



Danderhall Primary School and ELC

January 2023 Newsletter

I hope that you all had happy holidays. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself and the staff, to wish all our families a very happy and healthy 2023.

December 2022

Thank you for all your support over the various events prior to the holidays. Thank you to school staff for all their hard work.

The Christmas performances and events by both school and ELC were well received. Feedback from parents after our nativity and concert was very positive and the children all performed beautifully. We have talented, confident children here in Danderhall and it is wonderful to be able to showcase these talents, at such a special time of the year.

Thank you to the parent council for providing gifts for our parties – these were enjoyed by all!

School clothing

Please remember, as with Midlothian policy, NO FOOTBALL TOPS should be worn in school. Children should come dressed for PE on their PE days and this should be appropriate eg no crop tops. We have no changing facilities for pupils. Thank you for your support with this.

Strike Day Tuesday 10th January 2023

A letter was sent out to all parents on Wednesday stating that all primary schools and nurseries will be closed on 10.1.23 due to strike action.

Scottish Week

This month we are thinking about our national identity and studying all things Scottish. We will be having a poetry recitals in class and all pupils are being asked to learn a Scottish poem. Please encourage and support your child to learn a poem as developing memory and presentation skills will be useful throughout their life.

Head lice

We have had some cases of head lice reported to the school office. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat if required. Please remember they like clean hair and enjoy warm spots at the base of pleats and pony tails. Thank you for your support in this.

Official School Opening

The school will be officially opened by David Peacock on Thursday 9th February, we hope to include all the pupils in the ceremony to mark this special occasion.

Parent Council

There will be a parent council meeting from 7pm – 8pm in the library hub on Monday 16th January 2023. All Welcome

Dates for your Diary (please note these may be amended)

Thursday 5th January – 8.50am all return

Tuesday 10th January – School CLOSED due to strike action

Thursday 2nd February – ministerial visit to Danderhall Library (P2 classes involved)

Thursday 9th February – official school opening

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 3.15