by turning their artwork into print!  Today your child/ren will be bringing home a double-sided form, and on the blank reverse side is where your child creates their design.  This can be a Christmas/Winter design or picture or pattern of their choice. The form contains design instructions and guidelines regarding materials which work well e.g. colour felt pens, coloured pencils and those which don’t work so well e.g. plain pencil, glitter.

Once they have created their design, simply fill out the form in full on the other side with all your contact details and what you would like to order.  You can pay for your order using the bank details on the form and all profits go towards the school to help fund additional things such as classroom materials or trips!   Completed forms should be returned to school and payments made no later than Wednesday 2nd November!  **If payment is not received by the 2nd the forms will not be submitted for printing.**

**AllStars Drama Academy……**AllStars Drama Academy is opening a Portlethen branch in November. They look to build confidence in pupils through creative play, improvisation and performance. Please see the attached poster for more information.

**Mackie RFC Rugby Fun Camp**……Mackie RFC are holding a holiday camp in the **October** **holidays.** The camps are for **Primary 3 to Primary 7** pupils, no matter if they play for Mackie RFC or not! These camps are full of fun games and drills where participants will learn new skills and develop their Rugby skills too.  Please find attached a poster with all details and below is the link for any parents who wish to submit a form to have their children involved. Once submitted they will automatically have a space booked. Payment can be made on the 1st day of camp via card or cash.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAN__gbTPp5UN1VVTkdPM0Q4UEVENUQ2QThISFZRNEZBSy4u>

**Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme……** On Tuesday 13th September 2022, the Scottish Minister for Transport approved the launch of the national marketing campaign for the Young Persons’ Free Bus Travel Scheme and, in doing so, also celebrated that over 20 million journeys have now been made through the scheme. The national campaign is continuing with advertising on digital and social media, TV, radio and buses for the next few weeks to help raise awareness of the scheme, showcase the attractiveness and sustainability of bus travel and encourage even more young people across the country to take part.  The scheme is available for all 5-10 year olds and can be accessed via [freebus.scot](https://freebus.scot/) or [getyournec.scot](https://getyournec.scot/nec/) websites to apply for their travel enabled National Entitlement Card, if you have not already done so.  The websites contain helpful information for families and young people about free bus travel; how it works, how to apply, the benefits and some tips for travelling safely. It also features the [decision tool feature](https://freebus.scot/how-to-apply/), to help make it easier for people to understand the different ways they can apply.

**Worried about Money-information sessions for parents……**In light of the current cost of living crisis Aberdeenshire have arranged some sessions for parents on the topic “Worried about Money”. These will be run by the Tackling Poverty and Inequalities team. The sessions are intended to increase awareness of poverty and its impact, increase confidence to ask about money worries and increase knowledge of support services offering assistance.

Anyone interested in attending a session should email christine.mclennan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk for any of the meeting links. They will run all sessions that have viable numbers.

Proposed dates/times:

* Weds 23rd Nov 6-7pm
* Thurs 24th Nov 2-3pm
* Tues 29th Nov 2-3pm
* Tues 29th Nov 6-7pm

**Aberdeenshire Parent session on Children’s Rights 2nd November, 4.00-5.30pm**

Anyone interested in attending should contact christine.mclennan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk for the meeting link.This session is for Parents / Carers, school-based staff and community learning staff. It is an opportunity to find out more about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and what this means for children, parents and families within the school community. This will be an interactive, discursive session.

**Messy Church……**Please find attached a flyer from Portlethen Parish Church who are holding a ‘Messy Church’ event tomorrow 3-5pm in Portlethen Church Hall.  This looks like great fun with arts, crafts, music and storytelling followed by a yummy supper!  A brilliant way to spend Saturday afternoon.

A wee reminder to **Primary 1 Parents** that their little darlings will be having their **photograph** taken on Tuesday 11th October for publication in the **Evening Express**! Some great news also for our Primary 1 pupils, as we have managed to obtain additional copies of the **Jubilee Commemorative Gift Book** so look out for a copy coming home next week!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kindest regards

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