



Fox Covert PS Newsletter – May 2023



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May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well. Thank you for the warm welcome I have received since joining Fox Covert Primary School, I am delighted to be working with the children, families and colleagues of the Fox Covert community and I hope to meet you in person soon over the coming weeks and months.

We are now well into our fourth term of the academic year, and all children, without exception, have returned to school after the Easter break refreshed, and eager to embark on this busy and fun-filled term. We have transition events planned for our new to P1 pupils and celebrations and events organised for our fantastic P7 children. Our school reports will also be issued to you in June.

As part of our overall review of how we communicate to you, we have made some changes to our communication processes, which I have detailed in the section below. Our aim is to communicate with you effectively, and in a timely manner, to allow you and your families to have sufficient time to forward plan. At the foot of this newsletter is a list of dates that detail key events throughout the terms and this will be updated with each newsletter.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at school with any queries about the content of the newsletter, or indeed any other matter.

Yours faithfully,

Douglas Bruce
Head Teacher

Playground

We are delighted to share that we have plans for new playground marking designs to be painted on various sections of our playground. We gained the views of pupils at Fox Covert PS and St Andrew's Fox Covert PS and have placed an order with a playground design company. We are excited to be able to enhance learning and play experiences for pupils. More information to follow soon.

Bake Sale

The Parent Council have kindly organised a Bake Sale on **Friday 12th May at 12pm**. The Bake Sale will be located at the picnic tables near the P1-P4 exits. Please ensure that you inform members of the Parent Council if you have any allergies prior to purchasing!



Curricular & School News

Our school Choir took part in the 2023 *Glee Challenge Competition* on Wednesday 19th April and delivered a fantastic performance. All children involved represented the school and community beautifully, and many comments were made of the children's positive attitudes and resilience, with the children winning the *Espirit of Glee Award* for their commitment to their performance. We are exceptionally proud of their efforts and delighted that they were recognised for great work. I would like to thank Fiona Brown who led the choir and organised the trip.



'The pupils [of Fox Covert Primary School] showed great support for their peers, their behaviour throughout the afternoon and evening was impeccable and they are a real credit to the school and their families. For us this is the most important trophy. Very well done!'

Linda and Bill Frisson Foundation

Pupil Participation

Our upper stages teachers Ms Anderson (P6) and Mr Davidson (P7) along with our Principal Teacher Miss Doddie, have been busy developing a range of strategies to encourage children to become more confident in sharing achievements and successes from outside of school. We now have a **FoxC Fame** board, displayed in two areas of the school where children can show photos of their outside achievements. Pupils also have the opportunity to discuss and share achievements as part of our weekly assemblies. Pupils are invited to bring in materials which they can use to support their discussions about their achievements - we have thoroughly enjoyed hearing some of the achievements including fencing, horse riding, karate, jewellery making at home and many more.

For further information about Pupil Participation, you can visit: [symbols-cards.pdf \(cypcs.org.uk\)](https://symbols-cards.pdf(cypcs.org.uk))

We would like to encourage parents/carers to send in examples of children's achievements to admin@foxcovert.edin.sch.uk and please include a short description of the achievement/success along with a picture (if possible).

If you have skills/knowledge which you would be willing to share with pupils during the school day - we would love to hear from you! This could be anything from sharing a presentation about your job or leading a lesson based around your skills.

Please email admin@foxcovert.edin.sch.uk and tell us the skills/ knowledge you believe you could share and the age range you believe this would be suitable for.

Communication

We have been undergoing a review of how we send out whole school communication to parents and carers. We will use the channels below to ensure you are kept informed.

Method	Frequency	Details include:
School Newsletter	Monthly – approx. the middle of each month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dates for the diary of whole school & class events ➤ Whole school news
Class Newsletters (SWAY)	Termly – approx. one week into each new term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Specific class information ➤ Information about P.E. days & other key dates relating to your child(ren)'s individual class.
Parentpay messaging	When necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Information that is necessary to share that does not feature in the School & Class Newsletters
Emails	When appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Information that we feel you may be interested in

We aim to communicate with you quickly and clearly, and to ensure that the information you receive is timely, allowing you to plan ahead. If, however, you do not have the information you require, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

FoxC Rights Rangers

The *FoxC Rights Rangers* have been working hard to create lessons for P1 and P2 children, to share more about the different UNCRC articles on the Rights of the Child. This will build upon their hard work sharing lessons with the nursery children. They are excited to visit the classes in the coming weeks.



The group also plan to work together with *Roseburn Primary School* on a shared community project in the Corstorphine area. The pupils in the group continue to meet on a regular basis, creating their own agendas and leading their own meetings. The inspiration to complete another community project came following the success of last year's *Walled Garden Art Project*.

