

Fyvie School

September Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope your children have enjoyed the first few weeks back at school, have settled into their new classes and have formed some new friendships. I have been overwhelmed by the warm welcome I have received from children and staff around the school and it has been particularly nice to meet some of you in the last few weeks too.

Staffing

Following the news that Diane Watt, our Administrator will be leaving Fyvie School at the end of October, we have now begun the recruitment process to appoint her successor/s. I hope to have a new Administrator/Admin Support in place at some point next term and am currently making arrangements for the interim period if required.

At the end of last term, Fyvie School Janitor Fred Grant retired after many years at Fyvie and he has kindly been back for a few weeks to help us out until our new Janitor Marc McLaren begins with us on Monday 26th September.

I am also in the process of advertising additional fixed term PSA hours and I hope to have appointed by the start of next term

And finally, I am currently covering a 12-week post while recruitment goes ahead to secure an Acting Head Teacher for the time Anne Craig is on Secondment. Once an applicant has been selected and confirmed for this post, this will be shared with the school community.

Fyvie School Standards and Quality Report and Improvement Planning

Following discussions with Anne Craig and the school staff, I am in the process of finalising our Standards and Quality Report and Improvement Planning for this session. School Improvement this session will focus on the following:

- Reviewing Positive Relationships and Positive Behaviour Policy / Developing use of Restorative Approaches across school
- Improving Digital planning, teaching, learning and assessment across the school
- Improving planning, teaching, learning and assessment of Numeracy and Mathematics across the school

Diary Dates...

Fyvie School Calendar 2022.23

At the end of each Newsletter this session, there will be the Fyvie School Calendar 2022.23 which details events that are happening during the year. Events that are past will be ~~scored off~~ and newly added events will have a * before the date. The main events have been included in this Newsletter and look out for a few more that are sure to be added as the weeks progress.

Harvest Donations

As we approach Harvest Time, please consider if you would like to donate to Turriff Emergency Food Bank - more information about how you can donate will follow soon.

Christmas Cards

This year, School Fundraising Christmas Cards will be completed in school and proofs will be sent home before the October Break. The closing date for online ordering is Saturday 5th November and we are told that products will arrive in school by 21st November.

Rotary Shoe Boxes

This year, we will support the Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Each class will be assigned a type of box and we ask for just one or a few items towards filling your class's boxes. Please let the school office know if you wish for a whole box for just your family to fill.

Please use the following guide for donations:

Nursery and P1/2 – items for a baby

P2/3 and P3/4 - items for a 2-6 year old - either girl or boy items

P4/5 and P5/6 - items for a 7-10 year old - either girl or boy items

P7 – items for teenagers.

Shoeboxes can be filled with:

Baby (up to 12 months) – This is given to a new mother and can include – baby wipes, cotton wool, baby shampoo, mitts, booties, bonnets, small toys, teething toys.

Toys – matchbox type cars, small bouncy balls, jigsaws, fluffy toys, dolls, colouring books, felt tip pens, yoyos, bubbles.

Teenagers – make up, toiletries, writing materials, school stationary, deodorant, football memorabilia, mirror, hat, gloves, scarf.

Toiletries – hand soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo.

No food items are allowed.

The contents should be of good quality, remembering that the recipient will be opening the box in eager anticipation and especially with the toys for the children at Christmas time. The RotaKids will then gather all the items and put them into the right boxes

All items/boxes are to be taken in/returned by **Wednesday 12th October, 2022**. The RotaKids and Turriff Rotary Club thank you for your support!

P1-P7 Parent Consultations

This year, we are pleased to let you know that we are back to face to face parent consultations and they will be held in October and June. Both consultations will now be 10 minutes long and we will offer both late afternoon and evening slots. Appointments will be bookable through Parents Evening Booking System as before – more info to follow. Please see School Calendar below for specific information.

First Aid Training

Fyvie School Parent Council have kindly offered to pay to reinstate First Aid training for our P5, P6 and P7 children, which ceased due to Covid. To get us back on track, P5s will be doing Level 1, P6s Level 1&2 and P7s Level 1&2&3 just before the October break.

Tempest Photographs

Having had to cancel Tempest on Monday 19th September, I am pleased to share that Tempest have kindly squeezed us in on Friday 14th October instead.

Fyvie School Christmas Show

I am pleased to share that Fyvie School will once again be performing a Christmas Show this year. We will be performing Peter Pan in the last week of term before the Christmas Holiday. All children from P1-P7 will have the opportunity to take part with P5,6,7 children having the chance to audition for the main roles and P1,2,3,4 taking on smaller roles, non-speaking parts and being part of the chorus. For those P5,6,7 children who wish to audition, mini scripts will be issued week commencing 26th September and speaking auditions will be sometime during the week commencing 3rd October. Some of the main roles also require some singing, either solo, duet or in small groups – singing auditions will happen week commencing 10th October. We would hope to share who has been chosen for main parts before the October holidays.

M&M Productions – Cinderella

Fyvie School Parent Council have kindly offered to pay for M&M Productions to come to Fyvie School on the last day of term before we break up for Christmas. M&M Productions will be performing Cinderella in our school hall for all Nursery and School children. I think you will all agree it will be a fabulous end of term treat for everyone!

Class Assemblies

We look forward to Class Assemblies resuming this year and will update you with dates once these are confirmed for each class.

Aberdeenshire Council Information...**Free School Meals for P6 and P7 pupils**

The Scottish Government has paused the roll out of free school meals to all Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils. The government's decision was made to allow further work with COSLA, the national association of Scottish councils, and all local authorities to fully assess the financial and infrastructure challenges that have been highlighted for the final phase of the expansion plans. We will be in touch with further information when a decision is taken by the government to progress the roll-out to all Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils.

