

Fyvie School

December Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we rush towards Christmas, we are busy preparing for the Christmas Show and events in the last week of term. Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported their children to learn lines and songs and are getting costumes sorted out for the show. Your help is much appreciated. We will be in touch very soon to let you know about arrangements for purchasing tickets.

You will be aware about planned strikes for the 8th December which may affect some schools. If there is further information to share, this will be emailed to you.

Staffing

I am pleased to confirm that Fyvie School's new Administrator/Admin Support, Mrs Karen Barclay is settling into her new role well and getting to know many Fyvie children and their families already.

New PSA Mrs Suzanne Hendrick has also started working with us on Thursdays and Fridays and we are interviewing for another 3 day PSA post this week.

Mrs Jody Adam has decided to step down from her post at Fyvie School and will be leaving at Christmas. Mrs Adam will be missed across the school. We thank her for the contribution she has made to the school and wish her every success for the future. Recruitment to fill the post is now underway and I will share more information in due course.

Fyvie School Standards and Quality Report and Improvement Planning

During November Inservice, staff reviewed our Positive Relationships and Positive Behaviour Policy & Procedures, and we can now share our new School Expectations of **Ready, Respectful and Safe**. Teachers will be having conversations with their classes about what these expectations look like in the classroom, about the school and outside. Teachers will focus on Green behaviours (positive and desirable) but will also include conversations about Amber behaviours (unhelpful and inappropriate) and Red behaviours (unacceptable) to support children to understand differences between behaviours. There will be an increased focus on Positive Recognition across the school for all children who meet and exceed the expectations in their classrooms, the playground and in the dining hall. There will be Class Recognition Boards in each classroom and a Castle Recognition Board in the reception area where children who meet and exceed expectations in the playground will be acknowledged. We are working on a dining hall plan – more info to follow soon. As we continue the review, we will be considering the consistency of expectations across the school, consistency of support procedures, the use of restorative approaches and how we communicate information with parents/carers.

Thank you to Mr Bridle and our Digital Leaders who have almost completed updating the School Website - we hope it will go live soon.

Quality Improvement Officers (QIO) Visit

Aberdeenshire Quality Improvement Officers visit schools as part of the ongoing support provided by the authority. Our school QIO Fiona Cruickshanks and a colleague will be visiting Fyvie School on Thursday 8th December.

Seesaw

As you will be aware, Fyvie School, along with a proportion of primary schools in Aberdeenshire, have been using Seesaw. It was recognised by Education and Children's Services (ECS) that schools in Aberdeenshire found Seesaw a useful product and it was for this reason significant time and effort was given to completing a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) for Seesaw on behalf of these schools. As outlined in the Privacy Statement issued to parents, in order for them to give consent for their child / children to use Seesaw, the DPIA was rejected by the Council's independent Data Protection Officer (DPO) owing to data protection, information security and legal commercial concerns. ECS over-ruled DPIA rejection to allow schools to continue using Seesaw, based on an ECS assessment which concluded that the benefits of ongoing use outweighed identified risks. The revised privacy notice and communication, which clearly set out identified risks, was provided to schools informing them how these risks had to be mitigated. Parents were asked to provide consent to use Seesaw, having been informed of these concerns via the privacy notice.

Recently, further concerns have arisen with Seesaw. The Council has therefore decided that the DPIA needs to be fully reviewed and until this happens, use of Seesaw will be suspended at the end of term, from 23rd December 2022. Until such time as the DPIA is revised and completed, and confidence in the product is at an acceptable level for use by Aberdeenshire schools, there will be no further use of Seesaw in schools beyond 23rd December 2022.

The Education Learning team are currently reviewing products for a suitable replacement.

Adverse Weather Procedures

If Fyvie School is to be closed and/or there are changes to school transport, this will be shared on Aberdeenshire Council Website <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/school-closures> as early as possible before school or during the school day for any mid-day closures. In addition, we will also Groupcall parents/carers with relevant information as soon as we are able to do so. If you are ever concerned about the weather closing in, you are very welcome to pick up your child early. When the school is closed, home learning will be posted on Seesaw.

Class Christmas Gifts & Refreshments

Thank you to our Parent Council who have generously given each class £50 to purchase a Christmas gift/s for use in class along with providing refreshments for the Christmas parties.

Christmas Parties

I can now confirm that the Christmas parties will be as follows:

- Wednesday 21st Dec Morning – Nursery
- Wednesday 21st Dec Afternoon – P1/2 & P2/3
- Thursday 22nd Dec – Morning – P5/6 & P7
- Thursday 22nd Dec – Afternoon – P3/4 & P4/5

Please can children come to school in school uniform and bring their party clothes with them in a bag to change into when it is party time.

Foodshare

Just a reminder that the foodbank from the Coop is available in the school carpark. This is available weekdays, weekends and holidays and will be continuing over the festive period with the exception of Christmas day.






Parent/Carer Feedback

As part of our Quality Assurance processes, the views of parents/carers are very important to us. If you would like to give us feedback of any sort, please use the following link: [Fyvie School Parent/Carer Feedback Form](#). Feedback from this Form will be reviewed each term as part of our Quality Assurance calendar and common themes will help us identify what is going well and

what could be better at Fyvie School. Please note that responses on the Form will not be individually responded to.

Parent Council News

We are delighted to announce that we have been selected for this years round of Coop Funding which we plan on putting towards new gym equipment to be used across school and extra curricular activities! Please can we ask you to select Fyvie Parent Council as your cause in your Coop app so we can start earning much needed funds. This link will take you straight there!

Please also share with friends and family     

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/72016>

Kind Regards



Mrs Jane Brown
Head Teacher (Acting)

Fyvie School Calendar 2022.23

*newly added

Term 2			
Week 6	Friday 9 th December	P3/4 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
	Friday 27 th January	Film Club (TBC)	See Parent Council Facebook
Week 4	Friday 3 rd February	P4/5 Community Café	10.00am-11.00am
	Sunday 5 th February	Family Burns Afternoon	See Parent Council Facebook
Week 5	*Thursday 9 th February	Wear what you love day Valentine Disco	See Parent Council Facebook
	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	Friday 24 th February	Film Club (TBC)	See Parent Council Facebook
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	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st March	Scholastic Book Fair Week	More info to follow
	Tuesday 28 th March	Open Evening	6.30pm-7.30pm
	Wednesday 29 th and Thursday 30 th March	P1-7 'Easter Experience' Trips to Fyvie Church	More info to follow
	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 23 rd 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 July	End of School Year Assembly	
	Friday 7 th July	End of Term 4	3.00pm