

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely October break. It was lovely to see the children back to school wrapped up for the colder mornings! Please remember to make sure your child always has a warm, waterproof jacket, labelled with their name, so that they can continue to enjoy the outdoors in all weathers.

<u>Staffing Update</u>

We have spent the first term recruiting and pleased to announce the following appointments:

- Mrs Lynne Kelly Depute Headteacher
- Mrs Patricia McQueen Office Support
- Mr Bradley Patterson Early Years Practitioner
- Mr James Sutherland Early Years Practitioner
- Miss Miriam Mells Early Years Practitioner
- Miss Lillian Kerr-Smith Learning Assistant
- Miss Susan MacFarlane Learning Assistant
- Miss Sophie Sharp Learning Assistant
- Mrs Jeba Ansary Learning Assistant (ELC)
- Mrs Sheree Black Learning Assistant (ELC)
- Mrs Sharon Mackenzie Learning Assistant (ELC)



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<u>Twitter</u>

Danderhall Primary School is on Twitter. We can be found @DanderhallPS - have a look to find out about exciting things that are happening in school, we are also trying to ensure that important dates and events are shared too.



Arriving at School

Please remember that the playground is supervised from 8.40am (Mon-Fri). Please can you support the smooth transition in the morning but ensuring pupils are on time for the 8.50am morning bell. We have seen a significant increase in the amount of pupils arriving late and entering via the main entrance.

Poppy Day

Poppies will be available for a donation the week commencing **Monday 6th November 2023** in aid of Remembrance Day. We will also be sending a few representatives from the school to lay a poppy wreath at Erskine Edinburgh Home.



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Children in Need

We will be supporting this great cause by having a dress up/dress down day on <u>Friday 17th</u> <u>November 2023</u>. The theme for the day will be "spots". The pupil council will be going around with donation buckets if pupils would like to contribute.



Hockey Festival

Huge well done to a group of our P7 pupils who took part in the Midlothian hockey festival last Thursday. Some amazing team work and sportsmanship.



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Halloween Fun Day

On Friday 27th October we has a dress up day to celebrate Halloween. Lots of amazing outfits and some spooky learning took place!



Dates for your Diary

- 10th November Poppy Day Celebration
- 13th November Anti Bullying Week
- 17th November Children in Need Day (Dress up/Down/Spots)

We have also attached the December calendar which shows key dates for performances and Christmas parties.

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