



THE FINTRY THISTLE

Dear Parents/Carers,

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A very warm welcome to our first Newsletter of the Session. We have made our usual fast paced return to school and all pupils are settling into their new classes and routines. Along with our returning pupils, this year, we have welcomed 49 new Primary One pupils. They are enjoying the variety of opportunities and activities on offer as they continue their learning journey in P1.



Playground Safety

May we remind you that pets are not permitted in the playground no matter how small and cute the dog is they should be left at home or outside the school grounds. I would ask if you are not collecting your child then to speak to Grannies, Grandads or whoever is collecting your child to leave the pets outside the school gates. *Thank you.*



NEW ESA I



Last Session we opened an ESAI room for children who have a higher level of additional support needs. Mrs Falconer and her team have this year opened another ESAI and have welcomed another 8 P1 pupils who will benefit from the nurturing ethos in her department. We love having the children as part of our Fintry Family.

NEW STAFF THIS SESSION 2023-24

As a result of our developing departments we have welcomed a number of new staff this session. Miss Kirsteen McClure and Miss Lisa Bowen have taken up teaching posts in the ESAI classes. In addition Miss Debbie Reilly, Miss Emma Hayman, Miss Lauren Durward and Lauren McMaster have taken up LCA posts within ESA. Ms Eilidh Robertson has left us over the summer to take up a University place and we wish her every success in the future.

We welcomed Miss Katy Wemyss as our NQT and wish her every success in her chosen career. Mr Tom Finch who was our second NQT has decided to steer his career in a different direction so sadly left us. Mr Daniel Bowman will take charge of the P7 class Monday – Wednesday with Miss Mayes taking over on Thursday – Friday.

B Smith
Head Teacher



We have welcomed some parents into school already using our Golden Ticket arrangement. The feedback we had from parents was so positive we are offering this chance to come in and work alongside your child again this year.



Primary Sevens have already had their residential at Douglaswood where they worked hard together on leadership activities and finding out a bit more about themselves through the challenges which were on offer. Well done to everyone who participated, including the staff who had a few late nights!!



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Parent Council have held their first meeting with Lisa Adams taking over as Chair and doing a wonderful job. It was so good to see some new faces at the meeting but would be wonderful so see each stage represented just so we don't miss anything which may be important across the school. If you are interested, please come along to the next meeting on 4th October at 6pm in School.



A word from our PC Chair—Lisa Adams



Our PTA would like to invite all parents and carers to come along to our monthly meetings. Our goal this year is to have someone from each year group to attend the meetings. This will give us a better idea of any issues, suggestions or questions our parents/carers have. We can then discuss them with the other parents and teachers. We also get an opportunity to organise school events. This is essential for raising funds to help towards things like class projects, trips and special treats. We also buy all new primary 1's their school ties from the money we raise. By coming to the meetings you will get a say in how any monies raised are spent. Our meetings are in the community room on the following dates

Wednesday 4th October 6pm

Wednesday 1st November 6pm

Wednesday 22nd November 6pm



Our upcoming events are

Tuesday 31st October—Dress Down Day

Thursday 30th November—Wear Tartan Day

This is our full-time clubs which have started up this session.

Fintry Primary School – Lunchtime & After School Clubs – 2023/2024 – Gym Hall

Day/Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	P3/4 – Girls Football – 12:45pm – 1:15pm (Starts Sep 2023)	P5-P7 Girls Football – 12:15pm – 12:45pm	P4/5- Dancing 12:15pm – 12:45pm	P5-P7 Boys Football – 12:15pm – 12:45pm 2 nd Team Football (Every 2 Weeks)	P3 – P7 – Football - Champions League/Europa League (Starts Nov 2023) 12:15pm-1:15pm
After-school	P 2/3 Active Movers Club – 3:15pm – 4:15pm	P5-7 Netball Club 3:15pm – 4:15pm (Starts Oct 2023)	P7 – Rugby – 3:15pm – 4:15pm	P5-P7- Basketball Club – 3:15pm – 4:15pm	

Safety

We are still aware of parents/carers not adhering to the Road Closure before and after school. We are making another plea for the safety of our children that all adults stick by the closures as our children are getting mixed messages about their safety. They think they are safe in the street as no cars should be there but we have had a few near misses as cars are coming into the streets and taking children by surprise.



For your own safety, may we remind you that parents should not approach children other than their own. If there is an issue please come into

school to speak to a member of SLT who will be able to address your concerns.

The barrier is still broken at the moment so once again may I remind all parents the car park is not for parents only staff and children should not be accessing school via the car park.



We have been trying to remind children to pick up their items of clothing from the playground. Many are forgetting and we now have a variety of lost property in and around the school. Can we please ask parents/carers to name their child's clothing, unfortunately due to the amount we can only hold onto items for 4 weeks, these will then be washed and placed at the front door for anyone who wants to help themselves.



Diary

PI Photographer—18th September
End of Term 1—6th October
Start Term 2—23rd October

