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Head Teacher's Message



Dear Parents,

Hopefully we have now seen the last of the inclement weather and we can now see glimmers of spring time, possibly some warmer weather over the next few weeks.

We wish to welcome as many of you to our Open Hour this week, Thursday 8th March 2018, at 9.15am. The focus of this visit will be numeracy and you can ask your child about the mental agility strategies that he/she uses in class. It also gives you an opportunity to visit your child in their learning environment.

The Scottish Government has announced that Noble Primary School will receive £55,000 from the Pupil Equity Fund. We are in the process of identifying our school priorities for next session based around narrowing the poverty related attainment gap. Like last session, I will be looking to form a School Improvement Group to help us with our self-evaluation. Further information about how you can contribute and become involved in this will follow.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

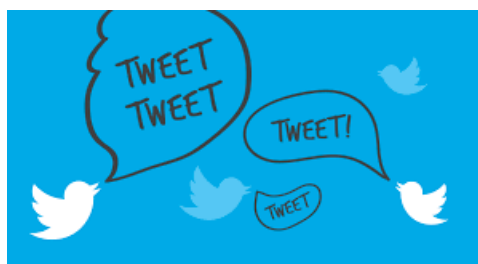
Your sincerely

Mr Daniel Murray

Head Teacher

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Noble Primary School @Noble_P_S · Feb 21
P1/2 have been learning about Fairtrade. They are ready to use Fairtrade Maltasers to make their Empire biscuits for the bake sale tomorrow!!



Noble Primary School @Noble_P_S · Feb 21
P3 made flapjacks for the Fairtrade bake sale tomorrow #measuring #kitchen #fairtrade



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After School Clubs

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

Club	Primary	Dates
Fit Start Club	Primary 3 & 4	Monday, Tuesday 7.55am
Fit Start Club	Primary 5, 6 & 7	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7.55am
Athletics	Primary 3 & 4	Monday's until 26 th March
Boxing/Fitness	Primary 3 & 4	Wednesday's until 28 th March
Football	Primary 5, 6 & 7	Wednesday's until 28 th March
Cross Country	Primary 6	Thursday (lunchtimes)
Netball	Primary 5, 6 & 7	Friday's until 23 rd March
Dance	Primary 3, 4 & 5	Friday's until 23 rd March

Fairtrade Fortnight



All classes have been learning about the importance of Fairtrade and we have been lucky enough to have a visit from Susan Cunningham from the Cooperative, to tell the children about the work of Co-op and how they support all aspects of Fairtrade. Special thanks to the Co-op and Tesco for donating some Fairtrade products.

We had a fantastic turn out for Fairtrade Bake Sale on 22nd February. Some fabulous photos on our Twitter page. Thank you for your continued support.



Family Learning Events – Big Cooks, Little Cooks

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel some of our Big Cooks, Little Cooks event due to Helen's recent absence. Helen will contact you to reschedule when she returns this week.

CEM Assessments for P3, P5 and P7

Like last year, all P3, P5 and P7 will be involved in completing the standardised CEM assessments in maths and literacy this month. This information is used by staff alongside, classroom assessment, to identify pupil progress and next steps.

Come along to our Open Hour – [Thursday 8th March](#) at 9.15am. Visit classes during Maths time.



Outdoor Area Update

We are fully committed to developing our school grounds and have recently applied for Tesco's Bags for Life for some extra funding. Our plan is to develop the playground with some permanent physical activities and also purchase a Polycrub, which is a sturdier version of a Polytunnel, so that the children can plant and grow their own vegetables. However, we recognise that these plans take time. In the meantime, we would like to thank the Co-op Distribution Centre at Newhouse for helping us to tidy up and reorganise our outdoor garden. When finished, this area will be well used by our children particularly during playful learning activities.

Transition Programme for New P1 Children

I am in the process of visiting all of our feeder nurseries, meeting our new Primary 1 children who will be starting with us in August 2018. At present, there are 36 children enrolled to the school. I have invited all nurseries along to our Easter assembly and hope they can manage. We will also be hosting an information evening for new parents about our school on [Thursday 15th March 2018](#) at 5.30pm. Parents have also been advised of transition dates, beginning in April. Primary 6 will begin their buddying duties shortly as they prepare for this responsibility in August.

Easter Assembly – Thursday 29th March 2018

Our Easter Assembly will be led by P4 this year. The date for the assembly is Thursday 29th March at 11am at Noble Primary School. Please note, due to fire regulations, we are limited to ticket numbers therefore, P4 Mrs Keenan and Mrs Craigan's class, will be allocated tickets first.

