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April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our April newsletter. I hope you and your families are well and that you managed to have some rest and relaxation over the Easter holidays – despite the terrible weather!

We are already into another busy term at Fox Covert Primary School with a host of activities and events are planned - ranging from class assemblies to more *Learning Together* events scheduled for later in the session. A full list of our upcoming events, including dates and times are easily accessed and listed on the front page of our website (www.foxcovertprimary.com) and as always, are listed at the end of this newsletter. Please do feel free to contact the school if you have any queries or questions.

Yours faithfully,



Douglas Bruce
Head Teacher

Internet Safety Parent/Carer Session

We will be hosting a parent/carer information session focusing on children and their online/social media access and how to stay safe online. Leeanne Turner, our former Child Protection expert within City of Edinburgh Council, will be presenting this very informative session which will help parents and carers navigate their way through the extremely difficult processes of allowing children access to online content. The session will be held on **Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 6pm – 7.15pm** in the school hall and all parents and carers are welcome.

Please see the introduction below from Leeanne:

Leeanne Turner has over 20 years' experience as a social worker within the field of child protection. She has been a child protection trainer for 10 years. She is also a CEOP ambassador and supports professionals and parents to think about the risks online and how to work proactively with children and young people to keep them safe. Leeanne is also a mum to a 15-year-old social media obsessed girl and so knows well the peer pressure and worries that parents can find themselves in when it comes to their children's online world.

This parents workshop will explore what some of the current risks are as well as signposting to resources that parents can use to keep themselves informed about their child's virtual world. We will look at all ages from early years up to adolescents. There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions throughout the session.





Bake Sale

Thank you to everybody who contributed to the bake sale, which was held at the end of term, on Friday 22nd March. It was a huge success, raising a total of **£367.15** for school funds. A special thank you to the Parent Council who were the organisers of the bake sale, and to the many people who donated so generously on the day.

Plastic Free Friday!

A message from our Eco-Committee:

As part of our mission towards our **7th Eco Flag**, the Eco Committee are promoting Plastic Free Friday. On Fridays we are encouraging pupils to bring in a plastic free snack (a snack without a plastic wrapper) or a snack in a reusable tub. This is not mandatory but helps reduce our single-use-plastic waste.

On a Friday as pupils leave for break, class teachers will count how many plastic free snacks they see on the way out. The class with the highest percentage of plastic free snacks enjoy a small reward the following week.

As an eco-school we are always looking for ways to become more sustainable and we thank you for your help in doing so!



Wildlife Garden

Our wildlife garden, which is located at the rear of our main playground, is taking shape, with many of our gardening group's plans coming to life. The garden will be used by both Fox Covert and St. Andrew's Primary Schools as a learning environment that will enhance and develop our outdoor learning curriculum, and will also create a quieter space in the playground that can be used for a variety of learning and teaching inputs. We currently have our newly built fence installed which has zoned the garden area, and we have natural wooden tunnels created that are already coming to life with buds and leaves. Please feel free to take a look at the progress that is happening!



Out of School Club

Our *Out of School Club* which is currently being housed in the Den building of the school, will be moving back to its original location in the school dining hall and gym hall from **Wednesday the 8th May** now that building work is completed in both halls. Details of the changes will be shared by

Victoria from the *Out of School Club* early next week.

Parent/Carer Questionnaires

As we head towards the end of another school year, we take the time to reflect on the school priorities we set the year before. As part of this process, we like to gather views from our parents and carers about many aspects of school life. We would be very grateful if you could take the time to complete the form below to give us your views:

<https://forms.office.com/e/qcfJV8XFFX>

Raring2go!

The spring edition of the Raring 2 Go! magazine is available to read online. Please see the link below to access the publication:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/edinburgh/spring2024/>

The magazine contains a range of fantastic Spring themed ideas and for families and some very helpful guides on how to support your child(ren)'s learning. Please take the time to read the latest edition.



A message from Fox Covert Primary School Parent Council:

Fox Covert Primary School Parent Council have some events planned for Term 4 and beyond to raise much needed school funds. We would like to thank you for the fantastic bake sale contributions made raising a total of **£367.15**. A summer fun-day is planned at school **on Saturday 22nd June** and a race night is planned for September. Please see the end of the newsletter for details.

Please see below for a quick guide to the members of Fox Covert Parent Council.



