



Noblehill Primary School

October 2019 Newsletter



Welcome back and I hope that everyone has had a lovely holiday. As we head towards the winter months with darker days can I please request that all parents ensure that children can be seen and where appropriate ensure that high visibility clothes are worn for those children who are walking or cycling home alone.

We have as usual another busy term ahead of us. The Senior Management Team will be working with groups of children to review learning and Curriculum for Excellence levels. Class teachers will be working across the cluster as well as individually within our own school to review our assessment approaches towards writing. Staff will also be undertaking training regarding how we meet the individual needs of all of our students within our classes and school as a whole.



We will also be continuing with our Rights Respecting Schools work and aim to achieve the Silver Award during this academic year. As part of the work completed by this focus group we aim to produce a Promoting Positive Relationship Policy which will support previous development work regarding both nurturing approaches, restorative practices as well the rewards, sanctions and systems in place across the school to promote and acknowledge good behaviour. Once we have our policy in draft we will share it with you for your reflections and evaluations.

Head Lice

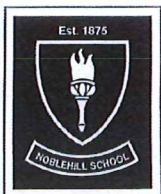
Head lice are tiny insects that live in hair. Head lice and nits (empty egg cases attached to hair that head lice hatch from) are very common across all primary schools and nurseries. There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice but you can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing your child's hair regularly to catch them early. They're largely harmless, but can live in the hair for a long time if not treated. Head lice can be difficult to spot, even when the head is closely inspected. They're very small whitish or grey-brown insects that range from the size of a pinhead to the size of a sesame seed. They can also be difficult to remove from hair and usually cause discomfort and itching for your child, there can also be a rash at the back of your child's neck.

Please ensure that you check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly; the pharmacist can give you free solutions or advise you on the best way to treat them.

There's no need for children to stay off school.

By working together I hope that Noblehill can be a Head lice free zone!





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Loreburn Housing Association Request

We have been asked to remind all parents that the car park next to the school is for Loreburn residents only and as such they are requesting that we do not use this area to drop off or collect children at the start or at the end of a school day.

There have also been complaints that some motorists are emptying their rubbish there and children and parents are dropping litter there e.g. crisp bags, empty bottles, sweet wrappers.

I am aware that parking is a huge issue for everyone however I would look to support our neighbours and ask that we are both mindful and respectful of the fact that this car park does not belong to the school.



Parent Council

Christmas Fayre

The Parent Council are currently organising a Christmas Fayre which has been planned for:

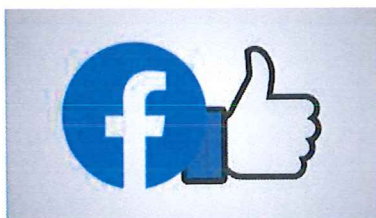
Friday 29th November

The children will be supporting this in a variety of ways but they would like to run both a bottle stall as well as a raffle. It would be really appreciated if you could kindly donate a bottle of some sort or a raffle prize to support this event. Many thanks .

The money raised from all of these events support your child's education through subsidising school trips, supporting wider achievement opportunities as well as providing the children with additional learning resources.

Facebook Page Survey

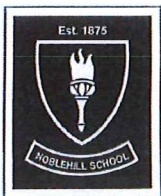
Many thanks to all of the parents and staff who responded to our survey regarding whether the school should have it's own Facebook Page. The results are:



Group	Yes	No
Staff	70%	30%
Parents	89%	11%

As such we will now proceed with getting this set up in due course and I look forward to sharing with you some of the fantastic things which our children are doing in school.

Should you not want you child's photo to appear on this closed site please inform the school office or your child's class teacher.



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Electronic Newsletter

I recognise that as this is the first time which we are sending our newsletter out electronically to everyone. As such we have in this instance texted you to inform you about it as well. Please remember to let the school know if you did not receive the newsletter by email as we will need to update your email address.



It is intended that all future newsletters will be sent by email unless you have directly informed us otherwise.

Our Next Parent Council Meeting is planned for **Monday 4th November at 6:30pm**

Please come along and share your views.

Flu Jab

Wednesday 27th
November

School Photos

25th & 26th November

Parents Evening

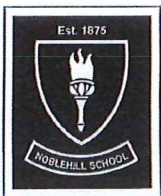
Wednesday 20th
November

Staffing Update

I am pleased to inform you that we have a new member of our office team Jade Carmichael working with us on a Monday and Friday. We have also appointed Mr Craig Henderson as our new Playground Supervisor.

Miss Ellie Moore our PEF Assistant started her maternity leave on 27 October. I am sure that we all wish her all the best and look forward to seeing her new wee bundle of joy in due course.





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Children in Need 2019



On Friday 15th November we will be supporting 'Children in Need' by having a non-uniform day. We would ask for a donation of £1 and this will mean that you can come to school wearing your own clothes. Pupil Council will be selling Pudsey pin badges for £1 with Reps visiting classes each morning from Monday 11th November.

We look forward to having a great day supporting Children in Need!



Hallowe'en Heros!!

Another night of successful Hallowe'en parties was held in school on the 29th of October. The dancing was tremendous and it was fabulous to see so many pupils dressing up for the occasion in truly terrifying costumes!

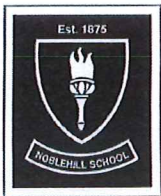
A HUGE THANK YOU has to be given to the 14 parent helpers who helped make the night run as smoothly as it did. Having so many volunteers picking up roles made it an enjoyable night for all – we can't thank you enough for taking the time to lend a hand. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU !!

Also a special thank you to the new janitor, Mr Henderson, for setting up the mega music system—that help was hugely appreciated!

And last but not least, a HUGE thank you to all the school staff who continue to attend and support all of the events each year—it's above and beyond the already fabulous work you do, so please note it doesn't go unnoticed by the pupils and parents!

Thank you , Thank you , Thank you!





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CHRISTMAS FAYRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our Christmas Fayre is to be held on Friday the 29th of November and its shaping up to be a BIG ONE !!
This year we have..

Santa's Grotto !
NERF gun Inflatable !
Balloon stand!
A fantastic raffle!

25+ stalls !
Face painting!
Candy Floss Machine!
Christmas Games!

We are looking for volunteers for a number of roles, NONE of which will take the whole event. We appreciate you wish to attend and enjoy the event so if you are free for 30 minutes during the event to sell raffle tickets, make some candy floss, take ticket money on the door or help with tea and coffee please do get in touch.

ANY help is massively appreciated so if you are able to support, or have secondary pupils who were past pupils who wish to return and support please email mrs.louise.coupar@gmail.com who will get in touch ahead of the event.