



FINTRY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Information

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our 2025-26 session. I hope all the children have enjoyed their first couple of weeks back at school and Nursery! I do hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. It has been lovely to welcome back all our children, and we have very much enjoyed getting to know all our new pupils. We have a busy term ahead and you will also have an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher at our Parents' Consultation meetings this term (see below for dates).

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Miss Anderson to the Fintry Primary Team. Miss Anderson is the P6 class teacher this session, I am sure you will join us in welcoming her to the team. I would also like to congratulate Mr Whyte and Mrs Feeney for securing Learning and Care Assistant positions at our school. Both members of staff will be supporting across The Nest Classes.

Parent Event and Consultations

We are continuing to offer two Parents' Consultation meetings this session – one in Sept/Oct and then again in March. We hope this provides you with an opportunity to speak directly to your child's class teacher to discuss their progress. An invite will come via Seesaw asking you to book your slot with your child's teacher. We encourage you to do this, if you have any difficulties accessing the booking system online, please contact the School Office and staff will be happy to book in an appointment for you.

Parents' Consultation will be on Tues 30th Sept and Wed 1st Oct.

You will also receive an end of session report to highlight your child's progress and their next steps in June.

PE Days

P1 and P1/2 – Tuesday and Thursday

P2 and P2/3 – Monday and Wednesday

P3 – Monday and Thursday

P4a and P4b – Tuesday and Thursday

P5 and P5/6 – Monday and Wednesday

P6 – Tuesday and Friday

P6/7 and P7 – Monday and Friday

Hummingbird Room and Robin Room – Tuesday and Thursday

Puffin Room and Flamingo Room – Wednesday and Friday

All pupils will require a PE kit which can be kept in school. We ask our pupils not to wear football strips – a pair of shorts, t-shirt and trainers are fine. If your child needs to wear joggers or leggings, this is also acceptable. As part of safety in PE we ask that all jewellery is removed for PE lessons. If earrings can not be taken out, you can cover these with tape, however, please note that class teachers can not apply this. If your child has permanent jewellery, we ask that they wear a long-sleeved top if possible or even a sweat band to cover.

I have asked class teachers to send PE kits home on a regular basis to be washed. Please also remind your child to ask to bring their kit home.

Attendance

Promoting positive attendance remains a key focus on our school improvement plan this year. Last session, Fintry Primary had attendance figures lower than the city average. A leaflet detailing our attendance aims will follow shortly. A reminder to contact the School Office if your child is absent from school. It is important we know this information so we can accurately record each absence. If we do not hear from you, Caitlyn (our School and Family Development Office) will be in touch.

Regular attendance at school is vital in order to progress in their learning. Our aim at Fintry PS is for all our pupils to make the progress they are capable of, and we need to continue to work together to provide the best opportunities for making this happen.

School Uniform

It is fabulous to see so many of our pupils wearing school uniform, it really does help promote our school identity. We do remind children to look after their property and items of clothing, a gentle reminder to please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name as this makes finding owners much easier.

Safer Streets

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.

I am aware some of our parents and staff have been on the receiving end of some not so pleasant behaviours regarding the parking and traffic. I ask that everyone follows the guidance and people park responsibly when coming to school.

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.

Seesaw

This session we will continue to use the Seesaw app so each child can share their learning with you at home. Every child will upload pieces of work which you can then comment on. Teachers will also share photographs of learning and events, please interact positively with your child, it does mean a lot when they can see your comments. We will also send home letters and communication via this platform.

SLT REMITS

We have split the classes by stage and each member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) is responsible for overseeing these classes. As HT I still have overview of the whole school, however we ask that in the first instance you contact the SLT member linked to your child's class.

Mrs Weryk (HT) – Early Level (Nursery-P1/2)

Mrs Clark (PT) – First Level (P2-P4)

Mrs Webster (DHT) – Second Level (P5-P7)

Mr Horne (PT Sfl) – The Nest

If you want to communicate with us or to bring anything to our attention, we ask that you use the school email (fintryprimary@dundeeschools.scot) or call the School Office (307840) to arrange to speak to a member of staff.

THE SHIP

Unfortunately, the climbing frame, known as the Ship, is still out of bounds. We are waiting for someone to come, and risk assess as the frame is wobbling. I will share any further information regarding this as soon as possible. In the meantime, we ask that you do not allow your child to climb on this. Thanks for your understanding on this matter.

University Partnerships

We will continue to support Dundee University by having teaching students on placement. I will keep you informed of placements as we are informed.

Payments to School

Just a little reminder that we are a cashless school. All monies need to be paid via Parent Pay. If you require more information about this, please contact the School Office.

ASSEMBLIES AND HOUSE TIME

We continue to have whole school Assemblies every Friday morning. Class Teacher nominate a Star Pupil from the class who receive a certificate for going above and beyond. We also share the Fintry Values trophies for the classes with the most values points – one from lower school and one from upper. These classes then have an additional reward that they have selected with their class teacher. House Time will be the 1st Friday of each month. This year the House and Vice Captains will be setting House Challenges, we can't wait to see what they come up with!



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Dates for your Diary

I always like to share upcoming events with you as soon as possible, please see key events detailed below, please note we have more events to plot, and I will share these when we have the information.

1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Sept	P7 residential trip
5 th Sept	Boys Brigade coming to speak to P7, P2 and P3
10 th Sept	Parent Council Meeting 6pm
15 th Sept	P6 class visiting Discovery and HMS Unicorn
24 th Sept	P7 Safe Taysiders activities
30 th Sept	2 P7s attending Cost of the School Day Pupil Conference in Glasgow
30 th Sept and 1 st Oct	Parents' Evening (in person), settling in discussions
2 nd Oct	My World of Work Activities for classes P5-P7
3 rd Oct	End of Term
20 th Oct	All return
4 th Nov	Author visit for P4-P7 classes
13 th Nov and 14 th Nov	Inservice Training – school closed for pupils
26 th Nov	Flu vaccinations
2 nd Dec	P6/7 and P7 World Drumming block begins
7 th Dec	Parent Council Christmas Fayre
23 rd Dec	End of term at 12noon
7 th Jan	All return

Kind regards

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