



Wemyss Bay Primary School and Nursery Class Head Teacher's Newsletter June 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

The purpose of this newsletter is to give you information, update you on recent events in school and to inform you about things which will be happening in the near future. This newsletter is also published on our school website. Address – <http://wemyssbay.inverclyde.sch.uk>

Three weeks to go then the summer holidays begin! Lots to get through before then and hopefully the lovely weather will continue!

Rights Respecting Schools Award

I am delighted to announce that we were inspected yesterday and have been reaccruited with Level One of this award for both the school and the nursery class. Thank you to Mrs Kaur, Mrs Gartley and our RRS pupil group whose hard work in this area has gained us this award.

School Show

Thank you to everyone who came along to see our school show 'Lights, Cameras, Action!', I am sure that you will agree that it was a great learning experience for all involved as well as excellent entertainment – thank you too for all of the positive feedback we have received, the children (and staff!) really appreciate you taking the time to let us know how much you enjoyed the show.

Teachers

We are currently working on classes for next session and are awaiting final confirmation of our staff. We hope to be able to let you know the teachers for next session very shortly.

Retirement

Mrs Miller will be retiring at the end of this session after many years in our nursery class and latterly in P2. We will all miss her and wish her well for the future. Any families wishing to make a contribution to her leaving gift may do so via the school office.

P1 & P7 Induction Days

This week sees our P7 pupils visiting their various secondary schools – Wednesday and Thursday for St Columba's High School and Thursday and Friday for Inverclyde Academy. We will be welcoming our P1 new starts on Thursday and Friday afternoons from 1.30-3.00pm – parents/carers should attend on Thursday if possible but Friday attendance is entirely optional.

Inverclyde Academy School Show

Our P5 pupils will be attending a performance of 'Back to the Eighties' on Monday 13th June from 9.30am-1.30pm – good luck to all former pupils who are involved!

P6 Active Schools Transition Event

The Active Schools Team has arranged a sports based transition event at Inverclyde Academy to give all P6 pupils from our cluster primaries the chance to experience secondary school. Wemyss Bay pupils will attend on Friday 16th June. There is also be an opportunity for P6 parents/carers to have an informal visit to Inverclyde Academy on Thursday 15th June between 5 & 6pm. A separate letter covers the details.

Educational outings

P2 visited The Sea Life Centre at Loch Lomond and P4 visited 'Amazonia' at Strathclyde park yesterday as part of their science work this term. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed these learning experiences and were excellent ambassadors for Wemyss Bay Primary school. Thank you to all the helpers who accompanied the children and to the PTA for their generous donation towards the buses for all class outings which helps us to keep costs to families down.

Nursery Celebration Day

This opportunity for our nursery pupils and their families to celebrate completing their year in nursery will take place on Wednesday 21st June between 10.00-11.00am for all nursery children regardless of attendance pattern and will include a little tea party for pupils and families.

Sports Day

Weather permitting this will take place on Friday 23rd June from 2.00-3.00pm. Families are welcome to come along to watch. Thank you to the PTA who are providing each nursery and school pupil with an ice cream at this event. Please note: the children will not be released from school until 3.15pm as usual.

P7 Leavers' Party

The PTA have been very busy planning for this special event which will take place on Monday 26th June from 6.30-8.30pm with photographs from 6.00pm – further details to follow. We look forward to sharing this evening with our P7 pupils in celebration of their time in Wemyss Bay Primary School.

Summer Closing Assembly

This will take place on Wednesday 28th June at 11.00am and parents/carers are welcome to join us as we celebrate the end of the school session and say goodbye and good luck to our P7 pupils as they continue along their learning journey by moving on to secondary school in August. P7 parents/carers are invited to stay on after the assembly for a short reception to celebrate their children's time with us.

Last day – lunchtime arrangements

There will be no home lunches on this day – all pupils will be dismissed at 1.00pm. School lunches will be available but will be limited to sandwiches.

Summer Holiday

The school closes on Thursday 29th June at 1.00pm and re-opens for pupils on Thursday 17th August at 9.00am. Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th August are In-Service training days for staff.

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families and members of the wider community for the support and encouragement shown to the school and nursery class throughout this session.
The staff and I wish you all a very happy summer break! Hopefully the sun will shine!*

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Elaine Montgomery
Head Teacher