

Millbank Primary School Newsletter

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Monday 26th October 2020



Good morning everyone, I hope you all had a restful October holiday.

Hallowe'en

Just a reminder of our position with regard to Hallowe'en –

We know that Hallowe'en is an exciting time for many but also that some families do not celebrate Hallowe'en and that some children can be very unsettled by the themes of Hallowe'en and people dressing up. We have therefore always ensured that any Hallowe'en activities in school are very low-key with strictly no dressing up.

Outdoor Learning Days

Thanks once again to our P7s who planned and delivered two very successful Outdoor Learning days on 2nd and 9th October. Staff were very impressed with the confidence and leadership skills displayed by the P7 pupils and everyone enjoyed being outside and participating in a range of learning opportunities.

Scottish Child payment

This is a new benefit which will be delivered by Social Security Scotland to eligible families who are in receipt of certain low income benefits and who have a child under 6.

There is no cap on the number of children a family can claim for and the benefit will be paid every four weeks, equivalent to £10 per week, per child. The first payments will start from the end of February 2021 but a high demand is expected and so applications will be taken early, from November 2020.

To be eligible for Scottish Child Payment you need to prove you are responsible for a child under 6.

This can be done through the child being named on one of the following benefits:

- Child Tax Credit
- Child Benefit
- Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

You can apply Online at mygov.scot or by phone on 0800 182 2222.

Digital safety

P6s have been issued with Chromebooks and our P7 pupils received their Chromebooks last session. These devices are given to pupils to be used for learning purposes and it is very important that families ensure appropriate use when the devices are being used at home. Pupils should only participate in Google meets when they have been set up by the class teacher. Digital technology can support learning in many ways but it also has the potential to cause harm and so families and school staff must constantly advise and support children in the safe use of all digital devices.

Term dates

Please use the following link to access Highland Council's calendar for the school session 2020/2021 -

https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school_term_dates

The dates for this term are in the table below. Sadly, we are unable to hold our traditional Christmas concerts but we will plan some way of celebrating/sharing learning with our families. Christmas parties will have to be organised differently as we can't have classes mixing, we will let you know details and dates as soon as we can.

Monday 26 th October	New term begins
TUESDAY 22 nd December	School closes at 3 pm for Christmas holidays.

Online shopping

We know that many people are using online shopping more frequently and I wanted to remind you that if you sign up and nominate our Parent Council via the following website

www.easyfundraising.co.uk/causes/millbankpsnairn then Parent Council receives a donation every time you use online shopping providers. There is absolutely no cost involved.

Best wishes,

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