Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all who attended our ‘Curriculum Show & Tell’ event on Wednesday.  We had a fantastic turnout with a final total of 232 families attending out of 274!  We know some of you had other pressing commitments and children sick at home which of course affected your ability to be here.  It was a super event and so special to see our pupils share their learning.

We held a whole school **Global Warrior** meeting this morning and part of the discussion was feedback on the ‘Curriculum Show & Tell’ event.  Our pupils, from the youngest to the eldest, were incredibly enthusiastic about the evening and it was great to hear such positive feedback from them all.  They were asked to comment on ‘What went well?’ and to consider ‘Even better if ?……’. They recognised in their feedback that there would never be a time or day that would suit everyone but clearly we got it pretty close with this one given the huge turnout.  Several classes also mentioned ‘Even better if’……longer than 30 minutes, more than one a year and having it during the school day.

Apologies for giving more **Fishermoss Family Friday homework** this weekend but we would welcome your feedback too about the event so have created a very simple form with the same questions put to our pupils today, namely……What went well? Even better if……? Please follow the link below……

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKCwpgAr6qxnRDhbRWYJYU3zlUOEdZWUNLSlUwWEo5T0xPSFpFUFNEWlk5Ri4u>

**As always……**If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are back to good health.  Please do not send unwell children to school to see how they will cope.  Thank you for all you are doing at home to encourage your children to have good hand hygiene, amongst everything else you are doing to keep us all as well as possible over the winter months.

**Norovirus**……sometimes referred to as the **winter vomiting bug**, is the most common cause of gastrointestinal outbreaks and can occur in the community-schools and nurseries in particular, especially at this time of year.

**What are the symptoms?**

The symptoms caused by noroviruses are usually a sudden onset of non-bloody, watery **diarrhoea and/or vomiting** which can be projectile, usually lasting 1-2 days.  Other symptoms may include abdominal cramps, muscle aches, headache, a feeling of weakness and a slightly raised temperature.  Staff/pupils can become symptom free then relapse with more symptoms a few days later.

Norovirus infection can occur throughout the year but is **most common from mid-October to April.** The virus is highly contagious; therefore,isolation is key in stopping the spread of infection by limiting the contact between sick staff/pupils and those who could contract the illness.  Staff/pupils who are sick should stay home from school until they have recovered.

Further information regarding preventing the spread of infection can be found on our website under the tab InformationàHealthcare & Medical with a link to: <https://fishermoss.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Norovirus-Managing-Gastrointestinal-Infection-in-Schools.docx>

**Messy Church……**Portlethen Parish Church are holding another ‘Messy Church’ event tomorrow Saturday 4th February 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 about the following dates in February……

* Wed 8th - Mon 13th - **Mid Term Holiday**-School closed to pupils and staff.
* Tues 14th & Wed 15th -**Staff In-Service Days**-School closed to pupils
* Thu 16th- **Parent Staff Council Meeting** 7pm-All welcome!

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and a super mid-term holiday when it comes!

Kindest regards

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