



Fossoway Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will have noticed that there has not been a newsletter for a few months. This is mainly because our school app and Twitter are so successful in sharing news and information with our community. However, as there is so much going on over the next few weeks, I felt a newsletter was required to keep you all fully up to date. I hope you find the information below useful.

Kind regards

Mrs Allan

Staffing News

In preparation for the expansion of our nursery in August 2020, we now have a Senior ECP post. I am delighted that Mrs Davis was successful at interview and has already started in this new role. Congratulations! There will be further recruitment to new nursery posts before August.

Mrs Youens has returned to nursery as our Play Assistant and we are delighted to have her back.

Following Mrs Brown's move, Mr Haines is now Acting Principal Teacher full time until the permanent post is advertised later this session. We have also recruited a new teacher, Mrs Whitaker, who will take over Mrs Brown's teaching duties from the middle of March. She will teach P5/6 on a Thursday and Friday, P7 on a Wednesday and cover some RCCT time in other classes. We very much look forward to welcoming her to the Fossoway Team. Thank you to Ms McGregor who is covering P5/6 on a Thursday and Friday until Mrs Whitaker can start, and to Mrs Bryson who is covering mainly in P6/7.

Parent Helpers wanted

We need parent helpers for the following :

Forest Schools programme (see more info below) - for 4 Fridays starting 6th March. If you can help on any of these Fridays, either for the full day or part of the day PLEASE get in touch with the school office. This can only go ahead if we have enough adult helpers.

Litter Pick on Wednesday 11th March (am) - P6/7 will be taking part in a litter pick with Crook in Bloom group. Again we need a few helpers in order for this to go ahead.

World of Work Week (20-24th April) - you should have received a letter asking for volunteers to help children learn about different jobs and skills. If you can help in anyway by talking about your job, being interviewed etc please complete the slip as soon as possible. Please also let us know if you have any friends or contacts who would like to visit and talk about their jobs.

Football Club - A huge thank you to Mrs Charity who has continued to help Mrs Smith with Football Club on a Wednesday lunchtime. She is now stepping down, so if anyone else is interested in helping with Football please let us know.

News about Projects/Events

Forest Schools

P6s are about to commence a 4 week block of Forest Schools led by instructor, Michelle Calder, in Nine Acres Woods. They will learn a range of forest skills and work on resilience, team building and problem solving. They will be out from 10am to 2pm for a block of four Fridays. We had intended to start this Friday (28th Feb) but, due to the exceptional rainfall, the ground is saturated and we would be unable to carry out many of the planned activities. We will reassess next week and hope to get started on 6th March. Information has gone out to all P6s about the clothing, equipment etc that is required. Children will only be allowed to go if they are suitably dressed and equipped so please make sure you have read this information and let us know if you foresee any issues. This promises to be an exciting learning project which we hope will lead to the first part of our John Muir Award.

Climate Ready Classroom Project

Following on from Mrs Allan's visit to China in 2018 we are starting an exciting new project working with Keep Scotland Beautiful, 6 other Scottish Schools and schools in China. Mr Haines and our Mandarin Teacher, Miss Su Yue, have attended training with Keep Scotland Beautiful and the Confucius Institute. The project will involve teaching our learners in P6/7 about Climate Change and action and then sharing with our partner school in China using new video conferencing equipment. We also hope that over time we will be able to use this new equipment to collaborate with other schools on a range of projects - exciting times!

P4-6 Boys' Dance Project

Horsecross Theatre Company have been running a dance project for our P4-6 boys on Wednesday afternoons. It is great fun and it is lovely to see the growing confidence of our learners. We look forward to sharing a performance with parents on Wednesday 1st April.

World Book Day/Story Telling Sessions

You will have received an email message about the story telling sessions. We would love to have as many parents as possible coming in to school to share a favourite story with a group of children. The first of these events is this Thursday 27th February at 2.30pm.

Other events for Parents and/or families

Parent Contact Evenings

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Parent Evenings. Please pop into the hall while you are here to see an exhibition by our after school Art Club. Please also note that Glee Club will be on as usual on the 5th March but will take place in the FRED room.

Mandarin Community Event

All families are welcome to come along to the next Mandarin Cultural Experience at LLCC on 27th February 6.30-8.30pm. At this event our Mandarin Teacher, Miss Su Yue will help you learn some basic Chinese phrases, make Chinese dumplings and have fun!

