



Fossoway Primary School

Dear Families,

This term is flying past as quickly as ever and we are about to become even busier in the run up to Christmas – always a joyful time in school! We are all looking forward to meeting parents and carers at Parent Contact Evenings this week and next. Other highlights for families will be our P4-7 pantomime and our end of term service in the church – make sure you save the dates. This is also a very busy term for our amazing PTA – look out for more information and requests for support from them!

Best Wishes from Mrs Allan, Headteacher. November 2019

School Vision and Values

Thank you to everyone – Pupils, Staff and Parents – who took part in our consultation to agree our new school values. There was a lot of discussion involved as well as much agreement. We are now pleased to launch our new values:

AMBITION RESPECT RESILIENCE FRIENDSHIP

Pupils have been involved with the home learning task of naming our values mascots and developing child friendly strap lines to explain these values. We will also be having a focus on a different value each week. The nursery is currently looking after the Friendship Duck mascot and will feedback at this week's assembly to give us examples of how he has shown friendship this week.

We have also started consultation about our "vision" for Fossoway Primary and will involve the Parent Council in that discussion this week.

Staffing News

We were sorry to say goodbye to our Play Assistant, Mrs Paterson, last week as she moves to a new post. We are, however, pleased to welcome back Lynsey Robertson on a temporary basis until the post is filled.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Stephens to a new PSA post in the nursery on Tuesdays and Fridays. She started last week and is settling in well, quickly getting to know all the staff and children.

Two other new faces in the Early Years are Miss Bath and Miss Fowler, HNC students, who will be in Nursery and P1/2 on Mondays and Tuesdays for the rest of this year. Welcome!

Other News

- **Lunch and After School Clubs** are thriving. Lunch clubs include Running club, Football Club, Bridge Club, Reading Club and Drama Club. After school clubs running at present are Netball, Art, Scripture Union and Glee. We are most grateful to all our volunteers who run the clubs – including staff, parents, members of the wider community and P7 pupils. If anyone would like to run another club please let us know.
- **Global Goals Groups.** All P4-7 pupils are members of one of our UN Global Goals Groups. The three groups focus on global goals relating to Climate Change/Life on Land, Clean Water and Sanitation/Life in our Oceans, Zero Hunger/Responsible Consumption. The groups are led by P7 pupils and are currently developing their action plans for the year ahead.
- **Community** – We are delighted to welcome some ladies from our local community who have been coming in to school on a Friday to help with reading and story-telling. We are also delighted to have a new community police officer PC Ross who has already set dates to come in and speak to our learners on a range of issues. We are also hoping he will be able to join in some playground games occasionally.
- **Outdoor Learning** – Well done Mrs Clemie for securing funding from “Learning through Landscapes”. This has allowed us to buy a range of outdoor learning resources and also includes staff training on den building, fire lighting etc later in November. After this we plan to see the firepit in more regular use and perhaps some Outdoor Hot Chocolate Fridays.
- **Remembrance** – Poppies are currently available in school. The P7s will attend a short ceremony at the War Memorial on Friday with Rev McIntosh who is covering while Rev Stenhouse is recuperating following an operation. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Miscellaneous

- As we move into winter please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear in school every day in order to be able to play in the field area and take part in any outdoor learning activities.
- Home-School Diaries: Please note that from P4 upwards the class teachers do not check diaries regularly. If you write a message please remind your child that they should take responsibility for letting their teacher know.
- Water bottles should be filled at home each day. This will help reduce time spent in school filling bottles and eating into “Ready to learn” time.
- Please remember, when providing lunches or snacks, that we are a NUT FREE School
- Please make every effort to support your child to be in line, “Ready to Learn”, at 9am. It can be very unsettling for children to arrive even a few minutes late.

Safe Start/Breakfast Club

Safe Start club is continuing to provide a great start to the morning for some of our families. There are still spaces available and it would be lovely to see a greater uptake – more information and registration forms can be obtained by emailing fossowayss@gmail.com or through the Fossoway Safe Start facebook page.

2019	Dates for your Diary
Wednesday 6 th November	Parent council meeting 6.30pm start
Thursday 7 th November	Police Visit - Nursery & P1-P3
Thursday 7 th November	Parent Contact Evening* (including School Meal tasters in hall!)
Friday 8 th November	P7's to Remembrance Ceremony - War Memorial Crook of Devon
Monday 11 th November	Rotary Shoe Box uplift today in school
Wednesday 13 th November	P4 out to Penneys Wood - building Bug Hotels
Wednesday 13 th November	Parent Contact Evening
Thursday 14 th and Friday 15 th November	In-Service Days (school closed for pupils)
Thursday 21 st November	PTA Meeting 2pm
Friday 22 nd November	P1-P3 Bookbug Gifting Session - Parents/Cares are invited to attend from 2pm until 3.15pm
Friday 29 th November	PTA Christmas Shopping Night
Wednesday 4 th December	Police Visit
Thursday 5 th December	Cinderella performance for whole school - Thank you to the PTA for funding this event
Friday 6 th December	PTA Christmas Jumper Recycling
Friday 6 th December	Mobile Library Visit - please remember to return any borrowed books
Monday 9 th December	P5-P7 Set Design Challenge - Perth Theatre
Tuesday 10 th December	P7/S1 Languages Nativity morning at KHS - P7 transition event
Wednesday 11 th December	Cinderella Rockafella - Afternoon dress rehearsal and evening performance 6.30pm until 8pm
Thursday 12 th December	Cinderella Rockafella - Afternoon and evening performances 1.30pm until 3pm/6.30pm until 8pm
Friday 13 th December	Learning Journeys home and Home Learning Sharing
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 th December	Christmas School Lunch
Monday 16 th December	Flu Immunisation - P1-P7 pupils (pm)
Monday 16 th December	Bring & Buy Extravaganza (am)
Monday 16 th December	PTA will Christmas wrap presents bought at the morning event
Tuesday 17 th December	P1 - P3 Christmas party (pm)
Wednesday 18 th December	Nursery Christmas Party (am)
Wednesday 18 th December	P4 - P5 Christmas Party (pm)
Thursday 19 th December	P6 - P7 Christmas Party (pm)
Friday 20 th December	Church Service / Nativity 10am start Fossoway Church
Friday 20 th December	End of term (12 noon finish)
Monday 6th January 2020	Start of Spring term
Wednesday 5 th February	Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 12 th February	In-service Day (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 13 th and Friday 14 th February	Holidays
Thursday 5 th March	Parent Contact Evening
Wednesday 11 th March	Parent Contact Evening
Monday 23 rd March	P7 Rotary Quiz at KHS (Team to be selected)
Wednesday 25 th March	P7 Languages Transition event at KHS
Friday 27 th March	Learning Journeys home
Friday 3 rd April	End of term (3.15pm finish)
Monday 20 th April	Start of Summer term
Friday 8 th May	Holiday
Wednesday 13 th May	Parent Council meeting
Friday 22 nd May	ADDITIONAL INSERVICE DAY (school closed for pupils)
Mon - Wed 25 th -27 th May	P7s to Dalguise residential
Thurs and Fri 11 th and 12 th June	P7 induction days at KHS
Friday 12 th June	Learning Journeys home
Wednesday 1 st July	End of term service (12 noon finish)

*Nursery parent contact dates will arranged separately.