**     *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***

***May 2019 Newsletter***

***Staffing news***

*The interview process for the new Head Teacher of Falla Hill is well underway. I will let you know the outcome of this at the earliest opportunity.*

***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>.

***Health and safety***

*External painting work has started at Falla Hill. Please check the school app and group call for any information regarding which door your child should use as an entrance and exit point whilst this work is ongoing.*

*Please remind your child of the dangers around any building site and remind them they should not approach this or any other area where work is being carried out.*

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***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?*

***Road Safety ***

*The council have been investigating the issues with the flashing road signs at either end of Harthill Road and have identified that certain components in each of the signs are faulty.*

*Unfortunately the components are obsolete and replacements cannot be sourced. It is therefore proposed that over this financial year these signs and others outside the school will be removed and a permanent 20mph put in their place. In the meantime please be extra careful when crossing this road and always use the crossing patrol when available.*

***Staff carpark***

*Can parents and carers please ensure they are not accessing the school from the staff carpark? This is an ongoing concern and despite the obvious dangers parents continue to access the school and nursey in this way. Please ensure that you are following this rule to ensure the safety of all our pupils, parents and staff.*

*If someone else is picking up/dropping off your child can you please ensure that they are aware of this rule and do not use the staff car park? Thank you for your cooperation.*

***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.*

***Property***

*Over the summer holiday the majority of classrooms and some open areas will be painted and some windows replaced. Please remind your child of the dangers around any building site and remind them they should not approach this or any other area where work is being carried out.*

***Aims***

*As you are aware we have been looking at our school aims; thank you to those who responded during parents’ night. In classes staff and children will refer to these aims when discussing their learning and I have included them in the newsletter so you can do the same at home. This will help to embed our new aims and have a common language which we can all use to share learning and achievements.*

***Successful Learners***

***To provide the highest quality learning and teaching experiences which meet the needs of all learners in an inclusive, safe and nurturing environment.***

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***Confident Individuals***

***To encourage success, promoting confidence, independence and creativity in our learners to build resilience and develop a positive approach to learning.***

***Effective Contributors***

***To equip every pupil with skills for life, learning and work by investing in them as individuals, creating a foundation to build skills in Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing.***

***Responsible Citizens***

***To build and maintain effective partnerships between the school, the home, partner agencies and the wider community ensuring we are Getting It Right For Every Child.***

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**Aladdin’s Lamp**

On Friday 24th May the parent council are organising a fund raising event. This will be similar to the money snake and children should bring loose change to school. In keeping with our gala day theme, the coins will be used to decorate Aladdin’s lamp. This will be for all classes including the nursery. Start looking out your pennies now!

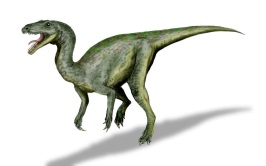
**Sports day**

Weather permitting Falla Hill Sports day will be held on Thursday 30th May. If the weather is not suitable our second choice sports day will be Thursday 20th June.

**Gala day**

As you know our Gala day is on Saturday 8th June and the theme is Aladdin. This year I have been given the honour of crowning the Gala day queen and I hope the sun shines and as many of you as possible will join us on the day and walk in the parade.

Please see the attached leaflet from the parent council regarding ordering costumes. If you would like to order a costume for your child can you please complete the tear off slip and return it to the school by **Friday 17th May**. Please write on the envelope for the attention of the parent council. This is your last chance to order a costume as there are no further gala day meetings this session.

**P4 trip to Kelvin Hall**

As part of their learning on dinosaurs P4 went on a trip to Kelvin Hall at the start of the term. Here is what they had to say:

Layla: “It was really good. I enjoyed looking at the Stegasaurus!”

Dolan: “It was great fun. There was a dinosaur called Trix, it was a Tyranasaurus Rex.

***Achievement Assembly***

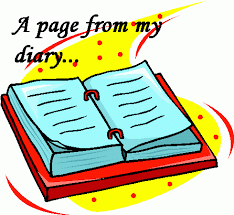
*For our final achievement assembly on Friday 24th May, I have invited Mrs Scobie and the brass players to play. This will be an ideal platform for them to share their learning and the progress that they have made this session. If your child plays brass please come along at 9.15am on Friday 24th May and listen to them play. You do not need to return the achievement assembly letter as I have completed their certificates.*

*Anne Pettit*

*Head Teacher*

***Dates for your diary***

New dates have been added to the ‘dates for your diary’ page. Please check this for events over the next few weeks.



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| P7 camp at Kingswood | Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May |
| P6 Fire service visit in school | Wednesday 15th May |
| School holiday (Victoria Day) | Monday 20th May |
| P6 fund raising day | Wednesday 22nd May |
| Achievement Assembly | Friday 24th May at 9.15am |
| Aladdin lamp fundraiser | Friday 24th May |
| Parent council meeting | Wednesday 29th May at 6pm. |
| Sports day – **first choice** | Thursday 30th May from 10.45-12 noon |
| P5 camp at Lowport | Monday 3rd June-Wednesday 5th June |
| Nursery visit to Mill Farm | Monday 3rd June |
| P7 induction days at Whitburn Academy | 11th-13th June |
| Meet the teacher | Wednesday 12th June |
| P1 induction at Falla Hill | Wednesday 12th June 2-3pm |
| Nursery sports day | Thursday 13th June at 10.30am and 2.30pm |
| P7 sports festival at Whitburn Academy | Friday 14th June |
| Nursery graduation | Wednesday 19th June 10.15am and 2.15pm |
| Sports day – **second choice** | Thursday 20th June from 10.45-12 noon |
| P7 leavers’ assembly | Friday 21st June 9am |
| P7 leavers party | Thursday 27th June Fauldhouse Golf club at **6pm** |
| Nursery fun day | Thursday 27th June |
| End of term | Friday 28th June |
| Parent council meeting | Tuesday 3rd September at 6pm |

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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