

Danderhall Primary School

October 2022 Newsletter

As the weather begins to change please ensure your child comes to school with a coat and suitable shoes. We are trying to get outside in the fresh air as much as possible and use the outdoors even in wet weather.

Please remember to label all clothes we seem to accumulate a huge amount of lost property!

STAFF NEWS

Sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Willis P1C at the end of October. She is moving on to a position within Edinburgh University. Mrs Willis has been part of the Danderhall team for 12 years and she will be very much missed but we wish her all the best in her new position and I am sure she will keep in touch. P1C will be updated about their new teacher as soon as we have this confirmed.

ELC, P1 and P2 parents

The adult learning team will be hosting a bacon butty morning from 9.15am on Tuesday 4th October. Please pop in and find out what courses or events they can offer to support parents in Danderhall.

HOLIDAY

Please note that our final day before our October holiday week is Friday 14th October and we will finish at normal time (12.25pm). All pupils, including nursery, should return on Tuesday 25th October.

Individual and family PHOTOGRAPHS

We have individual and family photographs booked for the Wednesday 26th of October. This is for school and ELC. Please send your child with a school uniform/sweatshirt on this day.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our school parent consultations will be face to face in your child's classroom. The focus is on learning. We encourage you to attend with your child as this enables us to work together to support learning in both school and home. These will take place on Wednesday 26th October and Thursday 27th October. Please fill in your preferred date and time on the online GOOGLE form. You can access this through the link on the app.

ONLINE COMMUNICATION

As you will be aware, we are currently unable to use SEESAW to share learning with you. We will return to using this as soon as the Council has completed the investigation work, currently taking place. In the meantime we will communicate with you through our app, Group Call and our website. We hope this situation will be resolved very soon.

WHERE ARE WE AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?

In class there is a high focus on maths, literacy and health and wellbeing as we move forward from the pandemic. Results in attainment have dipped across school with our younger pupils being the most affected. This is where working together is very important as we strive to offer experiences and learning that has been missed. Talking to your child about their learning and supporting homework can make a big difference. To give further insight to parents on their child's learning, our parent consultations will be based around learning and working together.

Last Thursday P6 pupils had fun learning maths outdoors at Queen Margaret University. Very positive comments were made about their conduct and engagement in activities. Well done P6 we are very proud of you!

HOUSE CAPTAINS

This year pupils voted for their own House Captains. Well done to all Primary 7 pupils who took part! A very scary experience but we are proud of you for doing it! The House Captains appointed were; Tantallon – Tommy and Emily, Dirleton – Azka and Ava, Crichton – Sara and Maesyn, Borthwick – Macy and Lucas

Pupil Council

Our first pupil council meeting has taken place and they have already taken on their first task! This years pupil council members are: P1A Jake, P1B Harriet, P1C Lillie, P2A Shahed P2B Jeanelle P2C Annie, P3A Bryce, P3B Robin, P4 Bethany, P4/5 Lily, P5 Shauni, P5/6 James, P6 Eva, P6/7 Leon and P7 Lexi

FUNDRAISING

**Halloween Disco! Thank you to the parent council for organising.
Tuesday 25th October in school £2 entry - pay at the door
(includes drink & snack)**

ELC welcome but must be accompanied by a parent

ELC, P1, P2 and P3 5.30pm - 6.30pm (no scary masks please)

P4 - P7 7pm - 8pm

Come dressed in your spooky costume!

RAG BAG COLLECTION

Clearing out over the holiday week? There will be a rag bag collection on Friday 28th October please bring your bagged, unwanted clothing and shoes on the Friday morning. We receive payment into our school fund based on how much we collect!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- We are a NUT FREE school – we have pupils and staff with severe nut allergy
- Dogs are not allowed inside the school gates
- Cycling and scootering is not allowed inside the school gates
- Please phone 0131 271 4585 if your child is absent
- Please return **Annual Data Check** as soon as possible
- Only pupils in P1 – P5 receive a free lunch unless your child is FME

Dates for your diary (please note dates may be amended)

Monday 3rd October – 7pm – 8pm Parent Council

Tuesday 4th October – flu vaccinations in school

P6 and P7 pupils cross country event (pupils taking part will be informed)

Monday 17th October – Friday 21st October – HOLIDAY

Monday 24th October – Inservice Day – staff only attend

Tuesday 25th October – 8.50am all return **Halloween Discos 5.30-6.30 & 7-8**

Wednesday 26th October – Photographer, PM – parent consultations

Thursday 27th October – parent consultations

Friday 28th October – Rag Bag Collection

Friday 25th November – Friday 17th March P4 and P4/5 swimming

Tuesday 20th December – Term 1 ends 3.15pm

Wednesday 21st December – Tuesday 3rd January - HOLIDAY

Wednesday 4th January – Inservice Day – staff only attend

Thursday 5th January – 8.50am all return

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February – HOLIDAY

Monday 20th February- 8.50am all return

Wednesday 22nd February – Friday 24th February – P7 Camp

Thursday 30th March - P6 and P7 pupils cross country event (pupils taking part will be informed)

Friday 31st March – Term 2 ends 12.25pm

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April - HOLIDAY

Monday 17th April – all return 8.50am

Monday 1st May – HOLIDAY

Monday 22nd May - Inservice Day – staff only attend

Thursday 28th June – Term 3 ends 3.15pm