



A Message from the Headteacher: Welcome/Witam!

Welcome/Witam! Happy New Year to you and your family. It has been a frosty start to the year and we advise that pupils come to school wrapped up warmly with hats and gloves. Don't forget to label clothing as we often find single, lonely gloves!

We have another busy term planned to provide engaging learning opportunities for all, including science workshops, the Scots verse competition, fund-raising events, class assemblies and new clubs.

My office door is always open if you should have a concern or idea to share, or if you would like to join our Parent Council and Fundraising Group then you will be made most welcome as we are always looking for new members!

From Mrs Alexander , Headteacher

Reporting to Parents/Events

Social media

Our Facebook page 'Hecklegirth Primary School News' has instant updates and school news and is 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. Don't forget to answer the couple of questions asked or we cannot add you as a member. Some classes will be trialling a new school app this term that you can download to your mobile phone so watch out for more details.

School Improvement Planning

Teaching staff will be attending a cluster development session this month to look at the moderation of writing. This will help create a shared set of expectations when applying professional judgment to identify a child's level within Curriculum for Excellence (the curriculum used by all schools across Scotland).

New P1 Families/Enrolment

Mr Palmer (DHT) welcomed several new families during our Open Day in December. Don't forget enrolment dates for P1 are on 14th & 15th January between 9.00 am and 3.30pm at the school office. You must enrol at your catchment school letting them know which school you wish your child to attend.

Health and Wellbeing

Allergies

Please read food labels very carefully and refrain from sending any products containing nuts or kiwi as we have pupils who have severe allergies to these foods.

Water bottles

Please send in a labelled water bottle with a pop up lid (no screw tops) to help keep your child hydrated in school. We have some on sale from the office, priced £1.

Staff Car Park

Due to increased numbers in staff, spaces are becoming difficult to find. We politely request that parents in Nursery and Primary refrain from parking in the staff car park to enable staff to access their place of work throughout the day.

Health Questionnaires

The Council and its partners are currently working with Scottish Government through a programme called Realigning Children's Services to help improve local services for children. All P5-P7 children have been invited to complete a short online questionnaire on their lives and wellbeing. Information has been emailed and sent home in schoolbags this week. If you do not wish your child to take part please complete and return the tear off slip sent home. Further information is available at www.transformingchildrensfutures.scot

Community Work

Community Garden Project

Thankyou to Me McKenna who has kindly agreed to advise P3/4 on the development of a community garden in school.

Kates' Kitchen

We received a lovely letter of thanks for all donated items to their Christmas Appeal. You really did make a difference to the Christmas of many in the local area.

Tesco Tree

Many thanks to Tesco, Annan, for the donation of a large artificial tree for next Christmas. This tree previously adorned the main entrance of the store so will look spectacular next December.

Clubs

A reminder that the following clubs start again on Monday, 21st January and run for 10 weeks.

Monday – P3-7 lunchtime golf, P5-7 after-school football, P2-4 afterschool tennis

Tuesday – P4-7 lunchtime tennis, P3-7 afterschool triathlon, (also P5-7 afterschool cross country-letters in bags this week)

Wednesday – P5-7 lunchtime netball

Friday – P2-4 after-school football

Look out for letters next week about new clubs starting.

Hecklegirth Fundraisers

Valentine's Disco
on
Wednesday 13th February
Nursery-P2 (6-7pm)
or
P2- P7 (7.15-8.30pm)
£1 entry



Disco info

- P2 pupils can choose first or second disco.
- Nursery pupils MUST be accompanied by an adult
- All pupils MUST be collected. Please arrive 5-10 mins before the end time.
- We can't run events without adult volunteers. Are you free for an hour to help us take tickets at the door, run a stall, help keep dancing etc?! We really do need extra helpers so if you can spare us an hour or two, please leave your name at the office or contact Stacy Wigham.

Christmas Hamper Raffle- Many thanks to all who donated to the raffle at our concerts, helping us raise a mighty £609.51 which will go towards funding the whole school trip to Carlisle Sands Centre in June.

Christmas Card Orders- A whopping £452.21 was raised through this fund-raiser. Thank you to our card makers and to all who placed an order.

Parent Council

Our next meeting is on January 21st and we would invite you all to join us for cake and coffee from 6-7pm, to share your ideas for helping our school community. On the agenda this month will be car-parking.

For more information contact:

Chairperson-Mike Wigham

Vice Chairperson-Rachel Stott

Email: hecklegirthparentcouncil@gmail.com

Nursery News

1140 hours

Our Nursery extended its opening hours as part of the early entitlement to 1140 hours programme. Our new learning spaces are looking wonderful and staff are working hard to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Staff

Due to the expansion of the Nursery we have employed new staff and warmly welcome them:

Nursery Nurse/Depute Manager - Mrs Maxwell

Nursery Nurses - Mrs Irving, Mrs Carruthers

Early Years Support Assistants – Ms Carruthers, Ms

Dalglish, Ms Dunion and Mrs Mackay

Learning Assistant – Mrs Holliday

Granny News

Congratulations to Mrs Carruthers on becoming a Granny in December.

Dates for the Diary

January

14th, 15th – P1 enrolment

21st - Parent Council meeting 6pm

February

6 & 13th – P7 curling at Lockerbie Ice Rink

13th – School Disco

Learning In Action



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