

Ferryhill Primary School Head Teacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 13th December 2019

Our Rights Respecting Council includes children from across the school. They would love to celebrate the diverse background of our school and are working hard to organise our first Diversity Week starting on the 24th February 2020. They are looking for parent volunteers to share aspects of their cultural heritage with the children to deliver workshops such as art & craft, dance and movement, music and musical instruments, drama, stories and storytelling (in different languages), sports, playground games etc. Any other ideas are welcomed. We would love as many different cultures as possible represented during this event. Please look at the letter they've sent and return the reply slip if you can help.

P1 /2 and P2 have engaged well in their learning in P.E. this week. They've started to learn Scottish dancing. They followed the instructions extremely well and were able to create a sequence of dance moves with a partner. P3A have been working on measuring weather by learning about reading temperature scales. We have also made simple wind vanes to measure the wind direction outside. P5B enjoyed swimming on Wednesday morning. Everyone is making great progress and working hard. One group have been working hard to learn backstroke, another group are working on their breaststroke leg kick. The group learning to swim did fantastically well at the deep end for the first time yesterday.

Due to the strong winds and heavy rain we had to cancel the P5B visit to Holyrood Place this week. The class teacher is hoping to re-book this for January. Although I missed the P4B assembly as I was attending a meeting that couldn't be changed, I'm told the assembly was very good and enjoyed by all. Thank you P4B and Miss Taylor for all your hard work on this.

Next week is very busy. We have the P1 Sing-A-Long to which parents of P1 are invited on Monday afternoon. We have the P1/2 Christmas Party on Wednesday afternoon, P6/7 on Thursday morning and P3-P5 on Thursday afternoon. Children can come to school dressed in party clothes or they can change during the day. We've cut back on food for the parties as there's been huge waste in previous years. Children will have juice, crisps and a Tunnock's Tea Cake. If your child is allergic to either of these you can send in an alternative. On Wednesday Miss Cruickshank will be taking a group of P3 children to Drylaw Church where they'll perform songs for one of the day groups there.

We set off for the pantomime on Tuesday. You might want to send a bigger snack than usual as some of the buses can be later in getting back and this might mean a slightly later lunch. Please either send a packed lunch that day or you can order one from the school kitchen.

Drylaw Parish Church's 'Sharing Shelf' is open and available throughout the holiday period from 10.00 am - 2.30 pm. The sharing shelf is our local food bank. Please go along and help yourself to food supplies if you need them. The Sharing Shelf will be closed on Thursday 26th December and the 1/2nd of January.

Last week I sent a reminder of dates coming up in December. Please find attached a reminder of dates for 2020 with new dates highlighted in bold. We will do our best to keep to these dates but there can be occasional changes due to unforeseen circumstances. We apologise if there is any inconvenience caused.

The next weekly newsletter will be on Friday, 17th January 2020. We wish everyone a happy holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Thursday, 9th January.

Stewart Crabb - Head Teacher

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January	Tuesday 7	In-service Day – closed to pupils
	Wednesday 8	In-service Day – closed to pupils
	Thursday 9	School reopens
	Wednesday 15	Parent Council Meeting 6pm
	Thursday 16	P7B Class Assembly
	Friday 17	Bilingual Coffee Morning 11 am
	Thursday 23	P1/2 Class Assembly 2pm
	Friday 24	Open Morning for parents to visit classes 11.45 am Pupil Progress Books sent home
	Monday 27 to Friday 31	Primary 7 visit to Benmore Outdoor Centre
	Thursday 30	Parent Council Quiz Night
February	Monday 3	P7 class to Art of Listening event
	Tuesday 4	P7 class to Art of Listening event
	Friday 7	Bilingual Coffee Morning 11 am
	Friday 7	School closes for holiday
	Monday 17	School reopens
	Monday 24 to Friday 28	Diversity Focus Week
	Thursday 27	P7A Class Assembly 2pm
March	Wednesday 4	Samba Drumming Band – Resonate – Queen’s Hall
	Thursday 5	P5A Class Assembly 2pm
	Wednesday 11	Parent Council Meeting 6pm
	Thursday 12	P2A Class Assembly 2pm
	Thursday 12	P5A visit Dynamic Earth
	Thursday 19	P4A Class Assembly 2pm
	Friday 20	Pupil Progress Books sent home
	Wednesday 25	P3 classes Viking Day out National Museum
	Thursday 26 and Friday 27	Parent consultation meetings
	Monday 30 – Fri 3 April	STEM Focus Week
April	Thursday 2	Parent Council – possible evening event
	Friday 3	School closes for holiday
	Tuesday 21	School reopens
	Friday 24	STEM Showcase of Work for parents
	Wednesday 29	P6 Languages Event Broughton High School
	Thursday 30	P3A Class Assembly 2pm

May	Monday 4	In-service Day – closed to pupils
	Friday 8	May Day Holiday
	Thursday 14	P6A Class Assembly 2pm
	Monday 18	Victoria Day Holiday
	Wednesday 20	Primary Sports Day
	Wednesday 27	P7 visit to Risk Factory
June	Monday 1	Open Afternoon for parents to visit classes 2.30 pm
	Thursday 4	P1s Stage Assembly 2pm
	Friday 19	Reports to parents
	Friday 26	School closes for holiday at 12 pm