

Fabulous February!

Danderhall Primary School and ELC

February 2023 Newsletter

With the official school opening, our midterm holiday and our visit from His Majesty's Inspectors it looks like February is going to be a busy month! Please remember that we finish on Friday 10th February and return on Monday 20th February.

School Inspection

HMi will be visiting our school on the week beginning Monday 20th February. They will be with us for the full week and will be looking at; Leadership, Learning, Teaching and Assessment, Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion and Attainment and Achievement This will give us the opportunity to showcase our wonderful learning environment and the fabulous community that makes up Danderhall. We would really appreciate it if every family could fill in the online survey. The link to the survey was sent out last Friday please contact the office if you cannot access this. Many thanks for your support.

Drinks in School

Please note we have to follow Scottish Government guidelines. All children have access to fresh drinking water throughout the day. Please send a water bottle and these can be filled up at water fountains in atriums. Diluting juice, even sugar free, can be brought but pupils they will only be able to access this at break or lunchtime. If your child requires something different due to medical needs please let the school office know and this can be accommodated.

Please note we are a nut free school, we have pupils with severe allergies, and this must be adhered to in order to keep all pupils safe.

Staff

It is with sadness that I have to share with you that Mrs Herriot from our nursery passed away at the end of last year following a short illness. Mrs Herriot worked in our nursery for 26 years and was a much valued member of staff. I am sure many of our children have very fond memories of her and we would like to take this opportunity to pass on our condolences to her family and colleagues.

Student

We have welcomed a Teaching student, Miss Louise, to primary 3B. She will be with us until Friday 10th March and then will return at the end of April to spend time with our older pupils.

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 (please note change of date)

There will be a parent council meeting from 7pm – 8pm in the library hub on Wednesday 1st March 2023. All Welcome.

Camp

We hope that our P7 pupils enjoy their camp experience from Wednesday 22nd February until Friday 24th February. Teachers will send home details of where to drop off and timings for leaving and return.

Strike Days

There are 2 possible teacher strike days planned for Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March. We will let parents know ASAP if these are confirmed and are going ahead.

Parent Consultations

Our parent consultations will be held just before the Easter holidays on Wednesday 29th March and Thursday 30th March. More details to follow

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

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

Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February SCHOOL INSPECTION

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

Monday 27th February – P2 visit to Edinburgh Castle

Wednesday 1st March – Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 8th March – basketball event at Gorebridge Leisure Centre (pupils taking part will be informed)

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