

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are pleased to welcome back all of our boys and girls and their families. We hope that you all had a lovely holiday.

We are also welcoming some new staff: Mrs Machowiak, Mr Hendry and Mrs Butt. I am sure everyone will make them very welcome.

**We have received lots of flattering and positive feedback about the carol singing events in the area, Usher Hall concert and Parliament Carol Service that classes attended. It was really great to hear the compliments about the children's good manners, focus and excellent communication skills. Well done Everyone!**

## On line Safety

Lots of us were lucky enough to receive new smart phones, tablets and computers as gifts this year. We have included some helpful information and guidelines as well as links to sites where you can get advice and ideas to keep your child safe on line. Can we also remind parents that children should not have Facebook accounts until the age of 13, and you should be aware of any passwords and supervise privacy settings Every class will be looking at on line safety in the next couple of weeks so please do take a look and establish some good ground rules now.

<https://royalmileprimary.com/internet-online-safety/>

Phones and other valuables – keys, bus passes etc. should be kept safely in the class safe keeping box during the school day.

## New Phones

Please remember to update your records with us if you have changed your contact number over the holidays. Thank you

## Nursery Opening

So that we ensure all afternoon children receive their allocated times the official nursery pick up time will be 3.33pm for the remainder of this session to allow for the early finish in June. Many thanks.

## Found Property

We seem to have quite a lot of found property. **Please put your child's name in/on everything they wear or bring to school** - it makes it easier for us to reunite lost items with their owners.

**Indoor shoes** - please ensure your child has a pair of indoor shoes. These must be suitable for gym and walking around school so slippers and Uggs are not acceptable. Please check with your child that their shoes still fit and are in good condition. We do have spares that can be borrowed and donations of outgrown shoes are welcome. This helps to keep our floors clean and safe.

**Uniform** - please ensure your child is wearing uniform and has suitable clothing including footwear for events and excursions at this time of year. The school office can order uniform from our website but payment must be made in advance. There will be a SALE of pre owned uniform on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 9 - 9.30am

Again for safety (and to avoid any unwelcome visitors) children with long hair should tie it back, but especially on gym days. Jewellery should be limited to watches and stud earrings and we will ask children to remove any jewellery that might be injurious to themselves and others.

### **Active School Clubs**

These start again this week and if you would still like to sign up there are spare forms at the school office or check in your inbox for the online information.

### **Assistance with School Meals**

If you are eligible for this payment, for instance because you are in receipt of some benefits including Income support and child tax credits you may find it useful to apply. Pupils P1 - 3 can receive school milk in addition to their school meal. The number of families accessing this is also used as a measure for allocation of some school grants and moneys so it also helps us.

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **JANUARY**

**27<sup>th</sup> Friday BURNS ASSEMBLY 11am. (west door opens at 10.55am)** Parents/ carers from Nursery to P7 are invited to enjoy some songs and poems and then visit their child's classroom to look at their work.

**30<sup>th</sup> Monday P3 Showcase Assembly and Classroom activity 2pm. (West Door opens at 1.55pm)**

#### **FEBRUARY**

**3<sup>rd</sup> FRIDAY Uniform Sale 9 - 9.30am main entrance**

**10<sup>th</sup> Friday Art Gallery Grand Opening and Café 11am. All welcome**

**13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February Break. School and nursery reopen at usual times MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**27<sup>th</sup> Monday P4/5 Showcase Assembly and Classroom activity 2pm. (West Door opens at 1.55pm)**

#### **MARCH**

**20<sup>th</sup> Monday P1 Showcase Assembly and Classroom activity 2pm. (West Door opens at 1.55pm)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Parent Consultations 3.30 - 5.50pm/ 6 - 8pm. Appointments will be sent out to you.**

**27<sup>th</sup> Monday - 31<sup>st</sup> Friday P7 Benmore Residential Camp**

**31<sup>st</sup> Friday school and nursery close at usual times.**

### **Easter Holidays 3<sup>rd</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday School and Nursery reopen at usual times**