

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Bulletin



Friday 13th December 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers

As the countdown to the end of 2019 begins, I find myself looking back on what has been an eventful and, ultimately, very rewarding year. On both a personal and professional level, Maidenhill has dominated my year in a very positive way. The accompanying excitement and challenges of our wonderful new school have thoroughly energised me (yes, even on the cold, damp and windy mornings of which there have been many). I think back to my very first site visit last January (weather- cold, damp and windy) and I am amazed at how far we have come as a school in such a short time and how much of a community we are forging. This has been a real team effort of children, families and staff coming together and I am extremely grateful. I only hope you feel half as proud of all your efforts as I do. Bring on 2020!

Nativity Performances

The excitement is building for Maidenhill's very first nativity performances. Our nursery class kick things off on Tuesday 17th with performances at 9.30am and 1.45pm. P1-5 follow close behind with two performances on Thursday 19th. Please contact our school office to enquire about the availability of additional tickets for any performance.

Light Up Maidenhill

Thanks again to the planning team at Newton Mearns Baptist Church for kindly organising this week's (re-arranged) Light Up Maidenhill community event. Thanks also to all the families who came along to join in the fun.

Staffing Update

Today, Mrs Dickson has shared with the Primary 1 children her news about an imminent new arrival in the Dickson household (no, not another puppy). I am sure you will want to join with me in wishing Lee and her husband all the very best at this exciting time. The current plan is for Mrs Dickson to work on until the start of March with Miss Livingstone then taking over full-time teaching responsibility in Primary 1 until the end of June. Miss Livingstone has worked extensively in Primary 1 over the last few months and knows the children very well. She will work closely with Mrs Dickson in the coming weeks to ensure an effective transition for our children when the time comes. If there needs to be any changes to this plan, I shall write to let you know.

Christmas Closure

If your P1-P5 child is on your 'nice' list, you should collect them from school on Friday 20th December at 2.30 pm. However if your child is on the 'naughty' list, they may be left behind and put to work in the pump room out back until the New Year.

MACS will run their session from 2.30m pm. Children in our nursey class can be collected from 2.30 pm onwards with the nursery remaining open until 4 pm.

We look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and re-energised, on Monday January 6th.

If I don't get the chance to say to you beforehand, have a fantastic break over the festive period. All the very best to all our families for an amazing new year!

Key Dates for Terms 1, 2, 3 and 4

Monday December 16th – P3, 4 and 5 Christmas Party (pm – party clothes may be worn all day if wished)

Tuesday December 17th – Nursery Nativity, 9.30am and 1.45pm

Wednesday December 18th – P1 and 2 Christmas Party (am – party clothes may be worn all day if wished)

Thursday December 19th – School Nativity, 9.30am and 1.45pm

Friday December 20th – School closes for Christmas Holiday

Monday January 6th – School re-opens for Term 3

Friday January 24th – Tartan Day – a celebration of all things Scottish; tartan optional!

Thursday January 30th – Learn With Us Afternoon 2, 2.00–2.45pm

Thursday February 27th – STEM Fayre, time tbc.

from Tuesday 24th March – Scholastic Book Fair comes to Maidenhill

Thursday March 26th – Parent Consultation Evening 2, from 3.30pm

Friday April 3rd – P4/5 Assembly; P4/5 Parents/ carers welcome to attend

Friday April 3rd – School closes for Spring Holiday

Monday April 20th – School re-opens for Term 4

Thursday May 7th – INSET Day

Friday May 8th – Holiday

Friday May 15th – P1 Assembly; P1 Parents/ carers welcome

Friday May 22nd and Monday May 25th – Holiday

Tuesday May 26th – INSET Day

Tuesday June 2nd – Nursery Sports

Thursday June 4th – School Sports

Friday June 12th – Summative reports issued to parents/ carers

Thursday June 25th – Nursery Graduation, am

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