

Maidenhill Primary School

Head Teacher's Update



Friday May 14 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

Eid Mubarak!

I hope all our families who have been celebrating Eid this week have had a fantastic time.

Certainly we all seem to have a lot more to celebrate at the moment than we have had in a long time. I went through to Barrhead for my first vaccine on Tuesday (obviously some kind of clerical mix-up as I am clearly still only 39) and felt a definite sense of another step towards normality.

However I do still think it is important to avoid complacency and I am extremely grateful to all our families for continuing to follow the protocols and mitigations established throughout the session. I am aware of several schools in the local area which continue to have a number of full classes self-isolating and I know that you will be as keen as I am to work hard to avoid that scenario again if we can.

Latecoming

It has never been more important that children have the right to access their full educational entitlement in our school and nursery class. One of the biggest barriers to this can be latecoming. I am extremely grateful to the vast majority of parents/carers who take full responsibility for ensuring their children arrive at school promptly for 8.55 or in the nursery class for 9.30 at the latest.

Obviously, circumstances can occasionally arise that lead to families running late. If this is a rare occurrence, then it is never a problem. However, if you know your child is frequently or almost always late for school or nursery class, I would urge you to reflect upon this and make suitable adjustments to your morning routine. Years of experience have taught me that the children themselves are rarely the cause of latecoming and we will never aim to make children feel responsible or add to their embarrassment. There are avenues of support and advice for parents to help cope with establishing consistent routines- please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you feel you would benefit.

Parent Council Fundraising

With the value we place in Maidenhill on using 'real' books to enhance reading for enjoyment, Miss Atkin has been working closely with our library committee to supplement our fantastic range of library books. This has only been possible due to the amazing fundraising efforts of our parent council and the generosity of our school community. Our parent council are currently planning their summer term fundraising schedule- please watch this space for further details.

Photographs

Don't forget that Tempest Photography will be visiting us on Tuesday 18 for family and individual photos. If you haven't returned the relevant permission slip, you have until the end of today.

As I had mentioned last week, **Smart Drone Solutions** are also visiting to take what I imagine will be very impactful whole school and whole nursery class photographs. This visit is weather permitting but is scheduled for w/b May 24, most likely May 26. I am sure this will prove to be a fantastic keep-sake of another memorable school year and the company (co-founded by one of our parents) has kindly agreed to donate some of the profit from any sales to our school fund. I have included further information and a specific permission slip in the attached letter.

Free Bike Marking Event

PC Angela Mitchell, Campus Police Officer for Mearns Castle, has been in touch to signpost a bike marking event at Rouken Glen from 10.30-4.00 on Saturday June 12. Registering your bike in this way obviously helps police and retailers verify the legitimate owners of any bikes which have been stolen and resold.

Diary

(Please note some of our induction dates have had to change)

Tuesday 18 May- Tempest Photography (dress to impress!)

CHANGE: Tuesday 25 May- New Primary 1 intake for 2021/22 parent info event via Google Meet

Wednesday 26 May- Smart Drone Solutions photography- tbc.

Friday 28 May and Monday 31 May- May Weekend holiday

w/b Tuesday 1 June- Emotional Wellbeing Week

CHANGE: Thursday 3 May- New Nursery Class intake for 2021/22 parent info event via Google Meet

Thursday 17 June- P7 Leavers' Party (from 6.30 pm tbc)

Friday 18 June- School and Nursery Class Sports Day

Friday 18 June- summative report cards issued

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

Wednesday 23 June- P1-7 'Fun in the Sun Day' (dress code: totally tropical/ beachy boho!)

Wednesday 23 June, 11.15 am- Nursery Class Leavers' Ceremony and Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Thursday 24 June, 11.15 am- P7 Leavers' Ceremony

Friday 25 June- Summer term ends

Take care,

Alasdair McDonald
Head Teacher