

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Update



Friday December 11 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

As we enter the last few weeks of 2020, I am sure no one will be too sorry to see it go! Our official opening ceremony way back in January seems like light years ago.

And yet there have been many positives at Maidenhill this year. Our children continue to thrive and learn; our new starts have quickly settled and established themselves within our school and nursery class; and our staff team are adapting and evolving further innovative approaches to learning and teaching. I don't kid myself that 2021 is going to be plain-sailing but I certainly feel confident that, as a school community, we can approach all future challenges with continued tenacity and commitment.

Christmas Parties

Please see the diary at the bottom of the letter for confirmation of class Christmas party dates for next week. Children may come to school in party clothes for the entirety of the day. It is important, however, that they still have a warm jacket and sensible (flat) shoes for outdoor play. During the course of the party, children will have a snack of crisps, a Freddo and orange juice. Please do let us know if you would rather your child does not have this snack or if you would like to provide a comparable alternative.

Christmas Film Spectacular- Lights, Camel Action 2- The Sequin!

Filming for our Christmas Spectacular has been going on all week and children are embracing their roles and the filmic medium with gusto! I still have no idea quite what the finished product will look like, but I am sure you will welcome all your children's efforts with the same enthusiasm that they have shown for the project.

Look out for our premier launch on Thursday 17th.

Parent Council News

It was great to touch base with the Parent Council at Tuesday's AGM. Our Chair, Lindsay Brown, led us through an overview of the work of the Council in its very first year and it was amazing to re-cap everything that had been achieved. Thank you for the commitment of all those involved and to anyone who has expressed an interest in getting involved in the future. I look forward to a continued productive partnership.

I have been blown away by your contributions to the Parent Council's Festive Fundraising. Please find attached the full festive event calendar and a poster for next week's exciting Zoom parties. I will share the Zoom party poster with classes at the start of the week, so please listen out for your children mentioning them to you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/maidenhill-parentcouncil>

In addition, the Parent Council, in collaboration with Pollok Baptist Church, have arranged a **foodbank collection** on Tuesday 15th December. I don't think anyone can be unaware of the desperate circumstances some families will be finding themselves in this year. Please see the poster attached. We will cordon off an area at the top end of the nursery fence beyond the bus drop-off area. Any contributions can be dropped off there throughout the day and I am certain they will be much appreciated.

Please also see the message below from the Parent Council re. Easyfundraising:

Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping this year.

Over 4,300 shops and sites will donate to Maidenhill Primary School and Nursery Class Parent Council for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations, festive food and shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more!

These donations really help us and all you have to do is use easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/maidenhillpsncpc/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-c20-e1

Thank you .

Don't forget that the school will close at 2.30pm next Friday for all P1-7 children, naughty or nice. Our nursery class will remain open until 6pm as usual.

Diary

Monday 14 December - P3 and P6 and 7 parties

Tuesday 15 December - P1 party

Wednesday 16 December - P2 party

Thursday 17 December- P4, P5 and Nursery Class parties

Friday 18 December- school closes for Christmas holiday at 2.30 pm; nursery class closes at 6.00pm

Tuesday 5 January- school re-opens

Friday 5 February- school closes for February holiday

Wednesday 10 February- school re-opens

Thursday 25 March- Parent Consultation Meetings ii- tbc.

Thursday 1 April - school closes for Spring holiday

Have a great weekend.

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald
Head Teacher