



FINTRY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 2, the weeks are flying past and before we know it Christmas will be here. I just wanted to share some information and dates with you for events this term.

Cash for Kids Fund Raising

A huge thank you again for all the support with our cash for Kids fund raising events. It was amazing to see our community come together. The Colour Run was fantastic and a big thank you to Mr Cargill for capturing the fun with some amazing photographs.

We were delighted to come 2nd place with this. We are waiting for the money to be issued to us. We are working with the pupils about what we will spend this on, and we will also discuss this with the Parent Council at the next meeting. Once we finalise our spend, we will share with you.

Reporting to Parents

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our Parents' Evening consultations. The next Parents' Evening will be on week beginning 23rd March.

Dundee City Council have introduced a new tracking tool which is being used across each school in the city. This tool will be used to write the end of session reports this year. You will soon be issued with information of how reports can be accessed, this is a move away from issuing paper copies of report. You will also be able to access an interim update in Dec regarding your child's academic progress. Please keep an eye out for further correspondence regarding this.

Staffing

I would like to welcome Mr Warwick who is with us on a temporary basis (Mon-Wed). He is working with small groups from our P2/3, P3 and P6/7 classes.

Mrs King (P1/2) teacher has also given me permission to share some exciting news, she is expecting a baby so will begin her maternity leave in March. I will of course keep you informed of her replacement when I have this plan to share.

Fintry Parent Council

Our Parent Council Group are in full swing organising a Christmas Fayre. A huge thanks for all the donations from the dress down event. The next dress down event is detailed in the diary dates below. The Christmas Fayre will take place on 6th Dec. We do hope you can come along and support this event.

The next Parent Council meeting will be on 12th Nov at 6pm, everyone is welcome.

Attendance

At Fintry Primary we review our pupil attendance figures each month. It is important for all children to attend school regularly, being present supports each pupil to progress in their learning. We strive for the best possible outcomes for all our learners as we want them all to achieve their full potential.

Our aim for this session is to reach 94% overall attendance. Our current attendance figures show we have taken a dip, and we are currently at 91.2%. This shows we have a bit of work to do, let's continue to work in partnership to achieve our goal.

A gentle reminder that you must contact the school on the first day of absence for your child. This enables us to record this accurately and offer support if you require it.

Parking

I have also received some correspondence from local residents highlighting their concerns about parking around the school, and the negative responses from adults when this has been addressed with them. A reminder that the Safer Streets scheme remains in place. Vehicles will not be able to drive in or out of the restricting zones when this scheme is in operation. Only residents and contracted school transport with issued permits will be exempt from the scheme. School Streets will only be in operation during school term times between 8.30am-9.15am and 3.00pm-3.30pm. School Staff can support you with more information if you require this.

Snacks

We have noticed that a lot of our pupils are coming to school with a number of unhealthy snacks for playtime. Please be mindful of the snacks your child is coming to school with. A healthy snack really does help the children to remain focused and regulated in school. We also encourage the children to drink water in class, they can bring a water bottle to school for this purpose. We ask that children do not come with isotonic and fizzy drinks for class, if your child requires diluting juice, I ask that you speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the SLT Team to inform them of this, we really appreciate your support with this.

The Ship

As you are aware, the climbing frame (The Ship) at the front of the school has been out of bounds due to safety. We have now had someone come to risk assess this equipment, and I am sorry to share that we have been informed that it is beyond repair. The posts are rotten, and the bolt joints are not safe. It has been recommended that we get this frame taken down and the site made safe.

I absolutely know the importance of this piece of equipment and the part it plays in Fintry PS's history. Unfortunately, there is no other solution at this time. We will be making the grounds safe and then we will work in consultation with the pupils, families and staff to see what we do next.

Christmas Events

After the success of the Christmas Disco last year, we have decided to host another one this December as a treat for all our pupils. **This will be a free event for all pupils** - date and times are listed below.

All classes will also have a Christmas Party (dates will follow). The parties will be held with class teachers and **please note the pupils can come dressed in their party outfits on their allocated day.**

The P1 and P1/2 classes will also be performing a Christmas/Winter Show for parents (date to follow). This will form a major part their learning this session, learning to perform for an audience. We do hope you come along and enjoy this performance.

Cost of Living

The cost-of-living crisis is impacting on us all. This is a very real problem, and we cannot underestimate the effect this can have on our community. Asking for support and help can be a challenge for some of us. I want to take this opportunity to remind you that we are here to help, and any request will be treated sensitively and in confidence.

Caitlyn, our School and Family Development Worker, is going to post information onto Seesaw so you can see what support is on offer.

To help support our families we are closely monitoring school lunch and breakfast club debts. We will never see a young person go hungry; however, we also don't want to allow substantial debts to rise for our families. We will be in contact with you if your debts amount to £30 or over to see what we can do to support.



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Dates for Diaries

I am sharing the information we have so far, any additional events will be shared separately

7 th Nov	School Photographer – please wear school uniform
12 th Nov	P4b and P6 trip to cinema
12 th Nov	Parent Council Meeting 6pm
13 th and 14 th Nov	School closed for pupils – Inservice Days
21 st Nov	World of Work workshop for P6/7 and P7
26 th Nov	Flu vaccinations
28 th Nov	Wear something tartan or blue Parent Council event – donate chocolate for Fayre
1 st Dec	Two P7s meeting First Minister John Swinney at Bute House
2 nd Dec	Drumming block starting for P6/7 and P7
7 th Dec	Christmas Fayre
18 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
18 th Dec	Christmas Disco P1-P3 4pm-5.30pm and P4-P7 6pm-7.30pm (parents welcome to stay)
23 rd Dec	12noon End of Term
7 th Jan	All return to school

Thank you all again for your continued support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school.

Kind regards,

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