



# Danderhall Primary School and ELC

## May 2023 Newsletter

Welcome to a couple of busy months ahead!

### School Inspection

Many thanks for your support. The letter from the inspection team has been shared with all families and the inspection report can be found on the education Scotland website. We are pleased with the report after the turmoil of previous years and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work and dedication.

### King Charles 111 Coronation Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May activities

All classes will have a lesson on the Coronation on Friday morning and to mark the occasion children are invited to come to school dressed up in clothes for a coronation or fancy dress!

### Class Photos

Class Photographs will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May can we ask that each child brings a school sweatshirt to wear for the photos? Many thanks with your support!

### Sports Days

Our sports days will take place next month in the field across from the school. They are as follows;

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – 1.30pm Nursery Sports in the playground

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June - 1pm – 3.15pm P1-3 sports in the field

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 1pm – 3.15pm P4-7 sports in the field

### Staff

Mrs McCauley has left our P1/2 class and Ms Kerr-Smith will cover her until the end of term. In nursery our new member of staff, Ms McLachlan, starts in the oak room in mid-May and Ms Easton one of our LAs has completed her college course and taken on cover in our nursery. Mr Rankin-Clements will also be leaving us in June. He is going off on a year long tour of Europe and Africa with his family and we are all incredibly jealous! We do wish all our new and old staff members all the best.

### Students

We have welcomed a Teaching student, Miss Louise, back to DPS and this term she shall be working with P6/7. We also welcome some new students Mrs Cisca to P3A, Ms Watts to P4 and Ms Alexander to P4/5. We hope you enjoy your time spent in DPS!

### Break Times

Our 4 week trial of separate break times has been successful and we are moving forward with this model in the summer term. 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.

I was in the lunch hall after lunch and was horrified at the amount of food on the floor can parents please remind children that littering in the hall or outside is not to be encouraged? We will also remind pupils in school assemblies etc. We have a lovely new school – let's try and keep it that way!

## **Book Fair**

Thank you to all who supported the book fair during our parent's evenings. We now have £250 to spend on scholastic books!

## **Parent Council**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, in person meeting 7pm – 8pm in community hub. All welcome

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

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Dress up day for the coronation

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – HOLIDAY to celebrate coronation of King Charles**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May – class photos

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Inservice Day – staff only attend**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – new P1 pupils open viewing (8am – 8.30am and 1pm – 2pm) of P1 learning space

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Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – P7 transition days to Dalkeith High School

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – new P1 pupils and parents visit Danderhall PS

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – final reports to parents issued

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Nursery funday

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June - P7 pupils 1.45pm assembly for parents

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Term 3 ends 3.15pm**

**Staff Return Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

**All pupils return Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 8.50am (Nursery returns from 8.30am)**