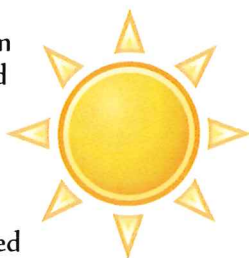




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This is more like Summer! I am sure this time last year we had snow...

I hope you are enjoying the good weather, getting outdoors and soaking up the sun.



This term we have already enjoyed the Science Centre Outreach for all our pupils, thanks to the generosity of the Parent Council. Thank you to Mrs Boyd for organising. It is thanks to you for supporting the Parent Council that they are able to assist in very worthwhile causes which benefit all our pupils. Hop along to the next event the Easter Bunny Drive, it is okay, dressing up is not compulsory and it is always a fun packed evening for all ages! There are some yummy Fairtrade prizes to be won. As always please do get in touch if you have any suggestions as to how we can make Noblehill Primary even better. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kathryn A Fraser

Dukeshouse 5 – 8 March Primary 7 Residential

I am sure the bags will be packed as most of our P7s organise their kit for their residential. We hope you all have a wonderful time and can I take this



opportunity in thanking Mrs Dougan, Mrs Lee and three parent helpers for so generously giving of their time. Every year I hear so many super stories of adventure, challenge and fun, I am sure it will be the same this year.

Carlingwark Outdoor Education 4-5 March and 14-15 March Primary 6 Residential

Pupils will be leaving school at 8.30 am on the first day, they will return the following day arriving at school at approx. 4.00pm.

I was delighted to see most of our parents managed to pop along to the information session. The kit list was sent home a few weeks ago – please do not go out to purchase specialist items as the centre has a host of supplies which we can borrow. I'm delighted to say all our P6



pupils have signed up to come along, I am sure we will have lots of fun and a real sense of achievement during our few days away. **(Pupils taking part on the 15 March are encouraged to wear something red and a red nose!)**

School drop off and collection

Thanks to our Junior Road Safety Officers

organising a poster competition we now have super posters displayed in the areas where parking

continues to be a problem. Each poster carries a very clear message and I hope you will join in the school and support us in our plea to keep all our pupils safe.



Safetymatters



Parent Council

The Parent

Council have now met on two occasions this term. The minutes of which are usually posted within a week on our school website for your information. The Parent Council extended a warm welcome to Mrs G Henderson on Monday evening. Mrs Henderson will take up her post as Head Teacher, immediately after the Easter holidays.

On behalf of all the pupils and staff of the nursery and primary I would like to offer a huge thank you to the Parent Council for committing their funds to support:

- The Science Centre Outreach event
- To Build a Profile - Early Years will Pilot this (more information to follow)
- #Nobleskillz (£1 per pupil/child)
- School excursions for year 2018/19 (£3 per pupil/child)
- Reading books

Thanks also to our families and friends for supporting all our fund raising events.



Parent Council Easter Bunny Drive

Our annual Easter Bunny Drive is planned to take place on Thursday 21 March at 6.30pm. Tickets are available from the school office priced £1.50 for adults and £ 1.00 for children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. You will find attached a form if you would like to purchase tickets in advance. Tickets can also be purchased on the night. There will also be a small raffle - any donations of prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you there.



World Book Day Thursday 7 March

Dress up as your favourite character!

All our pupils have been issued with a book token today. The token is attached to an accompanying letter which provides further details.

RED NOSE DAY

Pupils are encouraged to wear something red for a donation to charity and red noses will be available to purchase for £1.25 in the very near future!

Friday 15 March

More information is attached.

Class Assemblies

Primary 3/2, Primary 4 and Primary 4/3 are working hard preparing their class assembly. They are looking forward to sharing their assemblies with friends and family. We would like to invite their parents, friends or family that are able to join us (max 2 people) at 8:30 to enjoy a light refreshment prior to their assembly. All welcome!



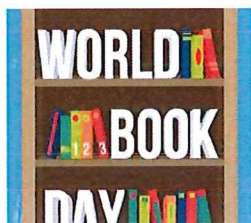
Primary P3/2 - Friday 15 March

Primary 4 - Friday 22 March

Primary 4/3 - Friday 5 April

Queen of the South Attendant

Our Primary 7 pupils recently voted a member of their year group to be the attendant at this year's Guid Nychburris event. The pupils were asked to consider who in their classes demonstrates a caring, kind, responsible attitude and who would be a great ambassador for Noblehill. I'm delighted to say they have voted Ayla to be the attendant this year. Congratulations!



Scottish Dance Festival



On Saturday 9th March, the annual Dance Festival takes place at Dumfries Academy. We are delighted to have 3 teams competing in the competitive sections and one team in the non-competitive Jigs and Reels section. We wish all our dancers luck for the festival and a special thank you to Jayne Riddet for all her hard work and input throughout the year.

Outdoor Toys

Our Nursery is currently looking to update our outdoor play area. If you have any balance bikes, bikes, tricycles or other outdoor toys that you no longer use, any donations would be very welcome.



