



Fraserburgh North School Newsletter

Term 2 - November 2020

Welcome back to term two. We are delighted to continue to offer the children in our care a safe and welcoming environment for learning. We continue to be outdoors every day, so please ensure your child/children arrive at school warmly dressed.

Scottish Government Guidance with regards to COVID 19



We are doing everything we can to ensure that the school remains open and that we operate in a safe manner. Thank you to everyone who continues to help support us by following the government guidelines for the safe opening of schools. Here are some reminders of the points to remember:

- Face coverings must be worn by all adults on the school premises and when dropping off and picking up children.
- Staff must wear face coverings in corridors, staffroom etc unless eating.
- Staff must wear a face covering if within a 2-meter distance of children.
- Classes are encouraged to remain socially distanced and to have separate playground areas.
- PE can now be taught indoors for children under 11 years; however it is encouraged that this continues to be taught outdoors as much as possible.

- Children and adults from P3 upwards are discouraged from singing in school.
- No performances are allowed where voices may be projected.
- Classroom windows must remain open for ventilation unless the temperature drops below 17 degrees Celsius. Internal doors, other than fire doors must be kept open.

New Staff and students



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Young to our team in the role of PSA. Mrs Young will be spending most of her time in the P5/6 class. We have also had Andrea join us as an Early Excellence and Equity Practitioner. Andrea will spend most of her time in Nursery supporting our children's vocabulary development. Both ladies have settled in well and are proving to be a real asset to the team.

P6/7 have the privilege of having our new student, Miss Gammack join them for seven weeks. Miss Gammack will be helping to teach the class with Miss Cargill. Miss Gammack is a welcome addition to the school and we are very happy to have her join us for a while.

Nursery



Those of you with Nursery age children will already be aware that we are now open from 9am to 3pm. We are so excited to have our children in Nursery for a longer period of time and to be able to provide them with lunch too.

Lunch Time



All children are encouraged to have a warm school meal at this time of the year. If your child doesn't like the school meal options, please provide them with a healthy packed lunch. Please note, that **children will not be allowed to leave the school building at lunchtime without parents informing the school office. This is to ensure that children are always safe and in the care of responsible adults.**

SeeSaw



Seesaw has been a very effective communication and learning tool for schools but following a recent ruling by the EU in relation to Privacy Shield, under which apps / software packages were covered in terms of data protection requirements, Aberdeenshire Council have been in the process of reviewing a number of apps and software packages to ensure they are satisfied they continue to be compliant with use under current legislation around data protection. SeeSaw is an app that Education and Children's Services has been looking into.

Use of SeeSaw, in terms of the way it collects users' data has been, up until recently, permitted through the Privacy Shield scheme. Now that Privacy Shield has been struck-down by the EU, SeeSaw, in its current form, is no longer data protection compliant, as data is held outside the EU. Those schools who have been using the paid-for version have the option to instruct SeeSaw to move their data to the UK and to continue using SeeSaw until the end of this school session in June 2021.

Those schools who have been using the free version have been instructed to stop using this by Friday 20th November, as they do not have the option to request, moving forward, that data should be stored in the UK.

Under these regulations, as we have been using the free version, we must stop using Seesaw as of Friday 20th November.

Presently we are looking at alternatives to Seesaw and when we have identified the right one for us, we will let you know.

Adverse weather



As we are entering winter again, we must be prepared for possible school closures due to snow and unsafe driving conditions. We try our very best to ensure that the schools is open in all weather conditions, however the majority of our staff need to travel a good distance to come to school and in the event of difficult or dangerous road conditions we may need to delay the opening of the school and in very severe cases, we may not be able to open. In poor weather conditions, please check the school Facebook pages and Aberdeenshire Council's website for updates.

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> Twitter

<http://twitter.com/aberdeenshire> Aberdeenshire Council

School Information Line Tel: **0370 054 4999 then 02 + 1770**. If you cannot get through first time, please do not put this number on redial. This will only lead to the line being busier. Listen to the following radio stations

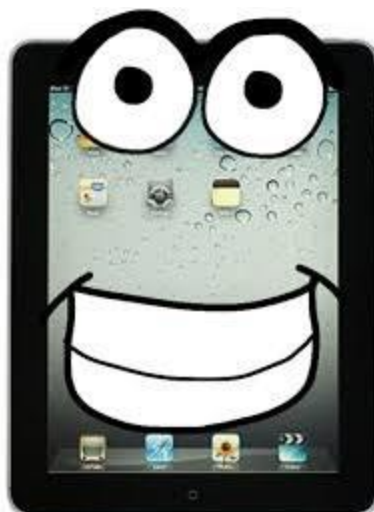
• Northsound 1 FM 96.9 • Northsound 2 MW 1035 kHz • BBC Radio Scotland FM 92.4 - 94.7MW 810 kHz • Moray Firth Radio FM 97.4 MW 1107 kHz • Waves Radio FM 101.2 • Original 106 FM

MFR Cash for Schools



A massive thank you to everyone who supported the school in the recent MFR Cash for Schools competition. Thank you to Miss Clueit for putting us forward for this, it provided much needed fun and light heartedness at the end of last term. Over **£8000** raised.

