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Good Morning Gorebridge families,

We hope you all had a lovely long weekend. What a joy it was to welcome families into school last week for our Meet the Teacher drop in session.

This week's eNews contains information about the following:

- Seesaw
- Parent Pay
- Cashpot for Schools
- Holidays during term time
- MADD Sharing Assembly

Seesaw

We are excited to announce that this school session we will be continuing to use Seesaw as a digital learning tool across our school. Seesaw allows learners to complete activities, share learning and receive feedback from teachers. It also provides a platform for parents and carers to stay connected with their child's progress and see updates from the classroom.

Please download the Seesaw App by scanning the QR code you received at the Meet the Teacher / your child brought home with them in their school bag. School staff are happy to help you with this process, please just come into the office and ask for help.

Follow these steps:

For paper invites:

1. Look for a handout from your child's teacher.
2. Open Seesaw.
3. Tap **I'm a Family Member** and sign in.
4. Tap your **profile icon** in the upper left corner.
5. Tap **Add Child's Journal**.



6. Tap **Scan QR code**.
7. Hold up the **QR code** to your camera.
8. Make sure you're connecting to **your** child.
9. Tap **Confirm**.
10. **You are now connected to your child's journal!**

Chromebooks:

Devices will be going home within the next few weeks if parental consent has been received. From P3-P7 we are still waiting for 75 consent forms. If you require a new consent form please contact the school office.

Parent Pay:

Please can all families check their Parent Pay accounts and ensure that lunch balances are settled. We have a number of families who have outstanding payments which we would like to clear as soon as possible. If you need support with this process, please contact the school on 0131 271 4595 or come into the office.

Cashpot for Schools:

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who are making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. All you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. Please sign up if you have not already done so.

Term Time Holidays

We are becoming aware of a number of children who are missing school due to family holidays which are being taken during term time. Please can we kindly ask that you take family holidays during the school holidays to avoid your child's learning being negatively impacted?

MADD Sharing assembly

We came together in assembly last week to celebrate the end of our whole school MADD (Music, Art, Drama and Dance) about Gorebridge topic. We saw dramas about the Gala Day and a day in the Gorefry. We enjoyed hearing singing and soundscapes from the sounds of Gorebridge - including the train station and the nature in Gore Glen. We enjoyed seeing digital art as well as murals, all inspired by our local community. It was a real celebration of our local community and brought a sense of togetherness across the school with children commenting on how much they had enjoyed this.

Important Dates:

Thursday 26th September - School photographs and P1 and P7 class 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