

Hermitage Park Weekly

Headteacher update from Faye Calder-Kelly

Week beginning— 10th January 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone had a Happy Christmas and a fantastic New Year. It has been lovely to see the children back rested and ready for the excitement that this term will bring.

The children have quickly remembered all the infection control measures we have in place to keep everyone safe. A reminder to all parents that we need your support with continuing to wear face coverings and remaining distanced from other households at drop off and pick up.

This term has already brought with it a range of new challenges with changing guidance and staffing absence. We expect this to continue throughout the term. I would ask for your understanding as it is likely that your child/ren may experience staffing changes as we manage high absence levels.

I would ask that parents/carers support us with managing absences by ensuring that you leave a reason for why your child is off school when you call the absence phone line. The office staff must call every parent who have not informed us why their child is absent. This is a huge job, very time consuming and can involve up to 40 phone calls per day! Your support with this is appreciated.

SCOTS MONTH

This month we will be celebrating Scottish culture. This will involve all classes learning about areas of Scottish life such as the Scots language, poetry, food, dance, music and geography. We will be celebrating our learning in an assembly on the 28th January.

If you or a family member has a particular talent such as Scots recital, dancing or plays an instrument such as the fiddle or bagpipes that you are happy to share with the children please contact the office.



Please remember to ensure your child has lots of layers to wear for school as we currently have to balance the need for warmth alongside the need for adequate ventilation in classrooms. This is a challenge at the moment!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

DATE	EVENT
20/1/22	TYLA (Turn your life around) project to start in P7
24&25/1/22	Show Racism the Red Card Workshops in P5-7
28/1/22	Scots Celebration Assembly
14-18/2/22	FEB BREAK—SCHOOL CLOSED
28/3/22—1/4/22	P7 School Camp
30/3/22 & 1/4/22	Parent Consultations
5/4/22	P1 and P2 Dental Inspection
8/4/22	Non Uniform Day
11-22/4/22	EASTER HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
2/5/22	BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
3/5/22	IN-SERVICE DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
25/5/22	P4-7 Sports Day—Time & Venue TBC
26/5/22	P1-3 Sports Day—Time & Venue TBC
2 & 3/6/22	JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
1/7/21	SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 12 FOR SUMMER BREAK

Please note—P1 and P7 transition dates and Nursery/P7 leavers events will be added to the diary nearer to the time to reflect the Covid guidance in June.

