**     *Our vision: at Falla Hill we will work together to be the best that we can be. We will***

***challenge ourselves, be brave and make learning happen.***

***Falla Hill Primary School***

***October 18 Newsletter***

***Staffing news***

*This term we welcome Miss Jamieson to Falla Hill. Miss Jamieson is currently job sharing with Mrs Burns in P.4 whilst the post is advertised.*

***McMillan Coffee morning***

*Thank you to everyone who supported our McMillan coffee morning and meet the learning in September. A fantastic £334.16 was raised for the charity and approximately 90 parents attended.*

***Parent Council***

*As you can see from our list of events we have monthly parent council meetings. If you are unable to come to the meetings but are**interested in going on the Parent council list for updates of meetings, minutes or to ask questions/give suggestions can you please contact Malcolm McLean? Please remember that the parent council is open to* ***all nursery and school parents.***

***Free school meal entitlement/uniform allowance***

*Please use the following link to check if you are entitled to free school meals or uniform allowance.*

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/3787/Free-School-Meal>.

***Pupil contact details***

*Can you please ensure that your child’s contact details are up to date so that contact can be made if necessary?*

***Health care plans***

*If your child is diagnosed with an illness during the school year or if there are any changes to their health can you please let us know? Forms require to be completed before we can administer any medication and in some cases a health care plan will need to be completed.*

**Dynamic Earth**

*Last term P6 visited Dynamic Earth as part of their learning. Here are some of their thoughts on the day:*

*Murray ” It was out of this world!”*

*Abi “We got to touch an iceberg.”*

*Maci “I liked it when we got to play with the space robots.”*

**Library**

*We are still looking for volunteers to help get our library up and running. P7’s are helping during lunch breaks when I am available but there is a huge amount of work to be done. Please get in touch if you can help. All volunteers need to have a PVG, please pop in to the office and collect the forms if you would like to help and do not have a PVG.*

*The sooner we have this up and running the quicker our children can start to make use of the new library and help us on our way to achieving our whole school reading culture.*

**Absences**

If your child is absent from school for any reason please make contact with the school office by 9.30am. West Lothian Council guidelines for ‘safe arrivals to school’ will be implemented by 10am if we have not been notified.

***Road Safety ![C:\Users\anne.pettit\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\TIP5FIM3\brownie_road_safety[1].gif]()***

*Parents are continuing to bring pupils to breakfast club, school and nursery via the school carpark. This is reported to me on almost a daily basis and is dangerous and not permitted; I will contact parents individually who continually flaunt this rule.*

*I would be very grateful if you could respect this rule thus ensuring the safety of all our pupils.*

***Head Lice***

*An information leaflet for parents and carers is on Ipay Impact and the school blog. If you would like a paper copy please contact the school office. Please be vigilant in checking your child’s hair. Thank you for supporting us with this.*

***Five Sisters Zoo ![C:\Users\anne.pettit\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\3WRP5TAU\Suricata_suricatta_-Auckland_Zoo_-group-8a[1].jpg]()***

*P7 recently visited the Five Sisters Zoo as part of their learning on the rainforest. Here are some of their thoughts on this outing:*

*Thomas “The otters were absolutely adorable!”*

*Alex “It was amazing to see the different types of animals and compare them to the animals in the rainforest.”*

*Dylan “They gave us a lot of information on the animals and the climates in which they live.”*

***Nut allergy***

*Some of our pupils and staff have an allergy to nuts. Please can children bring an alternative snack to nuts for break time?*

***Football afterschool club***

*Our P6 and P7 afterschool football club had their first two matches on Thursday 25th October. They lost their first game but showed great resilience and worked well as a team to win the second game. Their next two games are Thursday 29th November. These games are held during curriculum time and are for pupils, referee and school staff only.*

 *If you are able to help referee any of the games can you please contact the school and let us know otherwise our games will be refereed by the other school referee or an independent referee.*

***Bench ball active schools event***

*On Thursday the 25th October P4 took part in the cluster bench ball event. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and were a credit to themselves, their families and the school.*

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***Author visits***

*Miss Lynch has*successfully applied for funding for three author visits to the school from ‘live literature’. This is a fantastic opportunity to continue to embed our reading culture within our school. Thank you Miss Lynch!

***Eco group***

*A group of P6 and P7 pupils presented to the judges for the Acorn Awards before the October holiday. We will find out in November which of our cluster schools have won.*

***School Christmas treat***

*This year we are having a whole school Christmas outing to the Regal Cinema in Bathgate for a production of Aladdin. The cost of the pantomime and the bus will be paid for by the school however we are having a dress down day on Thursday 6th December to help towards the cost of ice-cream during the interval.*

***Nursery Christmas treat***

*Peter Merlin, a magician, will visit the nursery on Monday 10th December for a morning and an afternoon session. Times to be confirmed.*

***Building a reader at home***

*Your child will be issued with a reading folder which has ideas for building a reader at home. I hope you find this useful.*

*Anne Pettit*

*Head Teacher*

***Dates for your diary***

 

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| Child smile | 29th, 30th and 31st October |
| Money tree fund raiser organised by the parent council | Friday 2nd November |
| Remembrance Memorial Service, Bridge Street Fauldhouse | Sunday 11th November at 1pm |
| Parent council meeting | Wednesday 14th November 6-7.30pm |
| Achievement Assembly  | Friday 16th November at 9.15am |
| Dress down/PJ day for Children in Need | Friday 16th November |
| St Andrews’ Day – wear a touch of tartan to school | Friday 30th November |
| Parent council meeting | Tuesday 4th December 6-7.30pm |
| Dress down day to help with ice-cream cost for panto visit on  | Thursday 6th December |
| Christmas fair | Friday 7th December 9am-10am |
| Nursery Christmas treat | Monday 10th December **times tbc** |
| Whole school Christmas show (including nativity) | Tuesday 11th December afternoon and evening performance **times tbc** |
| Nursery Nativities am and pm | Wednesday12th December **times tbc** |
| Whole school Christmas show (including nativity) | Thursday 13th December afternoon and evening performance **times tbc** |
| Whole school visit to the pantomime (Regal Cinema Bathgate) | Friday 14th December – all morning |
| P3-5 Christmas parties | Monday 17th December 1.15-3pm |
| P6 & 7 Christmas disco | Monday 17th December 5.30-7.30pm |
| Santa Parade | Tuesday 18th December Time tbc |
| Nursery Christmas parties am and pm | Wednesday 19th December with special visitor-times tbc |
| P1-P2 Christmas party | Wednesday 19th December 1.15-3pm with special visitor (time tbc) |
| End of term and Christmas service in the church. | Friday 21st DecemberChurch service: 9.30am |
| All resume | Monday 7th January 2019 |
| P7 at the risk factory | Thursday 31st January |
| Achievement Assembly | Friday 1st March at 9.15am |
| Health week | Monday 1st April-Friday 5th April |
| Parents’ consultations | Wednesday 3rd April time tbc |
| Parents’ consultations | Thursday 4th April time tbc |
| End of term and Easter service in the church | Friday 5th April. Church service: 9.30am |
| All resume | Tuesday 23rd April  |
| P7 camp at Kingswood | Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May |
| Achievement Assembly | Friday 24th May at 9.15am |
| P5 camp at Lowport | Monday 3rd June-Wednesday 5th Jne |
| P7 leavers’ assembly | Friday 21st June 9am |
| P7 leavers party | Thursday 27th June time and venue tbc. |
| End of term | Friday 28th June  |

Comment slip (this can be anonymous if you prefer)

Pupil’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please feel free to comment on any item in the newsletter or anything else regarding the school. We always value your feedback on how we can improve.

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