



## Wemyss Bay Primary School and Nursery Class Head Teacher's Newsletter November 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>

### **October Holiday**

I hope you all enjoyed the October break. Staff and pupils have returned refreshed and are looking forward to the very busy term ahead as the Christmas season beckons!

### **Pantomime 'Snow White'**

M & M Productions will visit the school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October to perform the pantomime 'Snow White' for all children from Nursery to P7 (Nursery pupils who do not attend on a Friday morning are welcome to be dropped off at nursery at 9.15am and collected again from nursery at 10.45am if they would like to see the show). Thanks to the generosity of the Parent Partnership Fundraising Group there will be no charge to families for this performance.

### **Sportshall Athletics**

Our athletics team will be taking part in the first round of this inter-schools competition on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October. A separate letter has been issued to those involved. We wish the team, and Miss Maxfield, their coach, the best of luck!

### **Hallowe'en**

The PTA discos will take place this Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October providing an opportunity for pupils to dress up and show off their costumes. On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October we will have a Hallowe'en Activity day in school when the children will learn through the context of Hallowe'en, take part in traditional activities such as 'dooking' for apples and participate in a Hallowe'en themed class competitions where there will be a prize for the best effort in every class. The children do not dress up on this day as some children find this difficult to cope with, costumes can be uncomfortable to wear all day and accessories can be lost or broken before guising in the evening.

### **Schools Cross Country**

The pupils who have represented the school in the Schools Cross Country Events will now participate in the Cross Country Championships on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at Parklea Playing Fields, Port Glasgow – further information has been issued to those involved. We wish the team and Mrs Arthur who is training them, the best of luck!

### **P5 Class Assembly/Fairtrade Coffee Morning**

*\*This was due to take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November but due to almost half of the P5 class being involved in the Cross Country Championships that day we have decided to move this event to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – apologies for any inconvenience caused.*

Parents/carers of pupils in P5 are now invited to attend the P5 class assembly on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am and the Fairtrade coffee morning held afterwards from 10.00-10.30am.

#### **P4 Curriculum Morning**

Parents/carers of P4 are invited to visit the P4 classroom on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30-10.30am to learn alongside their children. The focus of this event will be on health and wellbeing.

#### **Parent/Carer Pupil Update Meetings**

This session these meetings will take place over one evening Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 3.30-8.30pm and will provide an opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning with their class teacher. Please use the return slip which will shortly be sent out in your child's letter wallet to indicate your preferred time block for attending which we will do our best to accommodate. An individual appointment will then be issued for each child.

#### **Parent Partnership**

The Parent Council will hold their AGM on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in the school. Any parents who would like to join or just to find out more will be made very welcome.

#### **Parent Partnership Fundraising Group (PPFG) – formerly known as the PTA**

Our PPFG operate as a sub- group of our Parent Council with a primary focus on fundraising. They do a fantastic job in supporting the school in this way and are always in need additional volunteers either to join the group or to support specific events. The next meeting of the PPFG will also take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm and new members are very welcome to come along.

#### **Christmas Cracker**

This popular event will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and families are very welcome to attend. If parents/carers would like to attend at the same time as their child/children the class attendance times at the stalls and the tearoom will be as follows:

Morning	
9.30-10.00am	Primary 7
10.00-10.30am	Primary 6
10.30-11.00am	Primary 5
11.00-11.30am	Primary 4
Afternoon	
1.30-2.00pm	Primary 3
2.00-2.30pm	Primary 1 & 2

As in previous years each class in the school will be running its own mini enterprise to make Christmas related products to sell – they will all work to a budget and will be hoping to return healthy profits! Alongside the class stalls in the main hall there will be the very popular stall where pupils can buy a small gift for a parent or carer and have it wrapped and labelled, our school Fairtrade stall and a home-baking stall. There will also be a tearoom in the lunch hall - entry £1 for adults (children free) to include tea, coffee or juice and shortbread or a mince pie and featuring a raffle– tickets available on the day. Donations for the home- baking stall, parent gift stall (we need gifts for both ladies and gentlemen please – a great way to recycle your unwanted gifts in support of the school!) and raffle would be gratefully received! All donations should be delivered to the school office (home- baking on the day please).

#### **Nativity**

Our Nursery, P1 & P2 pupils will perform a Nativity play for families at 9.30am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and at 2.00pm of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – more details to follow!

## Coats

All children should have a coat at school every day now that we are into the winter months – they need fresh air and a chance to run about and so will be outside every day even for a short time unless it is really very wet.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Elaine Montgomery  
Head Teacher

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Times	Notes
<b>October</b>			
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	P3 Curriculum Event	9.30-10.30am	P3 Parent event
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Hallowe'en Activity Day	All day	Details to follow
<b>November</b>			
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	P5 Class Assembly	9.30-10.00am	Parents/Family of P5 pupils welcome to attend
	Fairtrade Coffee Morning	10.00-10.30am	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	P4 Curriculum Event	9.30-10.30am	P4 Parent event
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents' Evening	3.30-8.30pm	Individual appointments
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Cracker	All day	Details to follow
<b>December</b>			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nursery - P2 Nativity Pattern 1 & 3 nursery pupils	9.30-10.30am	Ticket proceeds to nursery/school funds
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas lunch	12.15-1.15pm	Open to all P1-P7 pupils
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery - P2 Nativity Pattern 2 & 4 nursery pupils	2.00-3.00pm	Ticket proceeds to nursery/school funds
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	P1- P3 Christmas Party	Afternoon	Pupils may: come to school in party clothes, bring clothes to change at lunchtime or go home at lunchtime to change
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	P4- P5 Christmas Party	Afternoon	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Party ( All patterns)	Afternoon	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	P6-7 Christmas Party		
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day	All Day	Donation for Foodbank
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Assembly (morning)	9.30-10.30pm	Parents/Family welcome at either - details to follow
	Christmas Assembly (afternoon)	2.00-3.00pm	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	School closes	2.30pm	Happy holidays!