



# Royal Mile Primary School Newsletter

## March/April 2017

### **RED NOSE DAY Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

The PUPIL COUNCIL will be holding lots of 'laugh out loud' activities on the day and there will be prizes for funniest joke, silliest picture..... Look out for posters with more details. A suggested donation of £1 will be collected on the day!

### **Fruity Friday**

On the same day P4/5 and P5/6 will be selling healthy snacks and pocket money items- mugs, keyrings - as part of their Virgin Money Enterprise project. Stocks are limited.

**Please send money in a marked envelope or purse, to avoid upsets.**

### **PARENT PAY**

**Letters have recently been sent out and you should now follow the instructions to set up your account.** All payments for trips and events, lunches, nursery snack etc. should be paid using this. Please note that although we can accept cheques or cash - **no change will be issued.**

### **ECO GROUP NEWS**

We now have recycling bins at the bottom of the playground steps.

RED for plastic pots or tubs, BLUE for waste paper, YELLOW - crisp bags and other plastic bags and GREEN for fruit waste and leftover snacks.

Pallet Garden Competition - you will have seen these around the school. Every class including nursery has one. Many now have seeds and tubers in them so PLEASE encourage children not to stand on them.

### **Unwelcome Visitors**

We have unfortunately become aware that there are some cases of head lice in school.

Please do check your child's hair regularly and seek advice on treatments from your Medical Practice Nurse or Pharmacist. Remember to treat the whole family and wash bedding, hats etc. as well. Regular combing with ordinary conditioner and a comb from the chemist can also clear and help prevent this problem. Long hair should be tied back as well.

### **Loud and Proud**

We have recently bought a sound system to assist the children in delivering their shows and assemblies. We were lucky enough to get some great advice and support from Pegasus systems. Thank you.

We are also really pleased that we have been able to update our Interactive Whiteboards in most classrooms. The difference is amazing so please do take a look next time you visit your child's classroom.

### **Playground**

We are still waiting patiently! The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents is sending a representative to do our checks but he has to travel from England and we are in the queue.

So a wee bit longer.....

When the playground equipment is open, just as with all the other play equipment, it will be parents responsibility before and after school to ensure children play safely.

On this note please could parents also ensure pupils coming to school on bikes and scooters have helmets and bright clothing. Bikes and scooters should be secured with a lock and children should not be riding them within the school gates, especially at pick up time when so many children are around.

### **Uniform Sale 21<sup>st</sup> April**

Pre-owned items will be on sale in the open area between 9 and 9.30am. Thank you so much to those who have donated items. There is a suggested donation of £2 per item.

### **Mrs MacKay**

Many of you will be aware that Mrs MacKay is retiring at Easter!) We will all be very sad to see her depart after such a long and happy time here at Royal Mile Primary School. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a long and happy retirement. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Mrs MacKay donations can be left at the school office.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

#### **March**

24<sup>th</sup> RED NOSE DAY - suggested donation of £1

Fruity Friday - healthy snacks and pocket money buys for £1 to £1.50

Please send money in a purse or envelope marked with your child's name to avoid upsets.

#### **April HOLIDAY**

**SCHOOL and NURSERY CLOSE at usual times on FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

**SCHOOL and NURSERY REOPEN at usual times on TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

#### **May**

**1<sup>st</sup> MAY DAY HOLIDAY - SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED**

**4<sup>th</sup> MAY IN SERVICE DAY - CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND**

**8<sup>th</sup> HEALTH WEEK - lots of activities and events to come along to.**

**More information to follow.**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sports Day - please come to Queen's Park to support everyone and have fun**

In the event of bad weather we will postpone and try another date.

**15<sup>th</sup> Monday 2pm Primary 1 Showcase Assembly and classroom visit**

West Door opens at 1.50pm. Please leave the classroom at 2.50pm.

**22<sup>nd</sup> LOCAL HOLIDAY - SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED**

School holiday dates are available on City of Edinburgh Council website.