GIRFEC Keeping your Child Safe Event

Thursday 5th March (morning, afternoon and evening sessions) at Perth Playhouse Cinema. This has always been an excellent event aimed at exploring the challenges in keeping our children safe in a digital environment. Highly recommended for everyone! (For more detail see news item dated 15th January on school app)

Dyslexia Scotland Events

Some of these events may be of interest to some of our families:

The Auchterarder Parents Supporting Parents Group has organised a talk on 2 March, 'Understanding and Supporting Dyslexia'. <http://bit.ly/39rq3YT>

On 7 March there is a DyslexiFest in Stirling. www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/dyslexifest

On 10 March Dyslexia Scotland Angus is holding a talk about building confidence and self esteem in Forfar. <https://www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/events/angus-branch-event-4>

On 14 and 21 March there are Youth Days in Stirling. www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk/youth-days

Miscellaneous Items

Parking - following recent messages about parking, thank you to everyone who has made a difference to keeping the disabled bays clear for those who need them. Please also remember that the school car park should be used for nursery drop off only - parking for other parents and carers is available at the village hall. Some of our neighbours are also concerned at the number of occasions cars are blocking their drives. We strive to be part of our community so please help us build those strong relationships.

Late Arrivals - there are an increasing number of children arriving late each morning and entering via the front door. We appreciate that there may be one-off circumstances that cause you to be late but please make every effort to support your child to be at school on time, in the line and "ready to learn" with all their classmates.

2020	Dates for your Diary
Thursday 27 th February	Parent Storytelling Sessions 2.30pm - 3pm
Thursday 27 th February	Mandarin Event for Families 6.30pm at LLCC
Friday 28 th February	Mobile Library Visit GLEE TICKETS ON SALE (from Perth Concert Hall)
Monday 2 nd March	Author visit to P1-4
Wednesday 4 th March	Parent Contact Evening (P5/6 only)
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day GIRFEC Keeping your Child Safe Event (Perth Cinema for Parents) Parent Contact Evening
Friday 6 th March	P6s Forest Schools - all day P7s to Kinross Aerospace Event at LLCC
Monday 9 th March	Nursery Parent Contacts (Ante pre school) SSPCA workshops for P1-7 Glee Workshop
Wednesday 11 th March	P6/7 community litter pick with Crook in Bloom Group (am) P6/7 group to Tiny Teach Meet at LLCC Parent Contact Evening
Thursday 12 th March	Science Fair (organised by P6 and P7) PTA meeting 1pm
Friday 13 th March	P6s Forest Schools - all day
Monday 16 th March	P5s and P6s Cricket Taster Session
Tuesday 17 th March	Nursery Parent Contacts (Ante pre school)
Wednesday 18 th March	PKC Cross Country Championships
Thursday 19 th March	P6/7 team to EuroQuiz Tennis Taster Sessions P1 - P7
Friday 20 th March	P6s Forest Schools - all day Odd Sock Day PTA Beetle Drive Village Hall
Monday 23 rd March	P7 team to Rotary Quiz (4pm TBC)
Tuesday 24 th March	Mini Bridge Competition in Dundee (Bridge Club members) P1-3 Sharing Learning Event for Parents (pm - more detail to follow)
Wednesday 25 th March	P7 French transition event at LLCC
Friday 27 th March	P6s Forest Schools - all day Mobile Library Visit Home Learning Sharing Learning Journeys home (Bring in a Bag for Life please)
Monday 30 th March	P5s and P6s Cricket Taster Session Glee Challenge Heat at Perth Concert Hall (evening)
Wednesday 1 st April	P4-6 Boys' Dance Performance for Parents (pm)
Friday 3 rd April	Family Church service (TBC) END OF TERM 3.15pm
Monday 20 th April	Start of Summer term P5s and P6s Cricket Taster Session
Wednesday 22 nd April	P4 Swimming (and every Wednesday until 24 th June)
Thursday 23 rd April	Take Your Child To Work Day
Monday 27 th April	P5s and P6s Cricket Taster Session
Tuesday 28 th April	Dalguise Parent Meeting - LLCC 5.30pm for 6pm start

