

Fossoway Primary School February 2018 Newsletter

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**Fossoway - The Learning Way
Our children...Our Legacy...Our Future**

Here we are already into February. May I remind you that pupils are only in school for two days next week - 14 February is an INSET day, 15 and 16 February are holidays.

HT change

I would like to thank all staff, children and families for the wonderful time I have had at Fossoway Primary. It is an experience I will hold in my heart and never forget. I would like to invite you to meet the new Acting Headteacher - Mrs Fiona Allan. Together, we will be having a biscuit and bletcher open afternoon on Monday 12 February at 2.15pm. All welcome.



Staff Consultative Committee Meetings (SCCC)

Minutes for SCCC can be found on the school website and can also be requested at school office. These meetings take place every term where school matters and finance are discussed.



Student P6/7

Welcome to Miss Thomas who will be with P6/7 until Friday 2 March. We know that she will have a wonderful experience here in Fossoway.



Learning Steps Jotters

Thank you for the prompt return of the Learning Steps Jotters. These are working documents for our young people and are used in school. Please could I ask you to sign the parent comment box, even if you do not make a comment, as we then know that you have seen the jotter?



Scottish Poetry Competition

Congratulations to all pupils who participated in the poem recitations on Friday at assembly. Well done to all. It was an extremely difficult choice due to the high standard of all pupil recitals.



Cluster Cross Country Event

P6 and P7 pupils took part in the local cross country cluster programme at Loch Leven Campus on Tuesday 6 February, which leads on to the PKC cross country event at Perth Race Course on Wednesday 28 February. Good luck to all. Information to follow.

Parent Council

The last meeting of Fossoway Parent Council was on Wednesday 7 February at 6pm in the school. Minutes can be found on the school website.



PTA

The last meeting of Fossoway PTA was on Thursday 18 January at 2pm in the school. Minutes can be found on the school website.

Lunch and after school Clubs

For a number of years now we have benefited from parental involvement in school in terms of playground games and sport input. We now have family members and community facilitating new lunch clubs. Thank you to everyone who gives up their time for our school each week.



The clubs we can offer this term are as follows:

- Wednesday** - Bridge Club (Lunchtime)
- Scripture Union (3.15pm to 4pm)
- Thursday** - Dance for Beginners P4-P7 (3.15pm to 4.15pm)
- Multi-skills P1- P3 (3.15pm to 4.15pm)
- Friday** - Football Club (Lunchtime)

School Uniforms



School uniforms can be ordered throughout the year by using the School Trends web address.

However, could any new entrants for August please order uniforms by the end of May to ensure delivery in time for the new school session?

Dalguise Cluster Residential Info Sessions

Thursday 26th April 2018 at 6pm for P6

Thursday 26th April 2018 at 6.45pm for P7

Two information sessions for the above will be held on the same evening. This is open to children who will be taking part in the cluster residential in either May 2018 (current P7) or May 2019 (current P6). Children are invited to come along with their parents. This will allow us to give the initial info to the P6 children for next year and to finalize details and answer any last minute questions from this year's P7. These sessions are both held at Loch Leven Community Campus in the assembly hall.

Fossoway - Growing our Gardens Information Sowing and planting - Vegetables

- Chit seed potato tubers as soon as you have them.
- From mid-February onwards sow tomato and cucumber seed for greenhouse growing.
- Plant out garlic and shallots in light soils only; heavy soils need longer to warm up.
- If you have light (sandy) soil and live in a mild part of the UK, you can sow broad beans, carrots, parsnips, early beetroot, bulb onions, lettuces, radish, peas, spinach and summer cabbages outside under cloches.
- Peas can be sown in the greenhouse in old (but clean) guttering that has had drainage holes drilled in the bottom.
- Plant Jerusalem artichoke tubers.

Problems

- Slugs can pose a threat, and slug controls are necessary now, as always.
- Place mice controls near stored vegetables and any in the ground still.
- Protect brassicas from pigeon damage.
- Remove all remaining plant debris from the vegetable plot.
- Digging over planting beds in winter exposes soil pests to frost, birds/predators.
- Clear the ground under trees and bushes of weeds.
- Remove any rotten stored fruit.

General care - Vegetables

- Cultivate and prepare seedbeds, covering them with clear polythene, cloches or fleece to warm up the soil before sowing.
- Plan a crop rotation system for your vegetable plot.
- Rake in lime if you have acid soil.
- Prepare new asparagus beds.
- Feed spring cabbages with high nitrogen feeds.
- Dig over new beds, but try to avoid digging in wet weather.

Dates for the Diary

February

Mon 12	Open Afternoon with Parents (2pm To 3pm)
Tue 13	Football Soccer Sevens in Perth
Wed 14	INSET DAY
Thu 15	HOLIDAY
Fri 16	HOLIDAY
Tue 27	Football Soccer Sevens in Perth
Wed 28	PKC Cross Country Champs in Scone

March

Thu 01	World Book Day Dress down Day (Info to follow)
Tues 06	Community Council Meeting (7.30pm to 9.30pm)
Mon 12	Parent Contact Evening
Tue 13	Rotary Quiz - P7
Wed 14	Parent Contact Evening
Tue 20	Scottish Bridge Competition
Thu 22	P5 to P7 School Trip (info to follow)
Thu 29	Spring Family Church Service Last day of term

April

Mon 16	INSET DAY
Tue 17	Start of Summer term