

# Hermitage Park Weekly

**Headteacher update from Faye Calder-Kelly**

**Week beginning— 12th September 2022**

## STAFFING NEWS

As Miss Colvin is currently on maternity leave Mrs Black has been promoted to cover her Senior Depute's remit. She will continue to focus on Pupil Equity initiatives throughout the school but will also be taking on a number of other responsibilities such as leading Additional Needs support. No baby news from Miss Colvin yet but Mrs Henderson gave birth to a healthy baby girl last week. We can't wait to meet her!

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Last week , we celebrated our 'Hermie Stars of the Week' for being effective contributors, successful learners, responsible citizens or confident individuals. Congratulations to Declan and LJ P1, Mason and Ellie P2, Dan and Lucy W P3, Max and Lily P4, Vivienne P5, Darcy and Mia P6 and Sean P7!

## IMPACT OF FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Following the sad news of Her Majesty's death I am aware that some families may wish to pay their condolences and visit the Coffin at Rest and pay their respects. If this is the case and it impacts on your child's attendance on Tuesday please contact the office by phone or leave a message as the absence will be recorded as authorised. Please can all parents/carers also plan for the significant travel disruption and road closures so that you ensure your children are able to get to school and be collected safely on Monday/Tuesday of this week. Full details of closures etc can be found on the council website.

Her Majesty's funeral on Monday the 19th September has been declared a Bank Holiday. As Edinburgh schools were already closed on this date I am not aware of any additional days of closure but will update you if this changes.



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## INFECTION CONTROL

Although we no longer have to follow the strict Covid guidelines of last year we continue to need to remain vigilant to infections which move throughout the school. Please can I remind all parents/carers of the need to keep your child at home if they have a high temperature and the importance of them remaining at home for at least 48 hours after the last incidence of sickness and diarrhoea. This is to keep the children safe but also our staff whose absence from work also impacts on the learners. I recognise that this can be frustrating for working parents but is essential if we are keep well through the winter months.

## WEE LIBRARY

A big thank your to Mrs Black, the School Association and the Edinburgh Tool Library for building and installing our new 'Wee Library' outside the school. Hermie families and the local community are encouraged to drop off books in good condition and take books from the library that you haven't read. Adult and children, fiction and non fiction welcome.

Congratulations to Isla P7 for winning the design competition to decorate the library. Dan Gray (our author in residence) helped us cut the ribbon. Let's get reading....

## MEET THE TEACHER

We are looking forward to seeing parents/carers at our Meet the Teacher event this **Thursday 15th September**. Parents/Carers with more than one child at the school are welcome to visit the classes in whichever order that they choose. Parents/Carers who have one pupil at the school have been given a group time 5.30—6.15pm or 6.15—7pm. Please only come at the time you have been allocated to allow space in the classrooms. Class teachers will give a short presentation at 5.40pm and 6.25pm. This is a opportunity for you to look around your child's class and hear about your child's curriculum. In October, we will have parent consultations which will be your opportunity to find out more about your individual child's progress. We look forward to seeing you there.

## HOUSE CAPTAINS 22-23

I was blown away by both how many children ran as house captains from our P7's this year and the quality of their campaign and speeches. It was a VERY hard choice for the voters! Congratulations to our House Captains for 22-23 -

**ALEMOOR—Ellis and Tia**

**LOCHEND—Isla and Alex S**

**RESTALRIG—Elle and Tristian**

**HAWKHILL— Emelia and Sean**





<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
15th Sept 2022	Meet the Teacher Event 5.30-7pm
<b>19th Sept 2022</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY</b>
5th and 7th Oct 2022	Parent Consultation Meetings
14th Oct 2022	Non-school uniform day
14th Oct 2022	P4 Class Assembly—parents/carers invited
<b>17th—21st Oct 2022</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE OCTOBER HOLIDAY</b>
<b>24th Oct 2022</b>	<b>IN-SERVICE DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS</b>
28th Oct 2022	P5 Class Assembly—parents/carers invited
8th Dec 2022	P1 and 2 Nativity - parents/carers invited
13th Dec 2022	P1-3 Christmas Parties
14th Dec 2022	P1-7 to watch Christmas Panto 'Snow White'
15th Dec 2022	P4-7 Christmas Parties
16th Dec 2022	P6 to lead 'Christmas Around the World' - P6 parents/carers invited
19th Dec 2022	Nursery Christmas Singalong—parent/carers invited
20th Dec 2022	Christmas Movie/PJ Day—school closes at 12 for all pupils
<b>21st Dec— 3rd Jan 2023</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>
<b>4th Jan 2023</b>	<b>IN-SERVICE DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS</b>
<b>13-17th Feb 2023</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR FEBRUARY BREAK</b>
22nd and 24th March 2023	Parent Consultations
31st March 2023	P3A and P3B Spring Assembly—parents/carers invited
<b>3—14th April 2023</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
21 April 2023	P4/5 Class Assembly—parents/carers invited
<b>1st and 2nd May 2023</b>	<b>MAY BANK HOLIDAY AND IN-SERVICE DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS</b>
<b>22nd May 2023</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY</b>
24 May 2023	P1-3 Sports Day
25 May 2023	P4-7 Sports Day
22 June 2023	P7 Show—parent/carers invited
23 June 2023	P7 Leavers Party
<b>28 June 2023</b>	<b>P7 Leavers Assembly—SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12 FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY</b>