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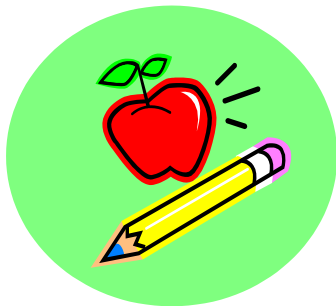
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## Caring, Preparing for Life...

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends

I trust you had an enjoyable mid-term break last week and like me, noticed that the mornings are getting lighter each day! Lighter mornings and (slightly) warmer weather, which certainly helps to raise our spirits.

During our Inset days on Monday and Tuesday last week, staff were working collaboratively to audit aspects of our practice in school. Mrs Tocher led our audit of Quality Indicator "Personalised Support" and Mr Borthwick led the discussion around Quality Indicator "Well being, equality and inclusion. The audit process allows us to reflect upon where we are now. What we do well and what are our next steps to do even better.



## February 2017 Newsletter

It is very important that our whole school community has a shared understanding of our strengths and improvement needs and one of the ways we can do this is through our MAD (mixed age discussion) assembly. (There's more information about this later in the newsletter.) There will be two opportunities for parents, carers and friends to "learn with us" through our MAD assembly on the 17<sup>th</sup> March and our Science BOATS on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. As usual we look forward to welcoming you all along these events!

### Parents Evening

This terms Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

We will once again be using the very successful online booking system which we trialed in November. More information about booking an appointment will follow in due course.

As well as sharing your Childs learning with their class teacher, there will also be an opportunity to visit our "Market Place" where you can find out more about our approach to learning and teach, and also any new initiatives introduce by Education Scotland.

### Reminder for Parents/Pupils

- Bring money for school lunch daily - £1.80 if not in receipt of free school meals
- Please be aware that the disabled parking to the front of the school is for blue badge holders only!
- Please remember to supply your child with indoor shoes/P.E kit and make sure these are labeled with your childs name to prevent being lost.

### Dates for your diary:

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March ~ P2M Trip to The Hursel

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March ~ P2C Trip to The Hursel

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> March ~ Science BOATS

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> March ~ PTA Meeting (9:00am)

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> March ~ P1&P7 Class Photos

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March ~ P7 High School Workshop (AM)

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March ~ Gorebridge Gab (9:00am-9:45am)

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> March ~ MAD Assembly (11:00am)

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> March ~ Parents Evening (6:00pm - 8:30pm)

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March ~ Parents Evening (4:00pm - 6:30pm)

### Head Lice

There have been some reports of recurring head lice in school. Thank you to everyone for keeping us informed. We appreciate how frustrating this problem is, unfortunately as you are aware, this is a nationwide problem and not only a concern at Gorebridge Primary School.

Please check your child's hair and the rest of your family's hair this evening. If your child has head lice they should only return to school once they have been treated. Please continue to check your child's hair regularly. Treatment for head lice is available free of charge from your pharmacy through the Minor Ailments programme. If you require further advice please contact your local pharmacist who will be more than happy to assist.

### MAD Assembly - (Mixed Age Discussion)

A.M.A.D Assembly will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in the Assembly Hall from 11:00am - 12:00pm

The theme of this M.A.D Assembly will be:

Gorebridge Primary ~ Our Vision and Our Values

We would like to invite Parents, Carers and Friends to join us in our discussion in order that all our stakeholders can have their voices heard.

Our M.A.D Assembly involves all pupils from P1-P7 and are led by our senior pupils supported by staff.

We look forward to seeing many of you there!



### Parent Council & PTA News

Our children from P1-P7 enjoyed a fabulous Valentines Disco on the 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Next meeting will be held on the Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00am - All Welcome!

### Science Week 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

#### BOATS Event Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

From Nursery to Primary 7, teachers are busy planning a fantastic and exciting Science Week with the aim of continuing to deepen our children's interest and enjoyment of science throughout the school. The focus will be on Chemical Reaction. We will be carrying out lots of different experiments and trials across the week which will end in an incredibly exciting **BOATS** event on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**.

We hope you can come along and join us for some 'phenomenal' experiments.

A letter will be sent home confirming times for the different year groups and Nursery Classes nearer the time.

Mr Borthwick and the Science Improvement Team

### Out & About

P3S & P3H/M visited The National Museum of Scotland to find out a bit more about Egyptians. The children were very excited about the visit and were keen to share their learning when they returned.

P1S and P1L are off on a sightseeing tour of Edinburgh today and Hamish McHaggis is going too. I only hope that there may be some sighting of Angus who got lost in Princess Street. This storyline approach to learning is certainly sparking imaginations!

### P6 CAMP

Excitement is rising in our P6 classes as 31 of our children look forward to a week of outdoor activities at Dalguise Camp in Perthshire. They will be leaving on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and will enjoy various activities whilst they are away.