

Millbank Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 17th September 2018



Primary One information evening

We invite all parents and carers of our Primary One pupils to an information evening on Wednesday 19th September at 6.30 pm. Now that our new Primary Ones have settled in to the school routine we feel this is a good time to introduce parents to the resources and activities we use to teach literacy and numeracy.

Meet the teacher/Open afternoon

We would like to invite you in to school to see your child's new class and meet the teacher on Thursday 20th September. You will be invited in to school at 2 pm on this date and can spend half an hour in the classrooms; refreshments will then be served in the canteen from 2.30 pm - 3 pm.

Spelling

Along with several other schools in Highland we are trialling an approach to spelling called 'wraparound spelling'. Class teachers organise spelling activities each day, focusing on particular sounds and encouraging pupils to use their knowledge of individual sound patterns and phonics to spell words. Dictation is also used as a way of reinforcing words in the context of a sentence or paragraph. Over the next few weeks pupils will not be given lists of words to learn at home but may be asked to come up with lists of words containing a particular sound.

Parent Council

Many thanks to our outgoing Parent Council committee - Andrew Forrest (Chairperson), Michelle Allgood (Vice Chairperson), Sandra Hilton (Secretary) and Alan Dallas (Treasurer). This has been a busy and successful year, particularly in terms of all the work done in improving the playground and developing Outdoor Learning.

At the Parent Council AGM on Wednesday 12th September Julie Read was elected to the position of Chairperson with Michelle and Alan re-elected to the roles of Vice-chairperson and Treasurer respectively. Kirsty MacLeod was elected to the position of Fundraiser.

There is a vacancy for Secretary which will hopefully be filled at the next Parent Council meeting on the 6th of November at 2.15 pm.

Parents' evenings

Parents' evenings are to be held on Tuesday 2nd October from 4.30 - 7.00 and on Thursday 4th October from 4.30 - 7.00. We hope that this new time will be suitable for our families in terms of fitting around work and childcare arrangements.

All families will today receive a paper copy of the letter asking whether you would prefer Tuesday or Thursday for your appointment. If you access the newsletter electronically and would prefer to email us with your preferred date the invitation is on the next page of this newsletter.

Dates for your diary



Wednesday 19 th September	Primary One information evening at 6.30 pm
Thursday 20 th September	Open afternoon from 2-2.30, refreshments in canteen from 2.30 - 3.00.
Tuesday 2 nd October	Parents' evening from 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm
Thursday 4 th October	Parents' evening from 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm
Friday 12 th October	School closes at 3 pm for the October holiday.
Monday 29 th October	School re-opens at 9 am for the new term.

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Dear Parent,

Parent interviews will be held on the following dates -

**Tuesday 2nd October from
4.30 pm - 7.00 pm**

**Thursday 4th October from
4.30 pm - 7.00 pm**

Please complete and return the attached slip by **MONDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER** so that we can organise appointment times.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. Maria McPherson)

PUPIL NAME(S) AND CLASS(ES)

I would like my appointment(s) on
Tuesday Thursday Either
(Please circle preferred day)

I would like to see Mrs Laws, Support for learning teacher

I would like to see Mrs MacLaren, Support for learning teacher - Thursday only