

# The Fernwood Flyer

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## News and notices from Fernwood Primary and Nursery School.

What a privilege it is to be able to write my first newsletter since I began my role here several weeks ago. So much has happened in a short space of time; I can hardly believe that October begins this weekend!

I want to start by thanking the staff team for making me feel welcome and for showing me what's what. There are no gradual starts in schools and I'm grateful for the positivity, time and patience shown to me by the team. Thank you.

It's also been welcome that so many of you have greeted me in the morning or have taken the time to come and say hello.

Some of my highlights so far in my first twenty days in post: Damson Class' musical journey assembly; enjoying a school lunch with some of the children; seeing how quickly and calmly our reception children have settled into their classes; talking to staff about their subjects and hearing how passionate they are about teaching and learning; working with school governors; seeing the Wow! and Merit assemblies and hearing the wonderful ways in which the children take on new challenges and develop learning; receiving a gift of an amazing invention which controls the weather! (see photo right); reading some creative writing from Y4; and watching the infants play on our new playground (see photo right).

So much to be grateful for.

Mr Waldram



There are notices and dates overleaf and these are also on our website on the News and Diary section.

You can subscribe to our calendar and have all the dates merge with your own planners for convenience—just click this [LINK](#) or go to the website and do it through the diary page.



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*Do you want to be more involved in school life?*

*Do you want to support the children by offering exciting opportunities?*

*Do you have a keen and organised mind?*

*Are you great at raising funds?*

If so, you could be a brilliant addition to our Friends of Fernwood team. If interested, contact **Abi Oakes** on the email below.

#### **5 Reasons to join Friends of Fernwood:**

1. **Benefits your child.** Research shows that children perform better when parents are involved both at home and in school.
2. **Get Connected.** There is no better way to know what is happening in school.
3. **Tap into a Network.** Friends of Fernwood connects you to other parents & teachers through meetings, events & communications, helping to build a sense of community.
4. **Be a Role Model.** By becoming a member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.
5. **Witness Improvement.** By getting involved you'll be helping to make positive changes.

To become a member of our committee or a core volunteer for events or even a background helper, please email with your name, phone number and email address to:

[fofprimary@gmail.com](mailto:fofprimary@gmail.com)

#### **NOTICES**

**PARKING:** We understand that parking is a genuine issue but we ask you to consider parking a short distance away and walking in. Enjoy time with your children and ask them about their day.

**It is so important that proper care and attention is given when driving down Arleston Drive as children are crossing roads.**

Be mindful and courteous too of our neighbours.



Councillors Battlemuch, Ahmad and Khan will be holding a parking consultation meeting here at Fernwood Primary on **Tuesday 7th November 17:30-18:30**. If you are a resident and want to contribute your thoughts on the current scheme, then do come along.

**UNIFORM:** With over 1100 children in school, it is very easy for uniform to get picked up by another child or to be placed somewhere and forgotten. Ensure your child's name is written/printed/sewn into every item. It's so much easier for it to find its way home!



As you know, one of the many areas we teach your children about is **Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RHSE)**. These sessions are always taught in a sensitive and thoughtful way and entirely age and stage appropriate.

We share these resources at certain times of the year so you can see what we use. Some elements of these plans can also be found on our website: [Home> Our Curriculum> Whole School Curriculum Plan> RSHE](#)

Please do click the link below or scan the QR code so you can share your thoughts about our provision for this important area.

<https://forms.office.com/e/5xifcuSf31>



### TERM DATES

**AUTUMN 1—Fri 31st Aug to Fri 20th Oct**

**AUTUMN 2—Mon 6th Nov to Wed 20th Dec**

**SPRING 1—Thu 4th Jan to Fri 9th Feb**

**SPRING 2—Mon 19th Feb to Thu 28th Mar**

**SUMMER 1—Mon 15th Apr to Fri 24th May**

**SUMMER 2—Mon 3rd June to Fri 26th Jul**

### INSET DAYS

**1: Thursday 31st August**

**2: Friday 1st September**

**3: Friday 6th October**

**4: Friday 24th May**

**5: Friday 5th July**



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 04/10/23 York meeting for parents
- 04/10/23 Foodbank collection
- 04/10/23 Y4 Roman day Acer & Fern
- 05/10/23 Y4 Roman day Lime, Palm & Pine
- 09/10/23 Y6 to National Justice Museum, Damson, Laurel & Spruce
- 10/10/23 Y6 to National Justice Museum, Walnut & Willow
- 12/10/23 Spruce class assembly 10:00
- 12/10/23 Open evening to look at children's books 15:45-17:00
- 16/10/23 KS1 & KS2 Parents' evenings—face-to-face
- 17/10/23 KS1 & KS2 Parents' evenings—online
- 18/10/23 KS1 new entrants
- 20/10/23 Careers Fair KS2—dress up as chosen career
- 20/10/23 Half-term break**
- 30/10/23-01/11/23 Canoville Coaching football camp
- 06/11/23 Autumn 2 term begins**
- 06/11/23 Foodbank collection
- 07/11/23 and 08/11/23 and 09/11/23 Y2 trip to a synagogue
- 17/11/23 Children in Need
- 28/11/23 and 29/11/23 Flu vaccinations
- 01/12/23 Elf Walk KS1 13:30-15:30
- 04/12/23 Y3/4 DISCO 18:15-19:45
- 05/12/23 Y5/6 DISCO 18:15-19:45
- 06/12/23 Nativity Bumblebees & Ladybirds
- 07/12/23 Nativity Butterflies, Dragonflies & Fireflies
- 11/12/23 Nursery Elf Walk and Sing
- 12/12/23 Y1 Sing Foxes & Otters 09:10-09:40
- 12/12/23 Y1 Sing Badgers, Squirrels & Hedgehogs 14:45-15:15
- 13/12/23 Y2 Sing Dolphins & Penguins 09:10-09:40
- 13/12/23 Y2 Sing Whales, Turtles & Seals 14:45-15:15
- 14/12/23 Y3 Sing Ash, Elm & Fir 09:00-09:30
- 14/12/23 Y3 Sing Oak & Yew 10:15-10:45
- 14/12/23 Y3 Christmas Party!
- 15/12/23 Y4 Sing Acer, Fern & Lime 09:00-09:30
- 15/12/23 Y4 Sing Palm & Pine 10:15-10:45
- 15/12/23 Y4 Christmas Party!
- 15/12/23 Lighthouse, Reception & Nursery Christmas Party!
- 18/12/23 Y6 Sing Damson, Laurel & Spruce 09:00-09:30
- 18/12/23 Y6 Sing Walnut & Willow 10:15-10:45
- 18/12/23 Y6 Christmas Party!
- 18/12/23 Y2 Christmas Party!
- 19/12/23 Y5 Sing Beech, Birch & Cedar 09:00-09:30
- 19/12/23 Y5 Sing Olive & Maple 10:15-10:45
- 19/12/23 Y5 Christmas Party!
- 19/12/23 Y1 Christmas Party!
- 20/12/23 Break up for Christmas

**Spring term begins Monday 4th January, 2024**



Excellence for all

