

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Update



Friday September 4 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

Just a quick update this week!

We held our first online assembly today- fine for me; I could ramble on without knowing whether anyone was actually listening to me or not. Not quite sure how the children found it, but I am sure they will be happy to give me feedback!

I had asked the adults to focus on children who they felt had gone the extra mile in showing friendship and kindness to others, and I was delighted to present the first Maidenhill All-Star Certificates of the session to the following children:

Nursery class- Harleen

P1- Jessica

P2alpha- Heidi

P2bravo- Daniel

P3- Sarah

P4- Joshua

P5- Maya

P6- Alishba

P7- Matthew

Parent Consultation Meetings

After much debate and to ensure our class teachers are able to chat with you as soon as possible, we have decided to go 'old school' and use our landline phones for our first round of parent consultation meetings with parents of children in P1-P7.

Conversations will last for 10 minutes and are scheduled now to take place on Tuesday September 15 (P1, P5, P6 and P7) and Wednesday September 16 (P2alpha, P2bravo, P3,P4), from 3.30pm right through to 9pm. Mrs Fraser and Ms Robertson are setting up our online booking system and the link for this should be e-mailed out on Monday. Online booking will remain live until Friday 11. In the comments section of the booking portal, you will be asked to leave 1 preferred contact number for the conversation.

We appreciate, like so many things at the moment, that this is not the ideal way of 'meeting' with you but we are extremely keen to touch base without delay and I know you will be equally keen to hear how well your children are settling and progressing. If none of the times on the dates above are possible for you, please get in touch and we will endeavour to set up a 10 minute chat on a date later in the term.

Tuck Shop

Our new Catering Manager, Stephanie Lillie, is keen to start up our Tuck Shop from Monday. This worked well for our children last year and we are happy to facilitate again. Fruit, toast, potato scones and the occasional sugar-reduced cake will be available. There will also be plain milk and sugar-free flavoured milk. Payment for all tuck shop items is via ParentPay and children should not bring any cash. Stephanie will ensure that only children with a credit in their account will be able to buy from the tuck shop and that no one ends up with a debit. If you are happy for your child to go to the tuck shop, it is always a good idea to have a chat with them in advance about your expectations of how often they will go and what they should buy. A top up of a £1 will be enough to get anyone started.

If you have any questions for Stephanie, don't hesitate to get in touch via schoolmail@maidenhill.e-renfrew.sch.uk

Parents' Portal

Please make sure you have initiated your Parents' Portal account. This is the new way for schools to update their annual data checks and to ensure we hold the correct information for you and your child. Please get in touch with Mrs Fraser or Ms Robertson in our office if you have not yet been able to set up your account.

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald
Head Teacher