



A Message from the Headteacher: Welcome/Witam!

Welcome/Witam! I hope you all had a restful holiday. It was lovely to see all our young people back looking refreshed and eager to learn this term.

We value our partnerships with families and the opportunities we have to work together to help our children plan, achieve and celebrate their learning goals. I hope to see you all during the coming term at our wide range of events.

From Mrs Alexander , Headteacher

Reporting to Parents- Events

Open Afternoons

The school will be open to families at different times throughout the year to allow families to come in and celebrate learning with us. P2 have already enjoyed a Stay and Play session with Mrs Mahon last term. Miss Smith's P6 and Mrs Menzies' P7 classes invite their families to join them on 13th November from 2-3pm if you are free, to hear all about their last topic. More details to follow.

Reporting to Primary Parents, 21st November

Your child's interim report card is being completed by the teacher and will be issued on 21st November. This report will form the basis of discussions at our Family Conversation event. Please look for the report (which will be accompanied by an appointment slip) in your child's bag that day. Duplicate reports are available on request - please call to arrange with the office.

Family Conversations, 29th November, from 3.15pm

Following the report, we invite you to a meeting with your child and the class teacher to discuss current progress. Together you will agree a learning target to help your child achieve their learning potential and this will be recorded during the meeting. An appointment request sheet will be enclosed with your child's report. Parents with a child who attends termly Child Plan Meetings need not attend this event to avoid duplication of information.

Appointments will be issued on a first come, first served basis and will last no more than ten minutes. We appreciate that some families do not all live together however, but due to time restrictions we cannot offer more than one appointment per child so we ask that families work together to come to the appointment together or agree which parent will attend this first meeting. Please remember to return your invitation, even if you do not wish an appointment at this time as we require acknowledgment for our records.

Social media

Please join us on our Facebook page 'Hecklegirth Primary School News' for instant updates and school news - open to all parents/carers of Hecklegirth Primary and Nursery. We are using this more and more to update families on what's on in school so join us today!

Health and Wellbeing

Absence

If your child is to be off school please contact the school office before 9am. If we send a text reminder please reply or call in response!

Illness

As you will be aware, Reagyn in P5 is recovering from Leukaemia. Please advise the school of any illnesses your own children have to ensure we inform Reagyn's family as his immune system is low. Please remind your child at home about handwashing routines too to help reduce germs.

Community Work

Haaf Net Art Competition

Entries should be with the school office by Wed 31st.

Scottish Poppy Appeal

Donation tins are in the school office and nursery if you wish to donate. Thanks.

Lantern Workshop

Come along to our workshop being held during the Family Conversations event on 29th November. These can be used at the Annan Lights lantern parade on December 1st. Cost is £2 per lantern.

Community Garden Project

We have written to the owners of the garden plot in Station Road to enquire about taking responsibility for its upkeep and look forward to hearing back from them. In the meantime, Mrs Alexander has also applied to the local Council for funding to support the development of this area and space near the front door of the school to create a community garden with a seat. We hope to plant and grow fruit and vegetables and to donate our crops to those within our community. Thanks to those of you who have already been in touch to offer your green fingers - we will be in touch soon.





Dates for the Diary

November

- 13th- P6 & P7 Sharing event, 2pm
- 20th – Pupil flu sprays
- 29th - Family conversations 3-7pm; lantern making workshops

December

- 1st- Annan Christmas Lights switch on
- 10th- P1-4 Christmas carol concert
- 12th- P5-7 Christmas carol concert
- 21st- Last day of term

Clubs

New Lego Club

Mrs Holliday and Mrs Alexander have their new lego sets in school and will be in touch to start up their new club. Initially this club will be aimed at pupils with a learning need and those pupils with whom we aim to close the attainment gap. The club, if successful, will then be opened to other pupils during the year.

Extra-curricular Clubs

A letter outlining the clubs on offer this term from parents and staff will be issued soon. The letter will outline dates so please keep a note of these to avoid confusion. Active School Clubs are already started and you will have had notification from them if you were a member last term.

We try our best to offer a wide range of activities outwith the school day and are very grateful to our volunteers who give up their time free of charge to deliver these programmes. If you would like to help assist with any of our clubs, please make a note on the letter that comes out- we welcome all the help we can get!

Hecklegirth Fundraisers

- Christmas card orders due back on 31st
- We have plans in the pipeline for a whole school trip in June. Keep watching this space.



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Learning In



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Parent Council

We have Parent Council training on November 27th. Any new members are welcome to come along to this cluster event, being held here at Hecklegirth.

Chairperson : Mike Wigham

Vice Chairperson: Rachel Stott

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Other Info

Photos

School photo money is now due. Please return by Friday, 2nd November.



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