



Wemyss Bay Primary School and Nursery Class Head Teacher's Newsletter November 2016

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, we were very fortunate with the weather. Staff and pupils have returned refreshed and are looking forward to the very busy term ahead!

Sportshall Athletics

Our athletics team took part in the first round of this inter-schools competition on Tuesday, 2nd November and came in third place. The next round takes place on Tuesday 29th November. A separate letter will be issued to those involved. We wish the team and Mrs Buchanan and Miss Anderson who have been training them, the best of luck!

Hallowe'en Celebrations

The PTA ran two well attended discos on Friday evening which were great fun for the children – thank you to all committee members and helpers! Some super costumes were in evidence!

The children enjoyed our Hallowe'en activities in school too and the mask making competitions were won by: Alfie Paton – P1, Rayan Naeem – P2, Harley McLennan – P3, Faith Mulholland – P4, Eden Heggarty – P5, Martin Halliday – P6 and Thomas Gormlie –P7 – well done to them all!

Eco- School Focus Day

Today all classes led by Mrs Cassidy, Miss Anderson and our school Eco group are focussing their learning on the United Nations' 'Sustainable Development Goals' and deciding which of these we can take forward in Wemyss Bay Primary. Any parents/carers who would like to become involved in supporting the school with our work in this area should contact Mrs Cassidy or Miss Anderson via the school office.

Class Assembly/Fairtrade Coffee Morning

P5 have their class assembly and Fairtrade coffee morning next Wednesday, 9th November, and we are looking forward to welcoming their families to join us then.

P3 Curriculum Morning

Parents/carers of P3 are invited to visit the P3 classroom on Wednesday 16th November from 9.30-10.30am to learn alongside their children. Following our recent numeracy curriculum evening the focus of this event will also be on the teaching of numeracy.

Children in Need

Our charities group have decided that they would like to support the BBC Children in Need fundraising event this year and so pupils (and staff) may come to school on Friday 18th November wearing spots for a fee of £1 which will be donated to this very worthy cause. The charities group will also be running some other fundraising competitions on the day – I believe 5p coins may be requested if you would like to start saving these up!

Parent/Carer Pupil Update Evenings

These will take place on Tuesday 22nd November, 5.30-8.30pm and Wednesday 23rd November, 3.30-6.30pm and will provide an opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning with their class teacher/key worker. Please use the enclosed return slip to indicate your preferred night for attending. An individual appointment will then be issued for each child.

Pantomime

We have organised for Hopscotch Theatre to visit the school on Thursday 24th November to perform their Pantomime 'Jack and The Beanstalk' for the children – we hope they all enjoy the show!

Parent Council/PTA Meetings

The next Parent Council meeting will be held in the IT room in the school on Tuesday 29th November. Details of the next PTA to be confirmed.

Christmas Cracker

This popular event will take place on Friday 2nd December 2016 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 2
2.30-3.00pm	Primary 1

This year each class in the school is running its own mini enterprise to make Christmas related products to sell – they are all working to a budget and are 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 - featuring a raffle run by the Parent Council and PTA – 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 Tuesday 6th November and at 2.00pm of Thursday 8th November – more details to follow!

School Choirs

This term pupils are invited to join our school choirs – Junior Choir for P2-P4 will be held on Wednesdays at lunchtimes and Senior Choir for P5-P7 on Thursdays at lunchtimes starting next week. The choirs will perform at various Christmas events both in and outside of school during the festive period. Please see separate letter to sign up!

No nuts!

We would like to remind all parents/carers that we are a nut free school. Please ensure that no products containing nuts e.g. chocolate spread are used in packed lunches as we have pupils with nut allergies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine Montgomery".

Mrs Elaine Montgomery
Head Teacher