Rotary Quiz Team

Ayla, Stuart, Erin and Eve from P7 will be representing the school on 27 March at Troqueer Primary in the Rotary Quiz Team - we wish them lots of luck.



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Health and wellbeing week

1st -5th April 2019

In line with our School Improvement Plan 'Nurture' has remained a focus for Noblehill this session. A staff 'Nurture' group was formed and they are working closely with Sam Thornley from the Inclusion Team in taking this forward.

In order to officially launch and encapsulate the work that has already been done, the group are busy organising a Nurture focus week. During this health and wellbeing week activities will be organised for all classes. More information will follow.



any specific concerns. If you complete your slip and return it to school then it is assumed you will come on the day – if the teacher is chatting to another parent, please wait until they are free before going into class. Thank you!

Apparently it ran very smoothly at the beginning of the term – well done everyone!

Momo Challenge

We are becoming increasingly aware of highly inappropriate videos circulating online which are being viewed by children. The 'Momo' challenge is an alleged form of cyberbullying that spreads through social media and mobile phones with very serious consequences. We encourage you to be vigilant when your child is using any device or watching clips. We would also like to encourage you to talk to your child about cyber safety and tell your child if it upsets them, switch off the screen and tell an adult.

Advice is available online on the national online safety website.



Following on from a visit from PC Trosh it is very apparent that many pupils have access to games and apps that they are not yet the recommended age to use/view. I would also like to encourage you to search for the recommended age for all games online and on packaging before allowing your child access.

Eco School Update



I'm delighted to inform you our Eco Committee have yet again worked hard on their garden designs, so much so they have been selected to exhibit their Pocket Garden at the Gardening Scotland in Term 4. They are simply amazing! The minutes from the recent meeting are available on our website.

Parent Surgery

The next Parent Surgery is on Thursday 28 March.

To reiterate and to avoid further confusion – these identified time slots allow parents the opportunity to drop in – without appointment between 3-4 pm. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, you are requested to complete the attached slip (which will be sent home prior to each surgery) stating what you would like to know about or if you have



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Scottish Water Dumfries Refill Point



As a 4th Green Flag Eco School, we were very excited and proud to be participating in the Scottish Water Refill Point Launch event - encouraging local people and visitors to refill their re-usable bottles when in town. We hope the public will get on board and support Dumfries' effort to care for our planet!

Dates for the diary

- 4 March P6 Carlingwark 8.30am
- 5 March P7 Dukeshouse 1pm
- 5 March P6 Carlingwark return 4pm
- 7 March World Book Day
- 8 March P7 Dukeshouse return 3pm
- 14 March P6 Carlingwark 8.30am
- 15 March P3/2 Assembly
- 15 March P6 Carlingwark return 4pm
- 21 March Parent Council Easter Bunny Drive
- 22 March P4 Assembly
- 26 March P7 Rotary Quiz (some pupils)
- 27 March P6 & P7 Cross Country (some pupils)
- 28 March Parent Drop-In Session 3-4pm

5 April P4/3 Assembly

8 - 22 April Easter Holidays

Return Tuesday 23 April

Parent Surgery – Thursday 28th March

Child's Name and Class _____

I would like to discuss _____

Signed _____

BUNNY DRIVE - THURSDAY 21st MARCH

I would like the following tickets for the Bunny Drive:

Adults _____ £1.50 each

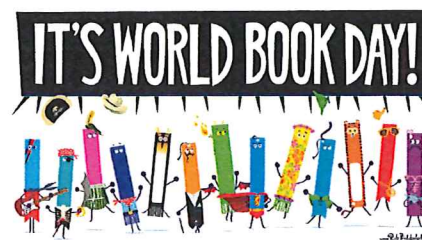
Children _____ £1.00 each (must be accompanied by an adult)

£_____ enclosed

Child's Name & Class _____

World Book Day

This year World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 6th March. Pupils (and staff) are encouraged to come dressed as a character from a book and to bring in one of their favourite books to read in class. The day will be filled with book related activities and classes will be taking lots of photos of what is going on so keep an eye on the website! As the P7s will be away at Dukeshouse on this date, their World Book Day will be the following Thursday on the 14th.



As part of the lead up to World Book Day, we thought it would be a really good idea to organise a book swap. If you have any books in good condition that you would like to donate, either fiction or non-fiction, you could either hand them in with your child to school or hand them in at the school office. We would like this to be an ongoing project throughout the year where children can both donate books and take books to read. 'Book Swap' books will have a '*Noblehill Book Swap*' sticker on them so you know that they have been donated.

Red Nose Day



On Friday 15th March the whole school are going to be taking part in raising money for Red Nose Day. Pupil Council will be selling Red Noses round classes from Monday 11th March costing £1.25 each. It was also decided to have a non-uniform day on Friday 15th where you can wear something red for a suggested donation of 50p.