

# Noble Primary School

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## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to thank all of our families and staff at Noble for their support and assistance in ensuring our children's safety last week during the adverse weather conditions. We thank you for your patience and understanding, particularly with Friday's early closure.

Thank you to all of our parents and friends attending P3/4's showcase of learning last week. This was a fantastic opportunity for some 'family learning' and for the children to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the Vikings, and the impact they had in Scotland. We are looking forward to our Scottish Assembly on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, where all classes will perform a Scottish song or poem. Please make sure you return your ticket order to avoid disappointment.

Your sincerely

Mr Daniel Murray

Head Teacher



#### P1 Enrolment 2018 - 2019

If you were unable to enrol last week due to the weather conditions, please telephone the school to arrange an appointment.



#### Rescheduled P5/6 Mock Court Project Date

The Mock Court Project will now take place on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. The children will remain in school at 3pm and will be taken to Stirling Sheriff Court. Our estimated return time will be around 6.15pm, however, we will let you know if this changes. Please ensure your child has a snack they can eat at 3pm. Full school uniform is required.

#### Finance Workshops — P4 to P7

On the 9<sup>th</sup> January, we welcomed Paula and Karen from North Lanarkshire's Consumer Advice Centre to lead finance workshops for P4 to P7. Primary 6 and 7 also learned about the world of work and how to resolve customer complaints. More pictures can be found on our Twitter page.



#### P7 CSI Transition

Primary 7 are now on week 3 of their Science transition project — CSI. The children have participated in a range of Scientific experiments and investigations to help them solve crimes.

### P3/4 Showcase of Learning

Well done to the children of P3/4 who took to the stage to showcase their learning of their interdisciplinary theme of Vikings. Well done to those parents 'nominated' to take part in the question time!

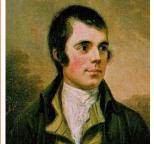


#### After School Clubs

This term, after school clubs will be running on the following days:

Club	Primary	Dates
Athletics	Primary 3 & 4	Monday's until 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Basketball	Primary 6 & 7	Thursday's until 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Netball	Primary 5, 6 & 7	Friday's until 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Dance	Primary 3, 4 & 5	Friday's until 23 <sup>rd</sup> March

Unfortunately, the Boxing after school club can no longer go ahead due to the coach's absence. We will let you know when this is available again.



#### Scottish Assembly led by P5/6

P5/6 class will be leading our Scottish Celebration on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am. Tickets are going fast so return your letters as quickly as possible to avoid disappointment.

Parent Council

On behalf of the Parent Council, I thank all parent/carers/staff and pupils who participated in the Christmas Fayre either by donating prizes or by coming along on the day. The Parent Council work tirelessly to raise money for the pupils and the school and I appreciate their hard work and commitment.



#### <u>Staffing – Additional Support Needs Assistant</u>

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Kim Willis as a temporary Additional Support Needs Assistant to our school. Mrs Willis will support work being carried out as part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge and Pupil Equity Fund.

#### Pupil Equity Fund Update

As part of the Government's strategy to begin to close the poverty related attainment gap, the school has invested in an additional 30 new iPads. These will be used to support learning and teaching across all stages. The school has also renewed its subscription to the SUMDOG website for Numeracy, which children can also access at home.

#### Kilbowie Information Night

Primary 7 go to Kilbowie from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be an information evening on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm in the school hall.

#### Parking

Can I remind all parents who drop off their children by car that the school car park is not a safe drop off zone and should not be used for this purpose. Frequently, some parents still use the car park for dropping their children off and I would appeal to them to put the safety of their children first and drop them off in a safe place out with the car park.

#### Community Learning and Development Worker - Promoting Family Learning

As part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge, we are delighted to have Helen How working with us. Helen is available to support all aspects of family learning and can work with groups of families or individuals. Helen is continuing to run the Homework Club on Wednesdays after school from 3pm to 4.15pm. All children must attend with an adult.

In addition, Helen is also running a Parent Talk group which is an opportunity for parents to speak informally about their experiences. Please come along for a biscuit and a blether on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 9am or Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm. This is very informal. Contact Helen on **07482721594**.

#### Family Learning Event - Big Cook, Little Cook

Thank you to those of you that completed our questionnaire relating to family learning events. Working with Helen How, we are planning to deliver a 'Big Cook, Little Cook' parent and child cooking sessions. These will run for four weeks after school. There will be two sessions families may choose from, Helen will issue details at the end of the month, and numbers will be limited for each session. The sessions will start on 21st February, at 3pm and 6pm you will be able to indicate which of the session's suits you best on the return slip on the letter.

#### Mental Agility - Curricular Information Event - Tuesday 30th January 3.15 to 4.15

You will be aware that we have had a focus on developing our children's mental agility skills in



numeracy. Mental agility is when the children are taught strategies to help them solve numerical calculations quickly. Please come along to our information night and ask staff what your child is learning. There will be creche facilities to allow you time to speak with staff.



### Rights Respecting Schools Steering Group

Thanks to members of our Parent Council who attended our first Rights Respecting Schools Forum Meeting. The children were involved in creating the school's action plan by designing a Rights questionnaire for other pupils. The steering group will be sharing their learning with the rest of the school this Thursday at our special Rights Assembly.

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# Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January Scottish Disco

(P1-3 6pm to 7pm, P4-7 7.15pm to 8.15pm)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January Scottish Assembly led by P5/6 (Tickets only)

(9.15am)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January Parent Talk with Helen How (am session)

Monday 29th January Parent Talk with Helen How (pm session)

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January Mental Agility Info Event 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Wednesday 31st January Mock Court Project (After school)

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February Holiday

Tuesday 13th February Holiday

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February Inservice Day

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