



Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our fourth newsletter of this term. As you know this is our last week before the October holiday. We have lots of news and events to update you on as we head towards the half term holiday.

### **Harvest Assembly**

This Friday we will be having our annual Harvest Assembly led by P6 and P2/3 who have buddied up to develop their 'Peace Boxes' initiative which will provide a box full of everyday items intended to bring peace to older people in our local community. Parents and carers from all classes are welcome to join us at 9am on Friday in the hall. Please see the note P6 and P2/3 sent out last week for details of how you can be involved in the Peace Boxes project.

### **Portobello Book Festival**

We were delighted to have visits from famous authors last week organised by the Portobello Book Festival. P4 met Sir Chris Hoy to hear about his latest book at Towerbank Primary School and Emily Dodd visited P1-3 to discuss her book all about a capercaillie who can't dance! Both experiences were a fantastic way of engaging our children in becoming more enthusiastic readers.

### **Opportunities for Parents/Carers**

It has been wonderful to see so many parents/carers signing up for our two adult learning offers this year: Incredible Years and the Edinburgh College course in Child Development. It's not too late to join in but please get in touch ASAP! It is so important for our children to see their parents/carers as learners too and to realise that learning is a lifelong process!

### **School Captains**

Our annual School Captain elections take place this Thursday. The P7s have been working hard with Mr Brack, Mr Chalmers and Mrs Wright to prepare their speeches and presentations to convince voters to choose them for this prestigious role in school. We wish them all the best of luck and congratulate them on all their efforts! Democracy in action!



### **Zoolab Clarification**

Apologies for the error in the letter sent out last week. Zoolab are in school this Wednesday not Tuesday as previously stated.

### **Beach Trips**

As part of our ongoing efforts to achieve high standards of behaviour across the school we have revamped our Class of the Week award. The classes came up with a list of activities they could earn if they attained Class of the Week. One of these activities is to go for a walk along Portobello Prom. Such trips are covered by the local area excursions form (EE2) which we sent out at the start of the year. The walks will be risk assessed and children will not be going near the water. Please let the school office know if you would prefer your child not to take part in these experiences.

### **Playground Refurbishment**

We are delighted that the Council has decided to invest in re-surfacing our school playground. The work will start on Wednesday of this week and continue into the October holidays. Large sections of the playground will be fenced off during the work meaning a reduced play space on a temporary basis. At this time we do not anticipate changes to lining up or entering/exiting arrangements but we will keep you posted.

### **Winter Vomiting Virus**

As we head into winter can I please remind parents/carers that NHS Lothian advise that children should be kept off school for 48 hours after their last case of vomiting or diarrhoea. This is to prevent the spread of germs linked to the Norovirus. Just because a child has stopped vomiting does not mean that the virus has left their body. Parents/carers will be contacted to pick their child up if they return to school before the 48 hours is over. This is NHS and Council advice which the school is required to follow. It has been very disappointing that some parents choose to be rude or aggressive towards members of school staff who are implementing this policy. This sort of behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Thank you for your support with this important health advice.

### **Winter Weather**

As the weather turns increasingly cold and wintry please ensure your child has a warm coat with them at school every day. Even on days when it starts off warm it can become cold or wet very quickly later in the day. We always try to send the children outside even in light rain or on cold days so it is really helpful if they have the right clothing for the Scottish climate. On mornings with heavy rain or other seriously inclement conditions children will be welcomed into the hall by school staff from 8.30am onwards.

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## **School Lunches**

We are moving to a system of ordering lunches for the week on a Monday morning to assist the kitchen with ordering and their ongoing improvement efforts. Please take the chance to have a look at the menu with your child over the weekend to support them with selecting their meals.

Wishing you all a good week ahead and a great October holiday.

We break up for the October holiday on Friday at **normal finishing times**.

School re-opens to pupils on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 8.50am**.

Yours sincerely

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## Dates for Your Diary

Please find below the key dates for this year:

Date	Event
14/10/16	Harvest Assembly
02/11/16	School Open Day



<b>07/11/16- 11/11/16</b>	<b>P1 Enrolment Week for August 2017</b>
<b>11/11/16</b>	<b>Learning Profile 1 issued</b>
<b>15/11/16+ 17/11/16</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b>
<b>02/12/16</b>	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>
<b>09/12/16</b>	<b>P1-7 Panto at Brunton Theatre</b>
<b>14/12/16</b>	<b>P1-3 Nativity</b>
<b>16/12/16</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
<b>12/12/16- 17/12/16</b>	<b>Christmas Parties</b>
<b>21/12/16</b>	<b>Christmas Service</b>
<b>25/01/17</b>	<b>P7 Burns Supper</b>
<b>10/03/17</b>	<b>Learning Profile 2 issued</b>
<b>21/03/17 23/03/17</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b>
<b>28/03/17- 31/03/17</b>	<b>P7 Benmore Camp</b>
<b>31/03/17</b>	<b>Easter Assembly</b>
<b>30/05/17</b>	<b>P1-7 Jungle Book musical</b>
<b>09/06/17</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
<b>12/06/17</b>	<b>Learning Profile 3 issued</b>
<b>20-22/06/17</b>	<b>P7 High School Visit</b>
<b>22/06/17</b>	<b>P7 Prom</b>
<b>26/06/17</b>	<b>Summer Picnic at Newhailes House</b>
<b>30/06/17</b>	<b>Leavers Assembly</b>

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