I-Pads



We have been incredibly lucky and have been donated 10 I -pad's by the local charity Oor Bairns. We are absolutely delighted and are overwhelmed by the generosity of Wull Whyte and his charity. We can't wait to get them up and running and using them for some exciting projects.

Poppy Appeal



It's that time of year again when we take some time to reflect on the great sacrifice that our ancestors have made to ensure that we live in relative peace in our country. P7 pupils will be coming around the school selling poppies in the next few days. If you would like some poppies or to make a donation, please send some money to school with your child. Alternatively, you can send a note or money in a clearly marked envelop for the attention of the office staff.

School Garden



The school garden project is ongoing although we continue to have some issues with vandalism in the evenings. If you see anyone damaging our property, please contact the police and the school to help identify the culprits. We will be looking for volunteers soon to help clear the weeds from the garden so that we can lay some turf to give us some proper grass to play on. Please look out for our appeals for help on Facebook and let us know if you can help.

Children in Need



Each year our Prefects and their P7 classmates choose some charities to support. This year they have decided to support Children in Need again. Therefore, on Friday the 13th, children are welcome to come to school in their regular clothes with crazy hair. Those taking part are asked to make a small donation to the charity. We are looking forward to seeing all the crazy hair ideas!

Co-op



The school has been fortunate enough to be chosen as one of the Fraserburgh Co-op's local causes. Which means that each time you shop at the co-op with your membership card the school will receive 2p from every £1 you spend on co-op branded products. All you have to do is link your co-op membership card to the school by signing into your online local causes account at <https://www.coop.co.uk/local-causes> and choose Friends of Fraserburgh North School option.

If you are not already a co-op member you can join and support the school via this link,

Once you are a member of Co-op you need to sign into your online local causes account at <https://www.coop.co.uk/local-causes> and choose Friends of Fraserburgh North School option.

Thank you for your continued support.

Improvement Planning



Please have a look on the school website or app for a copy of the school improvement plan for this year. Our priorities are as follows:

- Family Learning and Developing the Young Workforce
- Digital Literacy
- Embedding our universal offer- child development and inclusion
- Curriculum- the ongoing development of literacy and numeracy

Reporting to Parents



At the moment we are unable to offer face to face parental appointments to discuss your child's progress. This year we are offering each family a 10-minute phone call with the class teacher. A letter will be arriving home soon for parents to choose to take up this offer.

UNICEF



We are becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School!

Fraserburgh North School aims to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan we are working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of Unicef UK.

Unicef is the world's leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights. In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

Fraserburgh North School pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. A Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships.

We really hope that you will be able to support our school on our journey towards becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School. It would be great if you could spend a few minutes reading through our questions & answers on the back of this letter, and also find a bit more about the Convention on the Rights of the Child by visiting unicef.org.uk/crc.

For further information about Rights Respecting Schools please visit: www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa

Christmas



Unfortunately, we will be unable to entertain the local community with our usual Christmas performance. For the first time we intend to put our Christmas performance online with each class being filmed for their parents to see. Only children whose parents have previously given permission for them to be recorded and to be on social media will be filmed for our closed Facebook pages, however all children will be given the opportunity to perform. If you are unsure what permissions you have agreed to, please contact the school office as we do not have time to check individually with all parents.

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that the details the school holds are correct and current.

FINAL WORD ON CHRISMAS If you wish your child to be withdrawn from Christmas celebrations or any other religious observance, please ensure that the school is aware. Under no circumstances do we wish to give offence to anyone or to cause distress.

Up coming Dates for your Diary



In-service day -November the 20th 2020 is an in-service day. On this day all children need to stay at home while school staff undertake some training.

Christmas Lunch – 9th December

Christmas/ causal jumper day- 9th December

Artie from the Singing Kettle- Online performance – 15th of December Nursery to P4 only

Online Panto- whole school – week beginning??

PC Fraser visiting - P4-7 17th December

Christmas Parties (Parties will be held in their own classrooms) – Tuesday 15th – P5/6
Wednesday 16th – P1, P2/3
and P6/7
Thursday 17th – Nursey, P4
and EP