



Wemyss Bay Primary School and Nursery Class

Head Teacher's Newsletter

January 2019

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>

Happy New Year to all of our families and friends!

After a very busy Christmas period where the children learned about running a business in preparation for our Christmas Cracker event, took part in or watched our Nativity performance 'It's a Baby', enjoyed the PTA Christmas discos and school Christmas parties, participated in our Christmas services, collected items for the Inverclyde Foodbank during Christmas jumper day and entertained the whole school as each House group put on a piece of Christmas entertainment we are now looking forward to the start of a new term in school full of interesting learning experiences for our pupils. We were delighted that so many of our families and friends could join us at the various events we held during the Christmas period.

Charity donations

We are delighted to report that through collections at both the Christmas services and on Christmas jumper day our school community was able to donate an abundance of groceries to the Inverclyde Foodbank. Thank you to all families who supported this initiative and to Miss Adams who very kindly delivered our donations to the foodbank.

Nursery

Mrs Gartley is currently back with us as Nursery SEYECO as Mrs Gallagher has taken up her new post at St Joseph's Primary in Greenock. We do not know how long Mrs Gartley will be with us this time but we warmly welcome her back to our nursery class for now.

Vandalism

Sadly we have returned to start the New Year to find eggs thrown at the windows of the school building, the picnic benches in the outdoor classroom overturned and broken up and evidence of a fire having been attempted in our nursery playhouse. Our janitor has been working hard to clean up and sort out as much of the damage as possible but the tables in particular will mostly need to be replaced. If anyone has any information please let us know and we would ask that our families and friends in the community let the police know if they see anything of concern after school hours.

Enrolment for P1 for the session 2019/2020

This takes place on **Wednesday 9th** (surnames beginning A-L) and **Thursday 10th January** (surnames beginning M-Z) from 1.30- 3.00pm at the school office. Parents **must** bring their child's birth certificate, their Council Tax demand notice for the current year (must be in parent's name) and a utility bill (i.e. gas, electricity, landline telephone or broadband) in parent's name and dated within the last six months. We also require the name of the child's health visitor. Please pass this information to anyone for whom you think it may be relevant.

Nursery applications

Applications for a nursery place for children who will be three before 1st March 2020 should be completed and returned to parents' first choice establishment by **31st January 2019**. Forms are available from the school office. Again, please pass this information to anyone for whom you think it may be relevant.

Class Assembly/Fairtrade Coffee Morning

P4 have their class assembly on **Wednesday 16th January** from 9.30-10.00am and their families are invited to join us at both this and at the Fairtrade Coffee Morning afterwards from 10.00-10.30am.

P5 Curriculum Event

Parents/carers of pupils in P5 are invited to join the class from 9.30-10.30am on **Wednesday 23rd January** to experience classroom learning alongside the children. The focus this session is on mental maths skills.

Inverclyde Music Festival

All classes including the nursery will be participating in the Inverclyde Music Festival this year. Some individual pupils will also be taking part in singing and instrumental classes. We wish them all the very best of luck!

Please see the timetable below for when the classes are participating and families are very welcome to come along to the Town Hall to support the children.

Class	Date	Time	Festival Class	Title
Nursery	Thursday 17 th January	11.00am	94 - Nursery Singing Games	The Penguin Song
P1	Thursday 17 th January	9.45am	95 - Singing Games	Peter Taps
P2	Thursday 17 th January	1.00pm	96 - Singing Games	Teddy Bear Rock and Roll
P3	Thursday 17 th January	1.05pm	98 - Singing Games	Alley-Alley O
P4 & P5	Friday 18 th January	1.15pm	99 - Action Songs	The Song of the Clyde
P6 & P7	Wednesday 30 th January	10.30am	465 - Group Verse	The Old Wife and the Ghost (James Reeves)

PTA/Parent Council Meetings

The next PTA and Parent Council meetings will take place on Tuesday 29th January.

PTA – 6.00-7.00pm – School staffroom

Parent Council (AGM) – 7.15-8.30pm – School staffroom

New members for either group are very welcome to come along.

Netball

Our netball team will take part in their next inter-schools competition on **Friday 25th January** between 10am and 2pm in Greenock Sports Centre – further details will be issued to those involved nearer the time.

P6 Curriculum Event

Parents/carers of pupils in P6 are invited to join the class from 9.30-10.30am on **Wednesday 6th February** to experience classroom learning alongside the children. The focus this session is on mental maths skills.

Holiday Weekend

Monday 11th February and **Tuesday 12th February** are holidays for staff and pupils and **Wednesday 13th February** is an In-service Day for staff – pupils do not attend. Pupils return to school on Thursday 14th February at 9.00am.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Elaine Montgomery
Head Teacher

Term 3 – Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Times	Notes
January			
Monday 7 th	Pupils return to school	9.00am	
Wednesday 16 th	P4 Class Assembly	9.30-10.00am	Parents/Carers/Family of P4 pupils welcome to attend
	Fairtrade Coffee Morning	10.00 -10.30am	
Wednesday 23 rd	P5 Curriculum Event	9.30-10.30am	P5 Parent/Carers event
February			
Wednesday 6 th	P6 Curriculum Event	9.30-10.30am	P6 Parent/Carers event
Monday 11 th	Holiday	All day	School closed
Tuesday 12 th	Holiday	All day	School closed
Wednesday 13 th	In Service Staff Training Day	All day	Holiday for pupils
Wednesday 20 th	P3 Class Assembly	9.30-10.00am	Parents/Carers/Family of P3 pupils welcome to attend
	Fairtrade Coffee Morning	10.00-10.30am	
March			
Wednesday 6 th	P7 Curriculum Event	9.30-10.30am	P7 Parents/Carers event
Wednesday 13 th	P2 Class Assembly	9.30-10.00am	Parents/Carers/Family of P2 pupils welcome to attend
	Fairtrade Coffee Morning	10.00-10.30am	
Tuesday 19 th	Parents' Evening	5.30-8.30pm	Individual appointments will be issued nearer the time
Wednesday 20 th	Parents' Evening	3.30-6.30pm	
Thursday 28 th	Spring Assembly	11.00am-12noon	All Parents/Carers welcome
Friday 29 th	Come As You Please Day	All day	£1 for school funds
	School closes for Spring Holiday	2.30pm	
April			
1 st -12 th	School closed for Spring Holiday		
Monday 15 th	School re-opens	9.00am	
Tuesday 16 th	Parents' Curriculum Evening	6.00-7.30pm	Details to follow
Friday 19 th	Good Friday Holiday	All day	School closed
Monday 22 nd	Easter Monday Holiday	All day	School closed