

November Newsletter



Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to our November newsletter! I hope you all had a lovely, restful October break before the madness of Christmas arrives! And my goodness, it seems to be coming thick and fast. I know our school office are already sorting out Party and Christmas Theatre snacks and helping staff and the Parent Council organise the Christmas Fair. It's all busy, busy busy!

New Arrivals



We are delighted to let you know that Mr and Mrs McCutcheon's baby was born on 24/10/22! Baby Luke and mum are both doing well and we received a lovely baby visit from all the family. Mr McCutcheons's class were extremely smitten and we even had some tears from some pupils over how beautiful Luke was!

Parent/Carer Consultations

I would like to thank those parents/carers who set up an online appointment and either attended our Parent Consultation Meetings face to face or opted for a phone call. Class teachers were pleased to get the opportunity to talk with you about your child's learning. It was lovely having so many people back in the building! Things are beginning to feel 'normal' again in school. If you have any feedback relating to the Parent Consultation process or you missed making an appointment, please get in touch at Hawthornden.ps@midlothian.gov.uk.



P1 Family Learning Events



Thank you to Miss McLauchlan and Miss Hogg for organising a Family Learning Activities event and to those parents and carers who were able to attend the first session on board games. The next activity will be on Wednesday 7th December at 3.30pm-5.00pm with a Christmas Card Theme. The easing of restrictions are meaning that we are delighted to be able to welcome parents/carers back into school for these types of events.

In-Service Day

We had a very productive in-service day on Tuesday 24th October where we continued to explore our new Read Write Inc (RWI) Resource, which now encompasses the reading and writing aspect of the programme. Initial Assessment results are positive and we are confident that this will continue to as we further engage and implement the programme.



School Football Team



I would like to extend a huge thanks to 3 of our parents who assisted Active Schools by volunteering as coaches for a period of time and who have now taken this further and set up a school football team for our upper school pupils. We have been overwhelmed by the generous donations that have helped to buy new kits/football etc.

Parent Council

Thank you to our parent council and volunteers who organised and supported our Halloween Disco – it was a huge success, the children (and adults!) really enjoyed themselves.



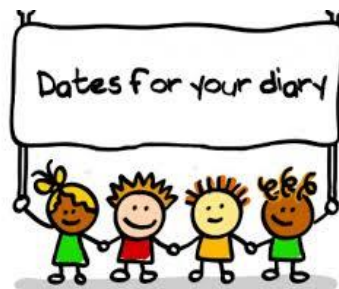
Studying / HT



As part of my role of Head Teacher I have to undertake a Post Graduate Course on Leadership. This entails a significant amount of studying and some days in university. Midlothian Council have permitted me to take a Wednesday morning out of school in which to carry out the assignments. Whilst I am enjoying the course it is thoroughly exhausting and I miss being in school on the days that I have to study or attend university!

I would like to thank all staff and pupils for supporting me with this.

Dates for the Diary



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P5 Skiing – last session 17.11.22

Children In Need – Dance A Thon – 18.11.22

Coffee Morning – School Nurse Drop In / Help With Applying for Children’s Bus Passes / Pre Loved Clothes – 18.11.22 @ 9.00-10.00am

P4 Swimming starts – 22.11.22

Soft Start – 24.11.22 @ 8.45 am – 9.15 am (all parents/carers welcome)

P6A – 30.11.22 Roslin Chapel

Christmas Fair – 2.12.22 @ 12.20 pm

P1 Family Learning Event – 7.12.22 @ 3.30-5.00pm

P6B – 7.12.22 Roslin Chapel

Brunton Theatre Visit – P1-P3 8.12.22

School Christmas Lunch – 14.12.22

P1 & P2 Nativity – 15.12.22 performance for whole school and nursery visitors

P1 & P2 Nativity – P1 & 2 parents invited to attend – 16.12.22 @ 9.30 am (enter via office door)

P6 Christmas Service in school – 16.12.22 @ 11.30am (P6 Parents/Carers Welcome)

Brunton Theatre Visit – P4-P7 20.12.22

As you can see, we have a lot happening over the next few weeks! We will email Christmas Party dates when we have confirmed these.

Kind Regards,

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Head Teacher