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 **Fisherton Primary School**

 **& Early Years Centre**

 **Term 1 September 2019**

***Outdoor Learning days***

The journey through education for any child in Scotland must include opportunities for planned, quality outdoor learning experiences. We have therefore planned monthly outdoor learning days where the pupils will join with Maidens Primary pupils to experience planned, quality outdoor learning on the dates shown below. The majority of the days will be based at Culzean in order to make the most of the environment that we are so fortunate to have on our door step, however this may change if the teachers feel that another environment will be more suitable for the lesson. Children should come prepared for all weather conditions.

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| **Infant classes (P1-4)** | **Upper classes (P5-7)** |
| Thursday 5th September Thursday 3rd October Thursday 14th NovemberThursday 16th January Thursday 20th February Thursday 12th March Thursday 23th April Thursday 14th May Thursday 4th June  | Thursday 12th September Thursday 10th October Thursday 7th November Thursday 23rd January Thursday 27th February Thursday 26th March Thursday 30th April Thursday 28th May Thursday 18th June  |

 *Forehil*  **School Uniforms**

My tha It is lovely to see the children in their new uniform at the start of the school session. Thank you very much to most of the parents who have ensured our young people are smartly presented, wearing the Fisherton uniform with pride. Can I please remind parents that children should not wear sports hoodies or sports tops to school as this is not part of the expected uniform. We thank you in advance for your support in this area.

**Welcome back to everyone!**

Welcome back everyone and a very warm welcome to session 2019-2020. I hope you all managed to enjoy the best of the weather this summer. We are delighted to see everyone back. It has been great to see our pupils settling well into classes and showing already all of the positive attitudes, manners, smiles and determination to succeed that were so evident and encouraging last year.

 Our new children in the Early Years Centre and Primary 1 are settling really well. Once again, we look forward to getting to know you all, through your involvement in the life of the school community.

**Staffing News**

We said goodbye to Mrs McLennnan and Mrs Murray at the end of term and we wish them well in their new posts. Welcome to Zoe Young who is our new temporary catering assistant. We now have a vacancy in our Early Years Centre and interviews for this post will be held on 10th September. We are grateful to Mrs Graham who is delighted to be working in our centre until the post is filled.

**Child Protection** 

Our staff have now undertaken their annual Child Protection training. Everyone has a responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in our communities. Should any parent or family member be concerned about the wellbeing of any child, this should be reported immediately to Mrs Campbell, our Head Teacher, who is the school’s Child Protection Co-ordinator.

**Volunteers**

Once again last year we had parents and friends of the school who were very keen to volunteer in bringing their expertise into the school such as in computing, engineering, reading and sports. I would be very keen to take advantage of these kind offers again this year as it is always great to see new, different and interesting ideas within the school. If you have any talent or skill which you think would be beneficial to the pupils at Fisherton and you have a few hours you would be willing to share with us I would be delighted to hear from you.

** PE Kits & Learning Outdoors**

In order to participate fully and safely, all pupils must have the correct PE kit. This should include indoor gym shoes or trainers, shorts and a t-shirt. We are moving this session, to some PE taking place outdoors. We would ask that a pair of jogging trousers, warm jacket and outdoor trainers are brought to school for this purpose on PE days. For health & safety reasons, all jewellery should be removed for gym and long hair tied back. This also applies to P5 Swimming Lessons on a Monday.

**PE days**

Wee Class: Tuesday and Thursdays

Big Class: Mondays and Thursdays

***Head Teacher Drop-In Sessions***

As you may know, I operate an open door policy in the school, and where possible, will happily meet with parents to discuss their ideas, celebrate achievements and to hear suggestions about how we could further strengthen home/school partnerships. I propose to have an informal drop in session each term, this term it will take place on Wednesday 18th September at 2.30pm – 3.15pm There is no agenda, but tea/coffee, and a warm welcome are on offer!

**Parent Council**

Our parent council undertake amazing work across the school to support us in a range of different ways – consultation about whole school issues, fundraising, assistance at school events etc. The group are always looking for new members, and would make you very welcome. The annual AGM will be held on **Wednesday 4th September at 6pm** in the village hall.Everyone is welcome!

**Parental Involvement**

We are hosting a big Scottish Breakfast on Friday 6th September and wish to invite all parents/carers to join us.

 **Drinking Water at School **

Fisherton Primary fully supports the Scottish Government’s guidance around Healthy eating in schools. We therefore encourage all parents to provide a water bottle as all children have access to drinking water throughout the school day. Some children choose not to drink during class time which is a personal choice and will not be monitored by class teachers.

**School Meals**

Prices for school lunch for the academic year 2019/20 will be £2.15 in primary schools for a two course lunch or meal deal. In schools there is a three week menu cycle. There are no alternatives to the menu available but Special diets are available on request and can be provided in all schools. P1-3 are entitled to a free lunch as well as Nursery children however, Nursery children have a set menu. Depending on your financial circumstances, you may still be entitled to free school meals for your child beyond Primary 3. If you feel this is the case please contact the school for the relevant application form.

