

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Update



Friday April 23 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Our Summer Term is already well under way and it has been great to welcome even more new faces to Maidenhill for this last part of the session. Our roll for the school is now sitting at 226, with 89 children in our nursery class.

This is usually an extremely busy time within a school and I am sure this term will be no different. Current restrictions and guidelines are likely to still have an impact on some events, such as inductions days or sports days- particularly in terms of the involvement of parents, but we will work hard to make sure that our children don't feel like they are missing out on any experiences.

Summer Weather

The Spring Break saw the usual 4 seasons in one day that we have come to expect at this time of year. It is fair to say, however, that we are certainly now having a spell of settled and quite pleasant weather. We will always aim to have our children, from nursery-P7, outdoors as much as possible at this time of year, so please don't forget to apply sun screen before the children come to school/ nursery and send children with sun hats if required.

Bikeability

Speaking of outdoors, our senior children are about to embark on their Bikeability training at either Level 1 (P5) or Level 2 (P6/P7). Primary 5's first day is on Tuesday, with Primary 6 and 7 on Thursday and Friday next week. Children should arrive at school with their bikes, helmets and a bicycle lock/ chain which will keep them secure. These should be taken home on each day of training, unless you have been in touch to ask us to store your child's bike for the duration. We are more than happy to do so, but please note that our liability insurance does not provide cover for bikes.

Parent Council Spring Events

Thanks again to our Parent Council event organisers for the fabulous spring activity programme- I believe a lot of fun was had by all. I have attached a flyer from our Parent Council, highlighting the winners for each event/ activity.

Nursery Drop-off

Just a quick reminder that all children should be dropped off at nursery class by 9:30 at the latest. I appreciate that no one is deliberately setting out to be selfish, but it is not possible for our dedicated nursery staff to be answering the door and settling in individual children throughout the course of the morning without this compromising the care and learning we are able to provide to all.

Many thanks to the vast majority of our parents and carers who understand this and are working hard to establish a consistent routine for their child. If you have a one-off situation (such as an appointment) that

means you can't drop off by 9.30, then please let us know in advance and we will obviously accommodate. Much appreciated.

Diary

Tuesday 27 April- P5 Level 1 Bikeability Day 1

Thursday 29 April- P6 and 7 Level 2 Bikeability Day 1

Friday 30 April- P6 and 7 Level 2 Bikeability Day 2

Monday 3 May- May Day holiday

Tuesday 4 May- P5 Level 1 Bikeability Day 2

Wednesday 5 May- P6 and 7 Level 2 Bikeability Day 3

Thursday 6 May- INSET day

Friday 7 May- P6 and 7 Level 2 Bikeability Day 4

Tuesday 11 May- P5 Level 1 Bikeability Day 3

Thursday 20 May- Nursery Class intake for 2021/22 parent info event (tbc- dependent on nursery allocations having been completed and social distancing guidelines)

Friday 28 May and Monday 31 May- May Weekend holiday

Tuesday 1 June- Primary 1 intake for 2021/22 parent info event (tbc- dependent on social distancing guidelines)

Thursday 17 June- P7 Leavers' evening event (tbc)

Friday 18 June- School and Nursery Class Sports Day (please note change to previously intimated date)

Friday 18 June- summative report cards issued

Monday 21 June and Tuesday 22 June- P7 induction days @ Mearns Castle High School

Wednesday 23 June, 11.15 am- Nursery Class Leavers' Ceremony

Thursday 24 June, 11.15 am- P7 Leavers' Ceremony

Friday 25 June- Summer term ends

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald
Head Teacher