

Newsletter

Fallin Primary School

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School Closure Days Reminder:- School Closed for Staff Development on 9th & 10th February , for holidays on 11th, 12th & 13th February. Easter holidays are 3rd– 17th April, returning on 20th April.

Inclement Weather

When possible we try to allow children to go out in the playground for fresh air during winter months. During cold, wet and snowy weather it is vitally important that children come to school dressed appropriately. Footwear should be warm with thick soles, and if possible waterproof. (Girls' flat pumps are not suitable.) Leggings or tights should be worn with skirts rather than socks. Our supply of spare socks/tights has gone down so we are not able to provide these. Warm jackets are essential too, as are hats, gloves and possibly scarves.

Currently we do not have support staff contracted to work prior to 9am other than one person who covers the breakfast club. For this reason we cannot always guarantee supervision of children before the bell rings. If it is particularly wet, or windy please plan for your child to arrive at school just prior to the bell since the school will not be open to pupils.

The breakfast club operates every Tuesday through Friday from 8.15am. Children get a hot drink, cereal and toast for 50p. Here they can stay indoors until the bell rings.

Children getting school transport from Throsk sometimes arrive before 8.30am and continue to be supervised in the breakfast club.



RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, HONESTY, FAIRNESS, CONSIDERATION, HAPPINESS

Avoiding spreading germs

Attendance in school is important. There are times when children may be unwell and parents chose to keep them at home to recover.

If children become unwell whilst in school we make contact with parents/ carers to collect them. We must have up to date contact details should this happen.

If a child vomits or has diarrhoea NHS advice must be followed.

Diarrhoea- Two or more loose stools within 24 hours- diarrhoeal illnesses spread easily amongst children. Stay off school until they have had at least one normal stool.

Vomiting- Keep children off for at **least 24** hours after last being sick to avoid spreading amongst others.



Dangers in the playground

Whilst we encourage children to take risks there are times when health and safety concerns stop individuals from participating in dangerous play. Recently in the playground a number of children have been doing back flips from various objects, logs, bins, benches. The risk of injury is too great to allow this to continue. We need your help in promoting safer play options, particularly prior to 9am and after 3pm when no staff are supervising.

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CAR PARK

Please only park in designated bays in the lower car park. The first disabled space is required on an on-going basis for a child who needs transported to and from school. A cone has been placed near the space to ensure it is kept available but we have had reports of cars being parked too close to it thus preventing use. Whilst we understand that the large puddle can stop a few parking bays from being used we must insist that drivers find alternative, designated places to park.



House Elections

The following house captains and vice captains were elected by staff and children in each house at the beginning of this term on 21st January 2015.

All of the candidates did a great job on the day of the speeches making it a very difficult decision. Thank you to all of the P6 and P7 boys and girls who applied.

Congratulation to our new recruits-

Forth

Leah Snedden
Stuart McMeechan

Ochil

Lewis Nelson
AJ McLeish

Bannock

Kyle Anderson
Logan Paterson

Polmaise

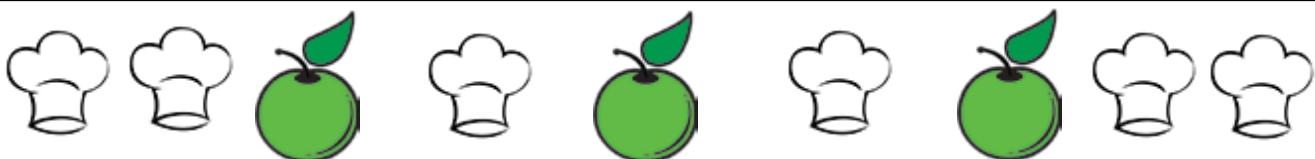
Taylor Moore
Chloe McNeil



School Photos

Due to popular demand the photographer has been asked to take class photographs. These will be a great reminder of friends for children in years to come.

On Wednesday 4th Feb we will be having class photographs taken. Please ensure your child wears school uniform.



School Meals

Our new seating arrived in school on the first week back after Christmas. We have spent the last few weeks finding the best layout.

They seem to be easier for children to access meaning less accidents are occurring. There is no change to where children sit. Whilst we encourage the filling up of a table, children having packed lunches and those having school meals can continue to sit together.

The seating was purchased by Stirling Council with Scottish Government funding. This was part of the initiative to offer free school meals to all P1-3 children.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR P1-3 CHILD TO HAVE A SCHOOL MEAL.



Hoodies

Just a reminder that although children can come to school wearing a hoodie, particularly in a bid to stay warm, they will be asked to remove it while indoors. School sweatshirts are available to order from the school office. We do keep a small number in school but not all sizes are available.

We promote a sense of school identity which is enhanced when children wear uniform.



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Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Please tell all friends and family to help us buy equipment which helps us deliver our Health and Well-Being curriculum.



Money

There are many procedures we need to follow when handling money. This includes having an audit trail of what money comes into school, and how/where we count and store it before daily banking.

We must insist that money coming into school for dinners comes via your child to the class teacher.