  Menus and further information can be found on <https://www.southayrshire.gov.uk/schools/meals/primary.aspx>

***We would appreciate it if all lunch forms could be returned by Thursday each week.***

**Health & Safety – Medication** 

Please note that children should **NOT** be sent to school with medication in schoolbags. Any requests for children to take medication at school should be discussed with Mrs Blain or Mrs Hill via the school office. The necessary paperwork must be completed.

 **Communication**

Communication is key to an effective partnership between school and home, and I am grateful to the large number of parents who support this. Where you have a query about your child’s learning or behaviour, in the first instance the link would be with the class teacher. However, should you wish to speak to the HT or Principal teacher then please feel free to make an appointment via the school office.

I If your child is going to be absent we would appreciate if you could let the school know by calling 01292 612049

In t In the event of your child becoming ill, or having an accident at school or Nursery, we will contact you or your

 Emergency numbers immediately. Please ensure we have your most recent contact numbers, and let us know

 ASAP if they change throughout the year

Art Project 

We are highlighting the issue of waste from packaging and are creating a collage from bottle tops to display in school.  We are looking for donations of plastic bottle tops of all colours and sizes.

Outdoor Learning 

We are looking forward to joining our friends from Maidens Primary for regular outdoor learning days at Culzean.  If anyone has old wellies that they no longer use we’d love to have them to use for outdoor learning activities.  Please drop them into the school or contact the school and we can arrange for them to be picked up.

Harvest Donations

We will be holding a Harvest Assembly in school and are looking for donations to make up hampers which will be distributed to the elderly residents within our community.  If you would like to nominate someone for a Harvest Hamper please contact the school office.  If you would like to donate items for the hampers please hand them into school by Friday the **4th of October**.

 **After School Clubs**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Who** | **Details** |
| Starts 3rd Sept  | Every **Tuesday** 6.30pm-8.30pm | Primary 7 | **Youth Club** at Carrick Academy Community Wing. 50p per week |
| 11TH Sept- 9th October | **Wednesdays** 3pm-4pm | Primary 1-4 | **Multisport club** at Fisherton Primary School (FPS) with sessional coach Billy Alexander |
| 23rd October-27th Nov | **Wednesdays** 3-4pm | Primary 5-7 | **Multisport club** (FPS) with sessional coach Billy Alexander |
| 4th Dec-18TH Dec  | **Wednesdays** 3-4pm | Primary 1-7 | **Archery** (FPS) with sessional coach Billy Alexander |

**Dates for your Diary **

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| **DATE** | **DETAILS** | **TIME** |
| Wed 4th September | Parent Council AGM | 6pm Village Hall |
| Thurs 5th Sept | Wee class outdoor day | Full Day |
| Friday 6th September | Big Scottish Breakfast- All parents/carers welcome | 9am School Hall |
| Monday 9th September  | Wee class Dairy Farm visit | PM |
| Thurs 12th Sept | Big Class outdoor day | Full Day |
| Monday 16th September | Big Class Dairy Farm visit | PM |
| Week Beg 16th Sept | Parent/ Carer Care plan meetings | Suitable to parent/carer |
| Wed 18th September | EYC Forest School–(Joint Centres) | Full day |
| Thurs 19th Sept | Stay and Play session- Nursery | 1.30-3.00pm |
| Friday 20th & Monday 23rd September | School closed | Full day |
| Tues 24th September | IN-SERVICE | Full day |
| Thurs 3rd October | Wee class outdoor day | Full Day |
| Tues 8th October- 29th October | Family PEEP sessions EYC | 9AM-10am |
| Tues 8th October | Harvest Assembly | 10am school hall |
| Thurs 10th Oct | Big Class outdoor day | Full Day |
| Friday 11th October | School closes | 3pm |
| Tues 21st October | IN-SERVICE | FULL DAY |
| Wed 22nd October | EYC Forest School–(Joint Centres) | Full day |
| Thurs 24th October | Parents Evening | 3pm-6pm |
| Thurs 7th Nov | Big Class outdoor day | Full Day |
| Thurs 14th Nov | Wee class outdoor day | Full Day |
| Wed 20th Nov | EYC Forest School–(Joint Centres) | Full day |
| Monday 9th Dec | EYC Forest School–(Joint Centres) | Full day |
| Wed 18th Dec | School Show | 6pm at the church |
| Friday 20th December | Trip to the Panto then close for Christmas! | AM |

**Helping Us Improve**

As you know, we are constantly reflecting on what we do, to ensure we continue to provide the best we can for all our young people and families. I have included on the parental response sheet at the back of the newsletter, three short questions. I would ask you to consider these with your child, and respond, with a particular focus on their learning.

As always, should you have any queries about anything within our newsletter, or in connection with your child’s learning, please do not hesitate to contact the school

I look forward to another busy, successful year working with you all.

Many thanks &

Kind Regards,

*Leeanne Campbell*

*Head Teacher*