

# Fyvie School Newsletter



January 2018

## Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Term three is one of our most productive terms in school and there will be plenty to look forwards to – see dates for your diary below for more information.

## Staffing in Nursery

Welcome to Arlene Rae, our new permanent Early Years Practitioner. Mrs Rae will start at 11.30am to work with the morning session children then continue to work with the afternoon group being a keyworker for some.

## Class Curricular Newsletters

Please take the time to read your child's class newsletter written by their teacher for information on learning and teaching for term three.

## House Treat winners term two

Well done to Petty House who earned and collected more house points than the other houses in term two.

## School Closure and Transport Changes

In the first instance of bad weather please log on to the School closures website

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/Schools-Closures/> or alternatively phone the Aberdeenshire Council phone line for severe weather.

Tel 0370 054 4999 Fyvie's pin number is 021790 – **please note that this number has changed.**

Bus drivers contact me if they cannot make the run, I can only update the website and telephone line if they inform me of any changes.

**Please note that if you choose to take your child to school then you must be able to collect them also.**

## Robert Burns Celebrations

Children are welcome to wear something Scottish such as tartan if they wish on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January as we celebrate the famous Scottish bard, Robert Burns. Please note that the school catering service will be offering a change to the menu on this day so that we can enjoy a 'Burns supper' (of sorts!) The choices will be mince or haggis served with mashed neeps and tatties or sandwiches. Our Catering supervisor Mrs Lander will also offer complimentary taster bites of haggis to all children who would like to try. The dining hall will be decorated and Scottish music will be played.

Thank you also to the new catering team who served up a super Christmas lunch in December



## Lost Property

At assembly this week we focused on the golden rule – we look after property. In addition to asking the children to take care of their own property, those of others and the school property we looked at the huge volume of lost property in the bin at present, much of it with no names. Please ensure that you label everything that goes to school with your child, it is much easier to return something that has a name in it. Thank you for your help with this.

## Homework

Thank you to parents who last session completed the questionnaire on homework. This information is invaluable as one improvement plan for this session is to amend the current homework policy. In one of the question you were completely split 50/50 down the middle but with not a good return number I hope that by texting every parent one question we may get a better return to give us data that we can use. The question will be texted to you in the new week and all you have to do to 'vote' is text back option 1 or 2. The question is

*Homework at present is differentiated for the groups or individuals. All tasks set must be completed in the way the teacher states however sometimes there is a choice in how the task is completed.*

*Do you appreciate exact instructions on how a task is completed or do you prefer a more active open ended task that can be completed in the most appropriate and convenient way for your family?*

*Respond 1 for exact instructions*

*Respond 2 for active open ended tasks*

## Active Schools Passports

In the next week every pupil will receive an activity passport from Active Schools. I will send a separate email with information on this challenge once the passports are here.

## After School Clubs in Term Three

The following clubs will run from 3pm – 4pm  
Monday P4-7 Street Dance\* (Jan to Feb midterm)  
Monday P1-3 Street Dance\* (Feb midterm to end of March)

Tuesday P4-7 Netball\* (Feb midterm to March)

Wednesday P4-7 Football (3 - 4.15pm)

Thursday P4-7 Badminton\*

Friday P1-7 Film Club (selected dates)

Our continued thanks to all parent volunteers, teachers and community businesses that help us ran these clubs. If you wish to book your child's place for a club with an asterisks\* please visit <http://bit.ly/TurriffOnline> Otherwise please ask for a form from the school office.

## Thinking Day 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Pupils are invited to wear their Rainbow, Brownie, Guide, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts uniform to school. The staff that are leaders will be wearing theirs and staff that used to be in these organisations will wear their badges as we take the day to think about friendship.

## Baby News

Congratulations to our Technologies teacher Mrs Laura Barron and her husband who are expecting their second baby. Mrs Barron will start maternity leave at the beginning of term four.

## Fyvie Fairtrade Community Café

As a 'Fairtrade Achiever' School – the top award given from the Fairtrade Foundation to schools we only serve Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar in the community café and use Fairtrade ingredients in our baking whenever possible.

When your child's class hosts a café the class will visit with their teacher. If your child would like to buy and eat a cake at the café then please provide them with £1 which they will hand over to their teacher at 9am. Most often the class will receive a small biscuit or cake at the end of the school day as part of golden time so they all get to sample what they have helped bake.

Café Customers are charged £1.50 for an adult and £1 for a child for a drink and a bake. We look forwards to welcoming you each week from 10 – 11am.

19/01/18	Hosted by P7
26/01/18	Hosted by P5/6 
02/02/18	Hosted by P4/5
23/02/18	Hosted by P3/4
02/03/18	Hosted by P2/3 
09/03/18	Hosted by P1/2 
16/03/18	Hosted by P7
23/03/18	Hosted by P5/6 

## Twitter

Keep up to date with news and goings on from the School and Nursery on our new Twitter feed @fyvieschool

## Assemblies in term three

Wednesdays at 10.45am. All Parents and Carers are welcome to attend all assemblies. Teas will be served by the Parent Council following all class assemblies.

17/01/18	House Captains Eco Committee
24/01/18	P2/3
31/01/18	Jamesie Strachan bible stories
07/02/18	Rev MacDonald
21/02/18	Jamesie Strachan and Fairtrade Group
28/02/18	P7
07/03/18	P1/2
14/03/18	Rev MacDonald and Pupil Council
21/03/18	P3/4
28/03/18	Jamesie Strachan bible stories

## And finally...

Thank you for all of the lovely cards and gifts at Christmas time, they were all much appreciated.

Mrs F. Eaton  
Head Teacher

We are always interested to hear your views. Please feel free to write/ email us/ phone us with your comments.

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## Dates for the diary

<b>January</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup>	P1 enrolment week – please collect your packs from the main office
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Nursery Application Fortnight – please collect your application form from the main office 7pm Parent Council Meeting
25 <sup>th</sup>	Wear something tartan for Burns
<b>February</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council kids Disco
9 <sup>th</sup>	HOLIDAY
12 <sup>th</sup>	HOLIDAY
13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup>	INSET – School closed to pupils on both days
17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Soup and Sweet 12 – 2pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thinking Day – Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts uniform to school.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos by Tempest Photography
<b>March</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fyvie School and Nursery will celebrate World Book Day by coming to school dressed as a character from a book of your choice.
5 <sup>th</sup>	7pm Parent Council meeting
19 <sup>th</sup>	Annual School Report home with pupils today
26 <sup>th</sup>	School Open Evening 6 – 7.30pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Term three house treat for wining house
29 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Church Service at 9.30am at Fyvie Parish Church Term three finishes
<b>April</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Term Four begins