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Good morning Gorebridge families,

It has been another busy week at school.

This week's eNews contains information about:

- Headwear for Heroes
- Meet the teacher drop in session
- P6 skiing
- Celebrating wider achievement
- Snacks
- Attendance text message
- Other important dates - sept weekend, photos,

Headwear for Heroes - Friday 6th September

Gorebridge Primary School will be raising awareness of Childhood Cancer month on **Friday 6th September**. We ask that everyone 'dresses their hair' which could include wearing a bandana, a headband or your very own handmade headpiece or come with crazy hair! We would ask for a small donation to be made to "Love Oliver" which is a Scottish charity which helps to fund research into childhood cancer and provides support for affected families. As you may be aware, we currently have a pupil in our school who is undergoing cancer treatment and we hope that this raises awareness and provides some support for them and their family. We will also be running a "Design a Bandana" competition throughout the week and the winners will be announced at assembly on this day. We have a special visitor from the Charity 'Love Oliver' joining us on the 6th September.

Meet the Teacher drop-in session - Thursday 12th September 2:15 - 3:15

On Thursday 12th September we will be holding our Meet the Teacher drop in sessions for all classes at the end of the school day from 2:15 - 3:15pm. Please come into school via the main office. We would like to invite parents and carers to their child's classroom to meet the teacher and share some learning around our whole school topic - MADD about Gorebridge. It will also be an opportunity to see the classroom, chat informally with the teacher and find out about practical things such as what day PE is. Powerpoints will be shared on See-saw for parents who are unable to attend. If you have a number of children in the school there will be staff on hand to show you to their classrooms. We very much look forward to seeing many of you there.

P6 skiing

It was a pleasure to watch our P6 pupils head off to Hillend Snowsports centre on Wednesday for their first ski session. Feedback from the lesson was extremely positive with children reporting that it was hard work but great fun. We were delighted to hear that pupils were complimented by Hillend staff for their excellent behaviour.

Celebrating wider achievement

We are always delighted to hear of children's extra- curricular accomplishments. Children are welcome to bring into school any certificates, photos, medals or trophies that they w

ould like to share with us and we will display their photo on our “Celebrating Wider Achievement” notice board.

Snacks

As a health promoting school we ask that children are sent with one single healthy snack for playtime. Items such as raisins, fresh / dried fruit, small packet of crisps, crackers, Soreen bars etc. are all very suitable. We would ask that no nut products are brought as we have a number of pupils with nut allergies.

Attendance text message

All families should have received a text message today with your child(ren)’s current attendance percentage for this academic session so far. This is part of Newbattle Learning Community’s new strategy to try to improve children’s attendance in school. Our expectation is that all children and young people should aim for an attendance level of 95% or above. This is a level of attendance where children are most likely to thrive in all aspects of school life, and is Midlothian Council’s expectation. In an exam, we would probably be delighted with a score of 80%. However, in attendance terms this would mean 38 missed days of school over a school year. This is equivalent to one day of absence each week.

Important Dates:

Friday 6th September - Headwear for Heroes

Thursday 12th September - Meet the teacher drop in 2:15 - 3:15pm

Friday 13th September - Monday 16th September (inclusive) - Half term, school closed

Thursday 26th September - School photographs

Tuesday 8th October - Bring Our Adult to School (BOATS)

Friday 11 October 2024 - All Break for Midterm holiday

Tuesday 22 October 2024 - Pupils resume