

Welcome to our October Newsletter.

Staffing

Mr Orr is currently off on a long-term absence after taking unwell during the October break. We hope he recovers well and is back at Ladywell before too long. During Mr Orr's absence we will be supported by a cluster janitor, however we will not have a full-time janitor in the school.

Miss M Taylor (Non-Class Contact Time Teacher) is also currently off unwell.

Last term we had a new teacher, Miss Holmes, join the Ladywell team. Miss Holmes will teach P5B on a Thursday and P4/3 for one hour on a Friday morning to give Mrs White her planning time out of class.

Throughout the remainder of the week, Miss Holmes will teach a variety of classes as and when needed.

Hallowe'en Activities

Due to the changes in PVG guidance, we are unable to hold evening Hallowe'en parties this year.

On Friday 31st October, children can come to school in costume all day as we will be having Hallowe'en parties throughout the school day.

Children are not allowed to dress in football colours. Scary masks are also not allowed.

If your child does not want to dress up, casual clothes are acceptable on this day.

We have a selection of pre-loved Hallowe'en costumes available in the foyer. Please help yourself to these. A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the snacks and prizes for these parties.

Christmas Celebrations

Arrangements for our Christmas celebrations will be sent out to parents as soon as they are confirmed.

Dates for your Diary

| | <u>Holiday</u> |
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| November | Monday 17 th November - In Service Day. Children do not attend school. |
| December | School closes at 2.30pm on Thursday 18 th December. |
| January | School re-opens Monday 5 th at 8.55am. |
| February | Monday 16 th and Tuesday 17 th February - mid-term break. |
| | Wednesday 18 th February - In Service Day. Children do not attend school. |
| April | School closes at 2.30pm on Thursday 2 nd April and re-opens on Monday 20 th April at 8.55am. |
| May | Monday 4 th May - May holiday |
| | Thursday 7 th May - In Service Day. (This is to coincide with the Scottish Parliamentary |

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| | election so may be subject to change). |
| | Friday 22 nd May and Monday 25 th May - May weekend. |
| June | School closes at 1pm on Friday 26 th June. |

Reporting to Parents

Parents are updated on their child's learning through two face-to-face appointments and a formal written report.

Our first Parents' Night will take place on Tuesday 25th November and our final Parents' Night will be held on Thursday 4th June. Letters have been sent out today to choose appointment times. These will be confirmed in the next few weeks. For our appointments in June, we intend to use the Parent Portal to allow parents to choose a time that suits. Details will be sent out nearer the time explaining how to access and use this system.

Bikes and Scooters

If your child comes to school on a bike or scooter, please remind them that they should dismount their bike or scooter before entering the school grounds and walk to the bike/scooter racks.

Please encourage your child to wear a helmet.

Parents in the Playground

Please note that parents should not be in the playground at the beginning of the day. If you drop your child at the gate at the top of the lane, please move back from the gate to allow space for other children to enter the playground.

At the end of the day, only parents of P1 children should be in the playground. Please wait until a member of staff opens the gate before entering the playground.

If you collect your child from the car park, please do not allow your child to run around the car park or run between the cars.

Reporting an Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office rather than sending an email.

The office is manned from 8.30am.

Wellbeing Indicators

Throughout the month of October, we will be focussing on the SHANARRI indicator "Healthy." The children will learn about "Healthy Henry." Achievements will be celebrated in class and, as always, at our weekly assemblies. (Article 29)

Please remember to use our Learning Journals to share with us your child's achievements out with school.

Parent Council Meeting/ PTA Meetings.

Please remember that all parents are welcome to join our Parent Council/PTA meetings. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 6.30pm for the Parent Council and 7.15pm for the PTA.

Parent Council meetings are held online, and PTA meetings are hybrid, with some members meeting in school and others joining online.

Our next date for meeting is Thursday 6th November.

If you would like to join either meeting, please let me know and I can send out the link.

Child Protection Officer/Named Person

As Head Teacher, one of my duties is Child Protection Officer for Ladywell Primary. I am also the Named Person for all children. If you have concerns about any child, please contact me either by phoning the school office or on the email address below.

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