



Foveran School News

Hand in hand towards excellence!

Term 2 2021/22

November 2021



We're not quite in December yet but preparations for Christmas are in full swing at the school.

It's a real shame that we can't perform our Christmas Show for you all in person this year. Nevertheless, we are still going to be preparing and performing the show as planned, we'll just have to film it and share it with you as we did last year. Our show this year is called, 'Lights, Camel, Action!' and it's a traditional Nativity – but with a touch of strictly come dancing!

As ever, Christmas is an exciting time in schools and we'll still be able to hold most of the normal Christmas activities, from visits to the panto to Christmas jumper days and Christmas Parties. As I understand it, as we did last year, we may have a special visitor at our Christmas Party!



Christmas Panto

On Tuesday the 14th, we're going to take the whole school to His Majesties Theatre in Aberdeen to see Beauty and the Beast. Getting the children to see the panto is something we sadly missed last year, and we're delighted to be able to make it work this year.

It's a fantastic experience for the children to be able to catch the performance alongside their friends and we thank parents for their contributions towards the costs. Our Parent Council will be covering the cost of the bus. Without this very generous help we'd never be able to organise trips like these which just make the season that much more special for the children.



Mud kitchen and school garden

As the weather is causing the ground to become a bit wet and muddy, we've asked children to bring in a second set of shoes/wellies if they want to continue to play in the mud kitchen/garden area. This helps us keep the school nice and clean and saves the children wearing damp shoes and socks.

New Upper Stages class members

We have some class pets! The upper stages have spent some money that they made doing some enterprise work on a tank and some fish.

They were a bit shy in this picture, maybe because they don't yet have names – that will be fixed this week!



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday the 17th December, we'll be raising some money for Northsound Radio's cash for kids 'Mission Christmas' appeal. We'll be inviting staff and children to wear a Christmas Jumper for the day and if they choose, bring in a donation for the charity.



COVID-19 mitigations

We've been very lucky in Foveran to have avoided any infections so far and much of that has been down to how sensible and supportive our community has been. Recently, there has been a significant increase in positive cases in our vicinity and we would ask that families continue to be as vigilant as they have been throughout the pandemic. If your children display any of the 'classic' three symptoms, please keep them at home until they have had a negative PCR test result and are feeling better. The measures we are taking in school can be found on the school website

<https://foveran.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/parent-council/>



Adverse weather – if the school had to close

With winter arriving it's worth revisiting what happens if the weather is particularly bad. During heavy snow, some staff may not be able to get to school or bus routes may not be safe to travel on – so the school may have to close. Headteachers will advise parents and carers using the following communication tools:

Radio

Outwith school hours, your local radio station is a good place to find out information on school closures. The following radio stations receive updated information every 30 mins from our website:

Northsound 1

FM 96.9

Northsound 2

MW 1035 kHz

BBC Radio Scotland

FM 92.4 - 94.7 MW 810 kHz

Moray Firth Radio

FM 97.4 MW 1107 kHz

Waves Radio

FM 101.2

Original 106 FM

Aberdeenshire Council Website

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures/>

You also have the option to sign up to receive email alerts when your school(s) updates their closure status:

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/myAberdeenshire/>

Social Media

On Facebook, the parents, carers, and staff page will be updated when a decision to close has been made. It can be found at the following address.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2758750151069979>

The above group is private, if you would like to join then go to the Foveran Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/foveranps> and let us know or just ask at the school.

School Information Line

Tel: 0370 054 4999 then 02 + 1760. If you cannot get through first time, please do not put this number on redial. This will only lead to the line being busier.

Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday 30th November – Parent Council Online Meeting (19:30 start – all welcome)
- Tuesday 14th December – Christmas Panto (HMT in Aberdeen)
- Friday 17th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 20th December – School Christmas lunch and party
- Tuesday 21st December – Last day of term
- Thursday 6th January – First day of term 3 (School closed on 5th due to local Ellon Holiday)