



WELCOME BACK

1st Newsletter of the new academic year

September weekend already and it feels like we have been back for a lot longer! The children have settled in quite well and it has been a privilege getting to know them. I am getting there with names but haven't got them all yet, I hope to soon.

If you see me on the gate of an afternoon, do say hello, I am being advised that I shall need an umbrella soon and many people have warned me about Fauldhouse's particular and unique climate.

Staffing News

We welcome Miss Farooq to P4, Ms Denevan to P5, Miss Wilson to P7 as class teachers, obviously I am new and we have three new pupil support workers as well; Mrs Kelly, Mrs Grimley and Mrs Flynn. Mrs Gorman will be teaching Science and RME and will be extending her time from 2 to 3 days as Mrs McAdam who was teaching PE has resigned and will be finishing on the 25th of September.

McMillan Coffee Morning

It was a fantastic turnout and really pleasing to see so many of you there last Friday (13th). We raised a whopping **£336.85** and we got to eat some excellent cakes and biscuits. The children, as always, were pleased to have so many visitors come in and see what they have been learning. We also produced some excellent new artwork for the walls in the dining hall in preparation.

There will be more school community events coming up so do look out for those in the dates at the back of the newsletter, some highlights are; sponsored forest walk, achievement assembly, film night, Halloween disco and of course all our Christmas events.

Uniform

Uniform is an important part of our ethos at Falla Hill as it helps to create a sense of belonging, identity and community. Taking pride in that sense of belonging is something I hope we will all celebrate and be part of. It may be a little old-fashioned but I think school uniform and the wearing of it sets the tone for the day, I know that when I put my Headteacher uniform on I am ready for the day ahead.

Please speak to Mrs Harkins or Mrs Webster in the school office if you need to purchase polo shirts, fleeces, ties or sweatshirts. School trousers and skirts can be purchased in leading supermarkets.

Free school meal entitlement/uniform allowance

Please use the following link to check if you are entitled to free school meals or uniform allowance.
<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/3787/Free-School-Meal>

School Improvement and self-evaluation documents

These will be on the school website from today (Weds 18th Sept), if you would like a hard copy please request one via the school email or using the slip at the bottom of the newsletter.

A few reminders

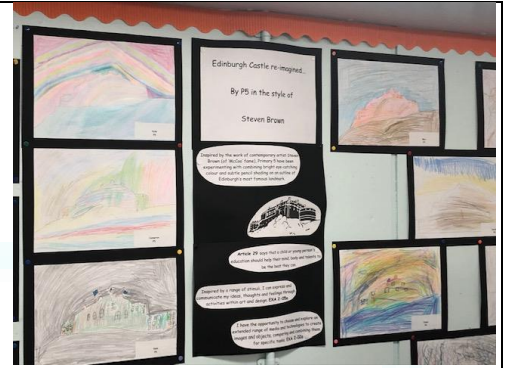
Infant parents:

- If someone who isn't on the contact list is collecting your child please do call the office and let us know as if they are not on our list then we will need to call you to confirm
- As the children access their water bottles throughout the day these should contain only water as juice will impact on their teeth

Whole School:

- Remember we are a peanut free school, this is an important safety feature and we thank you for your support in this matter
- For your child's safety, please make sure that proper footwear and socks are worn on PE days. Proper footwear is athletic-type tennis shoes with a non-marking, flat bottom or indoor school shoes.

New Artwork in our dining hall



Achievement Assembly

We will be sending out letters linked to our achievement assembly – this will be on Friday 11th October. It will be great to hear about the wider achievements of our pupils: from super judo moves, to fantastic swimmers or disco dancers. We want to hear about these achievements!

As a school we will also be selecting pupils for our Turquoise Certificates – these will be given for attainment or progress that is above and beyond expectations, each teacher will be encouraged to identify 2 or 3 pupils whose learning or development has been out of the ordinary.

Parent Council

Do look out for the parent council meetings – next one on Tuesday 1st October at 6pm.

There will be parent council events throughout the year; your support is always appreciated.

Film night – 4th October
Halloween Disco – 30th October

Health care

If you have health care forms at home can these please be returned to the school as soon as possible.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's health can you please contact the school office or Mr McCusker.

Dates for your diary

DATES FOR OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS WILL BE ADDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, PLEASE CHECK THE NEWSLETTER EACH MONTH.

Parent Council	Tuesday 1 st October 6 - 7:30pm
Sponsored Forest Walk - details to follow	Wednesday 2 nd October
Parent Council - Film Night	Friday 4 th October
Parent Consultations - Late	Monday 7 th October
Parent Consultations - Early	Tuesday 8 th October
Achievement Assembly	Friday 11 th October
End of term	Friday 11 th October
In-service day- staff only	Monday 21 st October
All resume	Tuesday 22 nd October
Flu Vaccinations	Tuesday 22 nd October
Hallowe'en disco	Wednesday 30 th October. P1-3 4-5.30pm P4-P7 5.45-7.15pm.
Christmas fair	Friday 6 th December 9am-10am
Nursery Nativities am and pm	Tuesday 10 th December times tbc
Carol Concert P4 - P7	Wednesday 11 th December - afternoon
Nativity P1 - P3	Wednesday 11 th December - evening
Nativity P1 - P3	Thursday 12 th December - afternoon
Carol Concert P4 - P7	Thursday 12 th December - evening
P3-5 Christmas parties	Monday 16 th December 1.15-3pm
P6 & 7 Christmas disco	Monday 16 th December 5.30-7.30pm
Nursery Christmas parties am and pm	Wednesday 18 th December with special visitor-times tbc
P1-P2 Christmas party	Wednesday 18 th December 1.15-3pm with special visitor (time tbc)
End of term and Christmas service in the church.	Friday 20 th December Church service: 9.30am
All resume	Tuesday 7th January 2019
Health week	Monday 30 th March - Friday 3 rd April
Parents' consultations	Wednesday 1 st April - Late
Parents' consultations	Thursday 2 nd April - Early
End of term and Easter service in the church	Friday 3 rd April. Church service: 9.30am
All resume	Monday 20 th April
HOLIDAY	Monday 4 th May
All resume	Wednesday 6th May
P7 camp at Kingswood	Monday 13 th May - Friday 17 th May
Reports to parents	Friday 12 th June
P7 leavers' assembly	Friday 19 th June 9am
End of term	Friday 28 th June

Comment slip (this can be anonymous if you prefer)

Pupil's name: _____

Class: _____

Please feel free to comment on any item in the newsletter or anything else regarding the school. We always value your feedback on how we can improve.

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