Dear Parents/Carers

A reminder that teaching unions will be holding strike action on Monday 30th January. This action relates to a national dispute. From the information provided to Aberdeenshire Council by the unions, it will not be possible for us to safely open Fishermoss School to pupils on that day.  School buildings will be closed to all pupils, and this will affect all primary and secondary schools. Strike action will not affect our Nursery, and it will be open and will operate as usual. School will reopen on Tuesday January 31st.

**Interim Pupil Reports……**these have been completed by teachers this week and will appear in pupil homework diaries.  **Fishermoss Family Friday Homework**…...we would be most grateful if the section for parents and pupils could be completed this weekend.  To support your child in this you may wish to encourage them to include the following: I am proud of ……, My strengths are ……., I would like to be better at……These are only suggestions, and their response can be structured in another way.  With the exception of our youngest learners, most pupils should be able to complete their comment for themselves, as appropriate.

**Wed 1st Feb Fishermoss School ‘Show & Tell Curriculum Event’ 4-6:30pm**. This will be an opportunity to visit your child’s/children’s classroom(s) to find out more about the experiences your child is having at school this session.  Our pupils have a lead role in this event as they will be responsible for sharing their learning with you so we need them to attend too as they will be your guide!  The event very much takes the form of an informal **‘show and tell’**.  To manage the number of individuals in the building at any one time, parents are to sign up for a **30-minute block** in their child’s class or in each of their children’s classrooms. As before for Parent Events, you must be signed up to Parents’ Portal.  Please refer to the Parents’ Portal emails sent on Monday 23rd January to book your 30-minute block.  The last date for booking is Monday 30th January.  Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office for any help you might need.  Thank you to all who have already signed up.

For the event, parents and pupils should enter the school building as follows:

* Primary 1 Mrs MacDonald, Primary 1 Miss Sang & Primary 2 Mrs Muir à infant entrance, round the back of the building and up the steps…by the hopscotch.
* Primary 2/3 Mrs Bryson/Mrs Cameron & Primary 3 Mrs Stewart à right round the back of the playground & building then up the ramp.
* Primary 3/4, Primary 4/5 & Primary 5 à side entrance by the steps to the public path.
* Primary 6, 6/7 & Primary 7 à main entrance at the front of the building.

You will have your children with you so they will be able to show you the way and for almost all classes it is the door your child uses to access the building in the morning, except for P3/4 & P7.

**Primary 7 Pupil’s National Entitlement Card**……We are asked to encourage parents of Primary 7 pupils to apply online through [www.getyournec.scot](http://www.getyournec.scot) as the preferred method of applying for a National Entitlement Card.

**Free Eye Examinations…… A Reminder for Children’s Eye Health & Sight……**All children in Scotland are entitled to an annual free eye examination by a qualified Optometrist (Optician).  These examinations are important for checking the health of children’s eyes and for making sure that children get any help they may need to make the most of their vision.  Sometimes children do not notice that one eye cannot see as well as the other and an eye examination can check to see if your child has any squints or ‘lazy eyes’ or if they need glasses. Vision can change over time, so it is important to have checks regularly to see if there has been any change.  The Optician will give a prescription for glasses for your child if they need it. There is no obligation to buy glasses from the same Optician. Your child is entitled to an NHS optical voucher to help cover the cost of glasses. If the glasses you choose costs more than the voucher, you will have to pay the difference. The Optician will explain this in more detail.  We would encourage all parents to take their children to any high street Optician for regular eye examinations whether or not they think they may need glasses.

**Finally**……we look forward to welcoming you into school next Wednesday 1st February.  Where has the month of January gone!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards

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