Kilbowie

Mr Murray, Mrs Mitchell and Mr Sharkie will be accompanying P7 pupils to Kilbowie, week beginning 19th March 2018. The children will find out their groups and room allocations this week. Please hand in any medication your child requires prior to the 19th March. See Mrs Oliver or Mrs Downs if you have any questions. We are hoping to keep you updated through Twitter in the first instance and website (internet connection permitting).



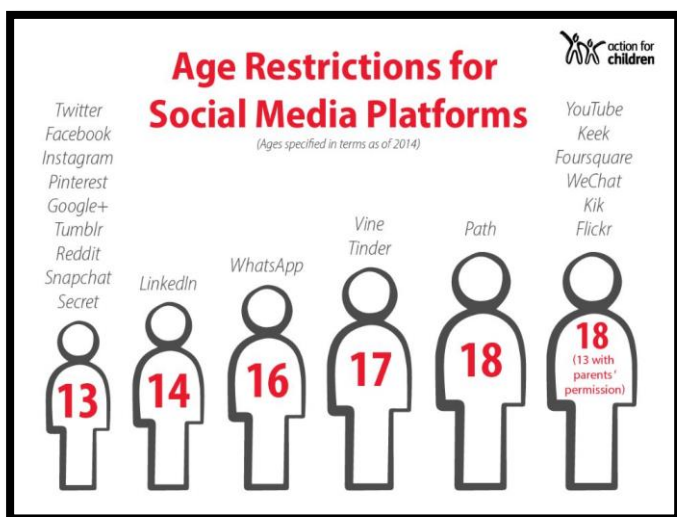
Parking

I would like to remind you that the staff car park should not be used to drop off or pick up children from school at the start and end of the day. In the interest of safety, please use the front, back and side gates for dropping off and picking up children.

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

Safer Internet Day – 6th February 2018

All classes participated in Safer Internet Day with Miss Mitchell during ICT. Two of our P5/6 pupils led us through a presentation about Cyberbullying. Teaching our children about being safe online is an area we revisit regularly. It is important to continually monitor your child's internet use carefully, particularly if they are communicating with others. Please find below a useful overview of the age restrictions for Social Media.



World of Work – Developing the Young Work Force

We will be organizing a World of Work Week next term and we would be delighted if you were in the position to come into the school and talk to groups of children about the job that you do and what skills you require. If this is something you could help us with, please contact Mrs Mitchell at school. Thank you in advance.



P1 and P1/2 – Teddy Bear's Picnic

The children will be participating in a 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' to celebrate spring time. Parents and carers are invited along on Wednesday 28th March at 11am. The children will be sharing their learning about Fairtrade, bears and the work of St Andrew's Hospice, as well as singing a few songs. All money raised will go to St Andrew's Hospice.

Head Lice

Please check your child's regularly for head lice. Further information on treatment can be found on the school website.

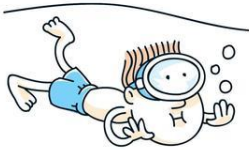
Sum Dog – Maths Resource

We have full access to Sum Dog website. All children have a username and password which they can use at home to practice their maths skills in a fun and interactive way. This is an excellent resource and we would encourage all children to use it regularly.

Parent Council – Spring Disco 27th March 2018
As a special treat, Looney Toons Discos Ltd will be leading our disco sessions. Entry is £1.50, payable on arrival.



Primary 5 Swimming Lessons



Primary 5 pupil's weekly swimming lessons commence on the morning of Thursday 22nd March at Sir Matt Busby Sports Centre. The bus will leave the school at 9.00am and return for 12.30pm. The pupils will rotate between active activities in the games hall and swimming lessons. Each pupil will need a towel and swimming costume in a bag and MUST bring their P.E. kit. A bottle of water is also recommended.

School Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parent/carers that items displaying football team logos are not encouraged at Noble i.e. jackets, pencil cases, lunch boxes etc. in accordance with NLC policy.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 7 th March	-	P7 visit to Science Centre
Thursday 8 th March	-	Open Hour (9.15am)
Friday 9 th March	-	World Book Day
Monday 19 th March	-	P7 Kilbowie week
Thursday 23 rd March	-	P5 Swimming lessons (am)
Wednesday 28 th March	-	P1 & P1/2 Teddy Bear's Picnic (11.00am)
Thursday 29 th March	-	Easter Service (11.00am)
Friday 30 th March/Friday 13 th April	-	Easter Holidays
Thursday 19 th April	-	P1 & P1/2 visit to Almond Valley
Friday 20 th April	-	Movie night
Tuesday 24 th April	-	P6 visit to Whitelee Wind Farm
Monday 30 th April	-	RSHP Parent's workshop 2.00pm
Monday 30 th April	-	World of Work Week
Monday 14 th May	-	RSHP Week