



**INTEGRATED CHILDREN
AND
FAMILY SERVICES**



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Newsletter – October 2020

As we welcome you all back to term 2 we are pleased to say how well the pupils have settled into our new way of working. They have been doing everything that has been asked of them. They have also focussed again on their learning which is what we would have hoped for. Thank you for all the support in helping your child/ren get back to some normal routines.

Covid update

If any of you are travelling abroad, please can you check any quarantine requirements you may have on your return. Information can be found on the Scottish Government website.

Staffing Update

As you will know, our two longest serving PSAs, Mrs Barbour and Mrs Robertson stepped down from their roles before the start of the new term. We greatly miss their experience and professionalism but at the same time wish them well for the future. We thank them for everything they have done to support the pupils and staff at Ferryhill over many years. They will be greatly missed. We have also said goodbye to another of our PSAs, Miss Turner, who has taken up a new role within Aberdeen. We wish her well in her new job and thank her for her time at Ferryhill. Over the October break we will be recruiting new members to our PSA team and we will update you when this has been done.

School Uniform

We continue to encourage all pupils to wear school uniform. Please refer to our school website for suppliers. A reminder that sweatshirt/cardigans should be blue. We have noticed an increase in pupils wearing black instead. If anyone is unsure about our uniform expectations please contact the school and we can advise.

Outdoor Clothing

Each class is timetabled for outdoor learning every day. We are keen to get the pupils out in the fresh air. Can we ask that your child has suitable clothing with them so that they are comfortable outside and are prepared for the changeable Scottish weather!

Personal Belongings

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that Aberdeen City Council does not hold any insurance to cover the loss of personal belongings. We strongly advise that pupils do not bring items of high value to school. The school will not be able to replace anything that is lost or damaged.

Travel to School

Where pupils have to be brought to school by car we would ask that you are considerate with your parking. Please drive carefully in and around the school and be aware of the children around you. If you are waiting at the school please can I ask that you turn your engines off so that we can keep the air quality near the school as good as possible.

School Term dates

School term dates can be found on the Aberdeen City Council website.

Link -

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/view-school-term-and-holiday-dates>

School Lunches

The school lunch menu can be found on the Aberdeen City Council website.

Link -

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/view-school-meals-menu>

Communication - Twitter and School website.

In an attempt to maintain our environmental ambitions, adhere to Covid safe practices and reduce paper we are trying to minimise the information that comes to you by hand. We are trying to do as much as we can electronically. If you have not done so please follow our twitter feed where we post most of our information and you can see what the children are up to. (@FerryhillSchool1 – note that the last character is the number 1) Our website also holds information that may be of use to you. (Just search for us on Google)

Mobile Phones

We strongly discourage pupils from bringing mobile phones to school. If you require your child to carry one we ask that you write a note to the class teacher to confirm that this is the case. Whilst on school premises phones must be kept out of sight and turned off. A reminder that the school does not accept any liability for phones that are lost or damaged while in school.

Seesaw

We will continue to use Seesaw to record pupil learning journeys. The children will upload several posts over each term and will be encouraged to select their own work they are proud of. Please speak with your child about their posts. We will no longer use this as a communication tool between parents and teachers. We hope you enjoy the snapshot of learning being shared.

Health Promoting School

A reminder that at Ferryhill School we are a health promoting school and encourage our pupils to bring healthy snacks and lunch with them to school.

Fundraising Committee Update

Christmas Card orders: Your child will have taken home their sample Christmas card. Please return the orders for these by **Monday 26th October.**

Class Spends: Each class has kindly been given £100 towards resources for their class, the pupils and teachers are very excited to spend their money.

Book Fayre Credit: Each year group was allocated over £100 of credit from our most recent book fayre to spend on books for their class bookshelves.

Instant Neighbour - 1000 Can/Jar Appeal

The school has been asked to be involved in a wider community initiative to donate 1000 cans of food to Instant Neighbour. If you would like to donate then cans and jars can be dropped off at Ferryhill Parish Church on Wednesdays between 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m..

RSHP - Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood

We are currently updating this area of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum and will be making use of a new and more relevant resource for today's learners. Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to review this. The aim is for the content of this resource to be made accessible to all parents. This will include details of ways in which parents can support learning in this area.