



Foveran School News

Hand in hand towards excellence!

Term 4 2020/21

April 2021

What a delight it has been to welcome all the children back for term 4. After a very unusual year, the children have settled back into the school routine after the lockdown exceptionally well and have started the new term in the same way. We are exceptionally lucky that all our pupils were very well supported during the lockdown and, although we know it could not have been easy, engaged with and embraced the home learning. That they have come back just as keen as ever to learn, while remaining as polite and friendly as ever is a credit to our families and community and makes our job as a school so much easier. Thank you.

This term 4 is a particularly short one at 10 weeks. While we are still taking all precautions to ensure everyone remains safe, we are planning on creating as 'normal' a term as we can. Despite my having been at the school for nearly two years now, this is my first term 4 in Foveran and I'm really looking forward to welcoming the new P1s for visits, sports day, and the bittersweet build up to the P7s moving on to the academy.

Jamie Ferguson



School fundraising

As you'll know from earlier communications, we have had a number of awards from the Hill of Fiddes community windfarm fund. We have received over £2000 from them this session which, along with funds we have put aside for the purpose, have allowed us to spend more than £3000 on new devices and technology for the children - along with the appropriate storage and accessories that we will need to make the best use of them.

Additionally, we have also been able to invest in new maths textbooks and, with the help of our parent council and some very kind and generous donations, new reading books and resources for the early stages.

Foveran staffing news

I'm very sad to say that our administrator, Kerry Dobby, will be leaving us in the coming weeks.

Mrs Dobby has loved her time in Foveran, and she will be dearly missed. She will still be around for the next few weeks as she has kindly offered to help with the transition to her successor. Mrs Dobby has been our administrator for over eight years and I'm sure you'll agree she has been a huge asset to the school. We wish her all the very best.

In happier news, Mrs Leask will be returning from maternity leave on the 24th May and from that point, Mrs du Plessis will begin to work with both classes for a few hours each week.

We also welcome back our two students, Miss Hashim in the uppers and Miss Reid in the early stages. Both are in their final six week placement before graduating and they will both be more heavily involved with the teaching and learning over the placement.

NEW CLASS

New Primary 1 class

Last year, with the school closures, the current P1 class did not get the most ideal transition into school. Not that this has stopped them, they were very resilient and settled in exceptionally well.

This year however, we hope to have a more balanced transition and, in the weeks, leading up to the end of term, we will be inviting our 5 new P1s to visit the school and get a taste of the various parts of the school day in the lead up to summer.

Our school roll is expected to be at least 34 after summer, the largest it has been for many years and we look forward to welcoming the new faces to our school towards the end of May.

School talent show!

Have your children got a talent or skill they'd like to show off?

As we did last year, we would like to invite any children who choose to take part, to perform at our talent show. The talent show will be on the final week of school so, there is a good amount of time to prepare for those who are keen.

Any talent is welcome, singing, dancing, sports skills, musical performances, comedy, anything at all. It is a great opportunity for children to get used to performing in front of a friendly audience and, can be an exciting and fun experience for them.

Parents evening

On the 11th and 12th May, we will have parent meetings online. It will be a chance for us to ask a few questions about the children's lockdown experiences and for us to update you on their progress through the year in school.

There will be one session from 15:30 and one from 18:30 so that we can hopefully accommodate everyone with a suitable time. There will be a form sent out shortly which will give you a chance to indicate your preference. If the times do not suit, let us know and we will see if we can find a solution.

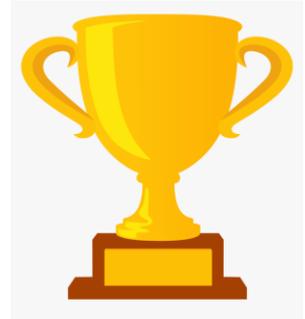
The meetings will be online on Microsoft Teams or, if you would prefer, by a home call. I'll give you more details closer to the time.

End of term awards

This week, I will be explain to the children that we will have an end of year awards ceremony and that they will get the chance to add their voices to who receives each of the awards. It is a little way off yet but, I want the children to be aware of this and, due to the odd year we've had, we have not been able to emphasise this throughout the year in the way we would have liked. We have a number of awards to give out and they are as follows.

Firstly, we have our '4 capacities' shields, they will each be awarded to someone the school feels has demonstrated special commitment to...

- Responsible citizens (Last year won by Will)
- Confident individuals (Last year won by Isabelle)
- Successful learners (Last year won by James)
- Effective contributors (Last year won by Broghan)



We then have some other awards:

- Sports champion (Upper stages – last year won by Dylan)
- Sports cup (Early Stages – last year won by Barclay)
- Friendship award (Last year won by Rosey)

And finally, we have our top award, the Foveran Quaich, awarded to the pupil who has most embodied the values and attitudes we try to promote in Foveran. Last year it was awarded to Dylan.

I will explain to the children that these are special awards which will go to the most deserving pupils, regardless of age and stage.

Upcoming Dates

Below are the dates we have now. As you'd expect, they may have to change but we will do our best to give you as much notice as possible. We are still awaiting dates for further P7 transition plans and, if permitted, we'd love to organise some school trips this term.

- Monday May 3rd – School closed for May Holiday
- Tuesday May 11th – Parents meetings from 15:30
- Wednesday May 12th – Parents meetings from 18:30
- Wednesday May 19th – New P1 parents induction evening from 19:00
- Monday May 24th – Mrs Leask returns from maternity leave
- Tuesday May 25th – Parent Council meeting from 19:30
- Thursday May 27th – New P1s first morning visit
- Tuesday June 1st – Sports day at Foveran Park (afternoon)
- Thursday June 3rd – New P1 visit in the morning
- Thursday 10th June – New P1 visit in the afternoon
- Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th June - P7 transition visits to the academy
- Thursday June 24th – End of term awards and leavers celebration
- Friday June 25th – Last day of term