



Fossoway Primary School

Dear Families,

I hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday and had the chance to spend lots of fun family time together. Welcome back to everyone and a very special welcome to our new pupils in the Nursery, P1 and some new arrivals in other classes. It is lovely to see them all settling in so quickly. This is a short term – only 7 weeks – and will no doubt fly past as quickly as the holidays did! We are all looking forward to meeting parents and carers throughout this session and hope that many of you will make it along to our “Meet the Teacher” on Wednesday 28th August.

Best Wishes from Mrs Allan, Headteacher. August 2019

School Improvement Plan 2019/20

Our School Improvement Plan for the coming session is now available on our website. All schools in Perth and Kinross create a plan which is based on evidence collected in a variety of ways over previous school sessions as well as local and national priorities. Fossoway have three clear areas that we will be developing (or continuing to develop) this session:

- To review and develop our Vision, Values and Aims and ensure these are embedded in our whole school ethos and relationships.
- To raise attainment by developing a more consistent approach to high expectations and effective feedback throughout the school.
- To further develop opportunities for staff to reflect on their own practice and collaborate to build their capacity to meet the needs of all learners.

Standard and Quality Report 2018/19

This report is also on our website. Further detail about progress towards last year’s school improvement priorities can also be found on the regular Headteacher’s reports which are emailed out with Parent Council minutes.

Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome **Miss McGregor** to Fossoway Primary. In a change to the previously announced arrangements, she will be teaching P5/6 Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Brown will be Thursday to Friday. Miss McGregor has taught in the school recently on a supply basis so is already well known to children and staff. Welcome also to our new ECP joining our nursery team– **Mrs Farrow**. She will also spend time supporting play in the early years. We are also pleased to welcome back **Mrs Whytock**, Pupil Support Assistant, for 2 days a week.

And congratulations to **Mrs Barnacle** on the safe arrival of her baby boy on 13th August.

Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 28th August

We hope that many of you will be able to come along to our “Meet the Teacher” event. This is an opportunity to “say hello” to your child’s new teacher and find out more about what happens in the classroom. There will also be more information on display in the hall so please pop in there too. Please note this event is intended for adults to meet teachers without children.

Timings are as follows:

P1-3	5-5.20pm	Mrs Cummings, Mrs Clemie and Mr Nicolson
P4	5.20-5.40pm	Mrs Sweeney
P5/6	5.40-6pm	Miss McGregor and Mrs Brown
P6/7	6-6.20pm	Mr Haines

Dates for your Diary

Please note the dates below which will, of course, also be on the school app.

In particular, note that there are **two additional in-service days** this year and the May holiday has been changed to coincide with VE Day celebrations.

Care Inspectorate Report

Following an unannounced inspection visit to our nursery in early June, their very positive report is now available on our website. Thank you to all staff, children and parents who spoke to the inspection team and who help on a daily basis to make our nursery such a happy, nurturing and engaging environment.

Safe Start/Breakfast Club

It is lovely to see the Safe Start club up and running in the mornings. A big thankyou to the committee for all their hard work over the summer in order to have things ready for the start of term. There are still spaces available – more information and registration forms can be obtained by emailing fossowayss@gmail.com or through the Fossoway Safe Start facebook page.

Fossoway School App

Just a reminder to download the school app if you have not already done so. Also, if you have selected individual classes for message alerts remember to update for your child's new class. If you need any help or have any questions about it please ask.

Most of our communication will be sent out via the school app. **Please let us know if you do not have the app** so we can arrange alternatives – otherwise we will assume everyone is receiving our communications. Thank you!

School Rules

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Rather than having a lengthy list of "Do's and Don'ts", we have reduced our rules to three simple easy to remember rules which we have shared with the children.

Children should be ready to learn, show respect to everyone (and everything) and be safe/keep others safe.

These three rules can be used to cover most eventualities and will be consistently used throughout the school and playground. Parents might find the same language useful at home.

Miscellaneous

- 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.
- All children should have outdoor and indoor shoes in school (PE shoes can double up for indoors) It is also helpful, if your child cannot yet tie laces, that they have Velcro fastening shoes.
- PLEASE LABEL all clothing, shoes etc. We still have a huge amount of lost property

2019	Dates for your Diary
Wednesday 28 th August	Meet the Teacher Evening (see times above)
Wednesday 4 th September	Solheim Cup in school
Wednesday 29 th August	Meet the Teacher Event (see times above)
Thursday 5 th September	PTA AGM 7pm - NEW TIME
Wednesday 11 th September	Parent Council meeting 6.30pm (Time TBC)
Thursday 26 th September	P7/S1 Movie Night (Modern Languages Transition at KHS)
Friday 27 th September	Learning Journeys home
Thursday 3 rd October	Last Day of term
Friday 4 th October	ADDITIONAL INSERVICE DAY (school closed for pupils)
Monday 21 st October	Start of Winter term
Wednesday 6 th November	Parent council meeting
Thursday 7 th November	Parent Contact Evening*
Wednesday 13 th November	Parent Contact Evening
Thursday 14 th and Friday 15 th November	In-Service Days (school closed for pupils)
Tuesday 10 th December	P7/S1 Languages Nativity morning at KHS
Friday 13 th December	Learning Journeys home
Friday 20 th December	End of term (12 noon finish)
Monday 6 th 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
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 (12 noon finish)

*Nursery parent contact dates will arranged separately.

