

Marvelous March!

Danderhall Primary School and ELC

March 2023 Newsletter

I hope you all had a lovely February break. It is so nice to see the lighter mornings returning and the signs of spring beginning to emerge!

School Inspection

Many thanks for your support. The inspection team were very impressed by all the wonderful, polite and interested children that they came in contact with throughout the week. We, and I am sure you are too, are very proud of them. Thank you to parents who met with inspectors. The parent letter and report should be with us in a few weeks. This will be shared with all staff and families.

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

Staff

We say goodbye to Miss McInnes and Mrs Grant from nursery and Ms Kerr-Smith who has been working with P3. We wish you all the best.

On the 23rd March we welcome Ms Johnstone back to nursery.

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 P6/7 pupils.

Official School Opening

The school was officially opened on the 9th March and the pupils and staff all behaved impeccably! Our plaque to mark this wonderful event is now proudly in place at our front entrance.

World Book Day

Due to our inspection week and strike days we decided to postpone world book day. This will now take place on Friday 10th March. We are conscious of the current climate and wish to make this event zero cost to parents so are celebrating as follows;

On Friday (March 10th) we are celebrating World Book Day by getting cosy with a story. Please come to school in your pyjamas, and don't forget your favourite book!

Break Times

We are running a 4 week trial of separate break times for pupils. This is to allow for safer play as children will have more space in the playground. P1-3 will have morning break from 10.15am – 10.30am and lunch from 12pm – 12.40pm. With a short 10 minute break in the afternoon. P4-7 will

have break from 10.30am – 10.45am and lunch from 12.30pm – 1.15pm. Start of day and end of day times will remain the same. This will affect PE and music timetables and we have made a number of changes. Your class teacher will let you know through seesaw any changes that affect your child.

Parent Council (please note change of date)

There will be a parent council meeting from 7pm – 8pm in the library hub on Wednesday 8th March 2023. We are looking to increase the membership of the parent council and encourage anyone who is interested to come along and join us.

Strike Days

There are 2 possible teacher strike days planned for Midlothian on Monday 27th March and Tuesday 28th 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 and appointments will be issued on week beginning Monday 13th March

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

Tuesday 7th March – P4 and P4/5 visit to Museum

Tuesday 7th March – P5 Guerrilla Gardeners start 4 week block (pupils taking part will have information)

Wednesday 8th March – Parent Council Meeting

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

Wednesday 29th March – parent consultations

Thursday 30th March – parent consultations

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

Friday 31st March – Term 2 ends 12.25pm

Wednesday 19th April – Dental Inspection P1 and P7 pupils

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April - HOLIDAY

Monday 17th April – all return 8.50am

Monday 1st May – HOLIDAY

Monday 8th May – HOLIDAY to celebrate coronation of King Charles (TBC)

Monday 22nd May - Inservice Day – staff only attend

Thursday 28th June – Term 3 ends 3.15pm