If you would like to be involved in the project or can help support this in any way, please email admin@foxcovert.edin.sch.uk

Fox Covert Early Years Centre

Fox Covert Early Years Centre are currently collecting tinned goods to support their food larder in aid of the local community. If you have any spare tinned items that you may wish to contribute, they would be grateful if you could please leave any tinned items in plastic bags at the nursery door entrance.



School Uniform

All children are dressing very smartly in their school uniforms on non-P.E. days. Children can continue to wear appropriate P.E. clothing for the whole day, on days they are scheduled to have P.E.

As the inclement weather continues, please ensure that your child(ren) have suitable water-proof and warm clothing and footwear to protect them during school hours.

Please note that, as we start to think about preparing school uniforms for next session **starting in August 2023, black canvas shoes/dark trainers will be required to be worn indoors**, and indoor shoes such as sliders or slippers will no longer be acceptable due to health and safety and hygiene reasons. More information on this will follow in the next newsletter.

School clothing can be ordered directly from www.beuniforms.co.uk

BE UNIFORMS

Lost Property



We do not have a *Lost Property* box, but we are starting to see a build-up of clothing that has not been labelled and that has not been claimed. If your child has lost any items, please encourage your child(ren) to collect them or contact the school office to check the items we have. **Please ensure that all of your child(ren)'s clothing is labelled with your child's name or initials, so that it can be easily returned if lost.** If unclaimed we will re-use or recycle the items.

Reminders

All parents/carers please ensure that your child(ren) **do not bring** any of the following food items to school as they can present serious hazards to themselves and/or others:

Lollipops

Nuts of any kind

Any form of Nutella products (as they contain nuts)

No fizzy juice for packed lunch

Water only in class water bottles

Please be mindful of the following if these are brought to school:

Cereal bars (as they can contain nuts – please check the nutrition information)

Grapes – please ensure that grapes are cut in half if given, as these can be serious choking hazards for children if not cut.

Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel 2023



Fox Covert Primary School participated in the *Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel* initiative back in March 2023. The initiative encouraged us to walk or wheel to school and to encouraged us to stop using vehicles. I am very proud to report that we came in at 92nd place out of 2772 schools who participated, with 80% of our school population walking and wheeling their way to school that week.

A message from Fox Covert Primary School Parent Council:

Our Parent Council do lots of amazing work to support the school; fundraising to help buy resources, pay for class trips, or whole school events like Pantomimes, organising activities for pupils such as our Halloween Disco or parents and families such as our Quiz night at the Clermiston Inn!



The best way to keep in touch and find out what's going on is to register to use:

- **Classlist** (for all official Parent Council comms):
- <https://classlist.page.link/k4kQYnjznFpRWH9p8>

and/or:

- follow the PC Facebook group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/foxcovertprimaryparentcouncil/>

You can also speak to your class rep about anything to do with the Parent Council, come along to our Parent Council meetings, or contact us via our FaceBook page or via: chair@foxcovertpc.org

School holiday dates:

School closes	School re-opens
Friday 5 th May 2023 at 12:00/ 12:05pm	Tuesday 9 th May 2023 at 8.50am
Friday 19 th May 2023 at 12:00 / 12:05pm	Tuesday 23 rd May 2023 at 8.50am
Wednesday 28 th June 2023 at 1pm	Wednesday 16 th August 2023 at 8.50am

In-Service and Mid-Term dates:

In-Service Days (children off school)	
Monday 14 th August 2023	Tuesday 15 th August 2023

Dates for your diary:

 Change or additional information Parent Helpers Required

Date	Time	Event/Item
Tuesday 9 th May	2pm	P7 Class Photo for Edinburgh Evening News
Friday 12 th May	12pm	Bake Sale (school playground)
Monday 15 th May	1.30pm - 2.15pm	Stay & Play (P1) Session 1
Tuesday 23 rd May	09:45 am – 12:15pm	P7 Risk Factory Trip
Wednesday 24 th May	9.30am- 10.15am	Stay & Play (P1) Session 2
Friday 26 th May		Dress Down Day (no contribution)
Wednesday 31 st May	6.30pm – 8pm	Parent Council Meeting (in school)
Thursday 8 th June	6.30pm – 7.30pm	New to P1 Parents Induction Evening
Wednesday 14 th June	9.30am - 10:30am	New P1's to meet their teacher
Friday 16 th June	P1-3 9:00am – 10:30am P4-7 10:45am – 12:05pm	Sports Day
Friday 16 th June		School Reports to be sent out
Tuesday 20 th June to Thursday 22 nd June		P7 three-day transition visit to Craigmount High School
Tuesday 20 th June	PM	Pupils meet their new teacher
Wednesday 21 st June	1.30pm – 2.30pm	New to P1 & P6s Teddy Bear Picnic
Thursday 22 nd June	7.30pm	P7 Prom
Tuesday 27 th June	1.30pm - 3:15pm	P7 Graduation and Show
Wednesday 28 th June	12.45pm	P7 Celebrations and lap around the school