Chair:	Ali Connolly
Co-Chair:	Joanne Farrell
Secretary:	Alison Warnock
Treasurer:	Graham Patrick

The best way to keep in touch and find out what is 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 (**please see below for a list of class reps for 2023/24**), come along to our Parent Council meetings, or contact us via our Facebook page or **our new email address:** foxcovertchair23@gmail.com

More Information about our Parent Council, including the presentation from our AGM can be found on our school website at:

<https://foxcovertprimary.com/parents/parent-council-2/>

Parent Class Reps:

P1	Daisy Johnstone
P2	Kirsty Cassidy
P2/3	Megan McKenzie
P3	Lisa Simpson
P4	Mhairi Kelly
P4/5	Jade Gillies/Michelle Hofmeyr
P5	Louise Duncan
P6A	Joanne Farrell
P6B	Heather MacDonald
P7A	Nicola Williamson
P7B	Mikila Bruce

Important Reminders

****Please ensure that pets are not brought to the school playground or at any drop-off/pick-up locations around the school.****

Children's safety is our top priority, and pets can be unpredictable around children.

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 with stick attached

Nuts of any kind (we have a growing number of children with nut allergies and any contact can have extremely serious consequences)

Any form of Nutella products (as they contain nuts)

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

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

Small tomatoes & grapes – Recent guidance from our Early Years team has advised that small tomatoes and grapes should be cut in quarters rather than halves, as when halved they can still pose a risk. Please ensure these are cut into small pieces, as these can be serious choking hazards for children if not cut.

Please ensure that **no fizzy juice** is given for packed lunch and please have **water only in class water bottles**.

Parking:

Please note that the school car park is designated for staff parking only. Unfortunately, the school campus does not have a large enough car park to accommodate parking for parents/carers.

The car park cannot be used for dropping pupils off or picking pupils up from Out of School Clubs either.



Getting in touch with us:

General Parent/Carer Enquiries: please email admin@foxcovert.edin.sch.uk or call **0131 339 3749**.

To Report Children's Absence: please email admin@foxcovert.edin.sch.uk or call **0131 339 3749**. If nobody is available to take your call, please leave a message on the school answering machine.



Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries at all.

School holiday dates:

School closes	School re-opens
Friday 3 rd May 2024 at 12pm/12.05pm	Wednesday 8 th May 2024 at 8.50am
Friday 17 th May 2024 at 12pm/12.05pm	Tuesday 21 st May 2024 at 8.50am
Friday 28 th June at 12pm/12.05pm	Wednesday 14 th August 2024 at 8.50am

In-Service and Mid-Term dates:

Bank Holidays (children off school)	In-Service Days (children off school)
Monday 6 th May 2024	Tuesday 7 th May 2024
Monday 20 th May 2024	

Dates for your diary:

 Change or new information Parent Helpers Required

Date	Time	Event/Item
Thursday 9 th May	1.15pm-2pm	P2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 15th May	6pm – 7.15pm	Internet Safety session – all parents and carers welcome to attend (school gym hall)
Thursday 16 th May	1.15pm-2pm	P3 Class Assembly
Friday 17th May		School Reports to be sent out
Thursday 23 rd May	1.15pm-2pm	P4/5 Class Assembly
Thursday 30 th May	1.30pm-2.15pm	P6B Class Assembly
Thursday 30 th May	2.30pm-3.10pm	Whole school <i>Learning Together</i> event with parents and carers
Friday 31 st May	9am-9.40am	Whole school <i>Learning Together</i> event with parents and carers
Thursday 6 th June	1.15pm-2pm	P2/3 Class Assembly
Thursday 6 th June		New to P1 induction evening for parents/carers
Monday 10th June to Friday 14th June	All week	Road Safety Week
Wednesday 12 th June 2024	6.30pm-8pm	Parent Council Meeting (in school)
Thursday 13th June		Be safe, Be Seen! Children to wear bright colours to school today
Friday 14th June	Morning	Sports Day (on astroturf)
Tuesday 18 th - Thursday 20 th June		P7 Transition Days to Craigmount High School
Thursday 20 th June	1.15pm-2pm	P1 Class Assembly
Thursday 20 th June	6pm-7.30pm	P7 Parent/Carer Evening Craigmount High School



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Friday 21st June	Morning	**alternative day for Sports Day** if Sports Day is cancelled on the 14th June due to poor weather, then it will be rescheduled to this date (on astroturf).
Saturday 22nd June	1.30pm onwards	Summer Fun Day at Fox Covert Primary School
Thursday 27th June	1.30pm – 3pm	P7 Leavers Assembly – P7 parents/carers welcome.
Friday 28th June	11.55am – 12.10pm	P7 Leavers March around the playground
Saturday 28th September	TBC	Race Night organised by the Parent Council (Clermiston Inn)