General Updates...**Toys in School**

Just a reminder that children should not be bringing toys into school. Any toys seen will be looked after by school staff and returned to children at the end of the school day to be taken home. Fidget toys are available in school and will be used when a child has an identified need.

Indoor Shoes

Just a reminder please provide your child(ren) with a pair of indoor shoes to change into when in the school building. These can be their gym shoes or additional shoes if you would prefer.

Allergies

Please be aware that we do have some children with food allergies in school and I would discourage you from sending in food types which are known to cause allergic reactions. Please could you also support your children to understand that sharing food brought in from home is not appropriate for this reason.

Spelling Shed

From this month, we are no longer able to use Spelling Shed as the website has not been approved by Aberdeenshire Council in terms of Data Privacy. However, I am pleased to share that we have begun a subscription for Education City which we are able to use in school to support Literacy and Numeracy learning.

Fyvie School After School Club

In addition to Active Schools and local community groups who use the school late afternoon and in the evenings, we also have our own after school Football Club for P4-P7 children on Thursdays 3.00-4.15pm. For further information, please contact the school.

If I have not had a chance to meet you yet, I very much hope to do so in the coming weeks.

Kind Regards



Mrs Jane Brown

Head Teacher (Acting)

Fyvie School Calendar 2022.23

Past events *newly added

Term 1			
Week 1	Monday 22 nd August	INSERVICE DAY 1	School & Nursery closed to pupils
	Tuesday 23 rd August	Start of Term 1	9.00am
Week 2	Friday 2 nd September	P7 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 3	Friday 9 th September	P5/6 Community Café	10.00am-11.00am
Week 4	Friday 16 th September	P4/5 Community Café	10.00am-11.00am
Week 5	Friday 23 rd September	P3/4 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 6	Friday 30 th September	P2/3 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 7	Friday 7 th October	P1/2 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 8	*Tuesday 11 th October	Parent Consultations	3.30pm-5.30pm
	*Wednesday 12 th October	Parent Consultations	6.30pm-8.30pm
	Thursday 13 th October	Parent Council Halloween Disco	See Parent Council Facebook
	*Friday 14 th October	Tempest Photographs	
	Friday 14 th October	End of Term 1	3.00pm

Term 2			
Week 1	Monday 31 st October	Start of Term 2	9.00am
	*Friday 4 th November	P7 Community Café	10.00am-11.00am
Week 2	*Friday 11 th November	P5/6 Community Café	10.00am-11.00am
	*Saturday 12 th November	Parent Council Christmas Fair	See Parent Council Facebook
Week 3	*Thursday 17 th November	INSERVICE DAY 2	School & Nursery closed to pupils
	*Friday 18 th November	INSERVICE DAY 3	School & Nursery closed to pupils
Week 4	*Friday 25 th November	Flu Immunisation	9.00am-3.00pm
	*Friday 25 th November	P4/5 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 5	*Friday 2 nd December	P3/4 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 6	*Friday 9 th December	P2/3 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 7	*Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas Craft Open Afternoon	2.00pm-2.45pm
	*Friday 16 th December	P1/2 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 8	*Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas Show	1.30pm-2.45pm / 6.30pm-7.45pm
	*Wednesday 21 st December	Christmas Parties	During School Day
	*Thursday 22 nd December	Christmas Parties	During School Day
	*Friday 23 rd December	M&M Productions - Cinderella	During School Day
	*Friday 23 rd December	End of Term 2	3.00pm

Term 3			
Week 1	*Monday 9 th January	Start of Term 3	9.00am
Week 2	*Friday 20 th January	P7 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 3	*Friday 27 th January	P5/6 Community Café	10.00am-11.00am
Week 4	*Friday 3 rd February	P4/5 Community Café	10.00am-11.00am
Week 5	*Friday 10 th February	Turriff Holiday	School & Nursery closed to pupils
Week 6	*Monday 13 th February	Holiday	School & Nursery closed to pupils
	*Tuesday 14 th February	INSERVICE DAY 4	School & Nursery closed to pupils
	*Wednesday 15 th February	INSERVICE DAY 5	School & Nursery closed to pupils
Week 7			
Week 8	*Friday 3 rd March	P3/4 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 9	*Friday 10 th March	P2/3 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 10	*Friday 17 th March	P1/2 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 11	*Friday 24 th March	Reports Issued	By 3.00pm
Week 12	*Tuesday 28 th March	Open Evening	6.30pm-7.30pm
	*Friday 31 st March	End of Term 3	3.00pm

Term 4			
Week 1	*Monday 17 th April	Start of Term 4	9.00am
Week 2	*Friday 28 th April	P7 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 3	*Monday 1 st May	Holiday	School & Nursery closed to pupils
	*Friday 5 th May	P5/6 Community Café	10.00am-11.00am
Week 4	*Friday 12 th May	Sports Day	
Week 5	*Friday 19 th May	Reserve Sports Day	
Week 6	*Monday 22 nd - Friday 26 th May	P7 Residential Trip	
	*Friday 26 th May	P4/5 Community Café	10.00am-11.00am
Week 7	*Friday 2 nd June	P3/4 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 8	*Monday 5 th June	Turriff Holiday	School & Nursery closed to pupils
	*Tuesday 6 th June	Turriff Holiday	School & Nursery closed to pupils
	*Wednesday 7 th June	Parent Consultations	3.30pm-5.30pm
	*Thursday 8 th June	Parent Consultations	6.30pm-8.30pm
Week 9	*Friday 16 th June	P2/3 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 10	*Friday 21 st June	P1/2 Community Cafe	10.00am-11.00am
Week 11	*Tuesday 27 th – Friday 30 th June	P7 Turriff Academy Transition	
Week 12	*Thursday 6 th June	End of School Year Assembly	
	*Friday 7 th June	End of Term 4	3.00pm