

Deerpark Primary School Newsletter – November 2018



What's Happening in School?

All of the children have settled in well to our second term and are continuing to read lots of picture books and novels as part of our school improvement plan for reading. Book week is this week (19-23 November) and this month every class is taking part in Deerpark's Reading Challenge. There are many challenges for them to work towards including create a book display for the hall, dress your classroom door up as a book cover, which class can read the most books in a day, dress up as a book character, family reading sessions, craziest place to read and more. You can see more information and some of the displays on our classroom doors and in the lunch hall.

Parents' nights are Monday 19th November from 5-8pm and Wednesday 28th November from 3:15 - 6:15pm.

Please remember that the school is closed to children on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th of November for staff training. We will be looking at assessment is for learning approaches, reading and moderation of learning with Craigbank Primary, Fishcross Primary and Sauchie Nursery.

Children In Need

Thanks to everyone who came to school in their jammies or Children in Need clothes. We raised just over £100 and got many donations for the Parent Council Christmas Raffle.

Staffing Update

Miss Wilson began her maternity leave on Friday 16th November. Her baby is due at the beginning of December. We wish her all the best.

Miss Fox is currently absent from work and takes up her new post outwith Clackmannanshire on Monday 26th November. We wish her all the best in her new post. We are currently recruiting a new class teacher and will keep you updated.

Mrs Kelly, Depute Headteacher, will begin her maternity leave on 12th December. We wish her all the very best. We are currently in the process of recruiting an Acting Depute Headteacher. We will update you with future developments.


Home-School Communication

There are many ways to find out what is happening in school. We regularly update our Twitter feed and Class dojo with



photos and information about learning and events happening across the school.

Follow us @DeerparkPrimary

As well as this, our school website is on  . All classes have their own blogs, which children have the opportunity to contribute to. Please take a look!

Breakfast Club

Deerpark Primary Breakfast Club runs from 8:30 - 8:50am. There is no need to book. Breakfast costs £1.20 per day.

Children who attend breakfast club must remain in the school hall after breakfast until 9am to ensure adult supervision from 8:30 until 9am.

Parking Outside of School

A gentle reminder to all parents/carers/family and friends that cars should not be parked on the pavement or double yellow lines outside the school gates as this creates a road safety hazard for all accessing the school grounds. Cars are not permitted in the school grounds between 8:30 and 9:10 and 2:30 and 3:10 to ensure safe access for all pedestrians and easy access for Lochies transport, staff vehicles. We would also like to remind you that in the interests of health and safety, dogs are not permitted within the school grounds. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and respect for the safety of our children.

School Security

School security is essential and we are updating our procedures to reduce risk.

We welcome parents and carers to our school and hope to increase the number of opportunities for you to find out about your child's learning and take part in some learning activities.

However, in order to maintain a secure environment, all parents/carers accessing our building, even to collect children at the end of the school day, will be required to do so via the main entrance, sign in and wear a visitors pass and then sign out when they leave.

In addition, parents/carers picking children up from after school clubs must now wait outside the main entrance as there may not be school staff available to issue passes etc. Coaches from after school clubs will bring your children to you at the main entrance.

We understand that this may cause some inconvenience but the safety of our children and school security is our collective responsibility.

We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Dates for your Diary

19 & 28 November - Parents' evenings

23 November - Parent Council Christmas Fayre

29 & 30 November - In-Service Training Days

4 December - Whole school visit to MacRobert Panto

13 December - Christmas Nativity at 2pm

14 December - Parent Council Christmas Disco

17 December - Primary 5/6 & 6/7 Christmas Party

18 December - Primary 3 & 4 Christmas Party

19 December - Primary 1 & 2 Christmas Party

21 December - Merit Award Assembly

21 December - 1pm School closes for Christmas Holidays

7 January - School Opens for Term 3