



ROYAL MILE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

St Andrew's Learning Fair November 30th 11.15 – 12.15.

Come along and find out about all things Scottish and celebrate the country we all live in. Every class will have a stall and share the exciting things they have been finding out about. Primary 1 and 2 children should be collected from the WEST DOOR at the usual times.

Pre Owned Uniform and Found Property

There will be a sale of uniform and a chance to look for those items your child has left behind at school during the fair. Unclaimed items will be donated to local charity, recycled into the sale or popped into the ragbag. As always we would ask that you put your child's name on everything they bring to school.

Shoes, coats and Gym kit!

Children should have a pair of indoor shoes that they can change into and wear for gym. This helps to keep our floors clean and safe, especially at this time of year.

We also ask that children wear a coat to school, not a hoodie, as the weather is changeable and we like to get outside whenever possible. There are a lot of visits and outings planned during December so school uniform and jackets are very important.

Finally, children without gym kit will be offered kit to borrow, however when this becomes a regular issue they will move to thinking time and in sometimes for safety reasons have to sit out.

Homework Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who returned a questionnaire. I have attached the collated results and overview and will display the detailed results in school in the West corridor. It was very interesting that parents/ carers mostly wanted more homework and children mostly wanted less! Homework Club at CYP is starting to fill up and the link into Space@6 is great.

Thank you for your support!

The Pupil Council raised £144 pounds for Children In Need! Well done!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Friendship Walk to promote respect and friendship in our school. Next time you are in school please do take a look at the footprints displayed in the corridor!

Road Safety Week

Our Junior Road Safety Officer, Ella, gave a fantastic presentation to the school reminding them to bike and scooter safely. She especially reminded them to wear a helmet and be bright so that people can see you! Winners of the design competition she ran will be announced at Assembly. The Magic Road Safety show helped P1 – 3 think about staying safe as well.

Cluster fun runs

In January there are 3 fun run sessions in the Meadows on Wednesday afternoons and start at 3:45 p.m. for about 30 minutes. There are distances available to suit younger and older children (approximately P3 – P7). It's a great way to meet families from Tollcross, Sciennes, James Gillespie's and Preston Street Primary schools, especially for P7 as they get ready for High School. The running can be as social or as competitive as you want. If you are interested please speak to Mr Madine.

Unwelcome Visitors

Please remember Head Lice is a community issue. Please consult your pharmacist or practice nurse about treatments and check your children's hair regularly. Remember to treat the whole family and wash hats and bedding.



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Parent Council

Can you help with our Winter Wonderland event on December? Donate fancy goods for the raffle? Bring some home baking for the café on the day? Help with a stall? Let us know via the school office. Please look out for more information and raffle tickets in school bags.

Christmas Postbox

The Christmas Postbox will be open from 1st December in the open area. Please can all children put cards into the postbox so that they can be taken round by our Primary 1 post persons and their buddies. The Eco Group ask that you consider a class card to save trees. Thank you!

Seasonal Show

Parents and Carers are invited to watch an original production in the hall on 18th December at 1.45pm. The stars of the show will be Primary 1, 2 and 3. We ask that you respect the wishes of parents/carers who do not want their child filmed or photographed and remind you that all the performers will have a photograph taken in costume and a copy will be sent home for you.

Winter Wonderland

After the show we hope families will join us in the playground from 2.30 (ish) to 3.30pm. There will be lovely things to eat and drink at the café, a trip to visit the winter wonderland and things to try and buy! Children may bring money in a purse or envelope so that everyone can visit the stalls. Please can parents/ carers collect their child at the usual time from the WEST DOOR.

Usher Hall Concert

Primary 7 will be taking part in the cluster concert at the Usher hall in the evening on 18th December and letters have already been sent with details. It is a prestigious event and I am always immensely proud to see our amazing P7 there on stage.

Pantomime

M&M Theatre Company will be in school to perform Dick Whittington. There will also be class celebrations for the end of the year. There will be a charge for this but we have reduced the cost to £7. Please pay this amount on Parentpay by Wednesday December 5th. Nursery children will attend and payment will be taken from Nursery funds. Please do speak to Mrs Jessop if there any issues around payment.

Carols At The Parliament

We have been invited again to take part in the community carol concert in the Scottish Parliament. This year Primary 4 will be representing the school and I have had a sneak preview of their song – they are great. Letters and security/ photo forms will come out soon so please keep this date (19th) in your diary!

Carols On The Stairs

We hope you will join us for this very Royal Mile Tradition at 9am on 20th when our stair cases resound with festive songs and popular tunes!

Come to the Kirk!

In the afternoon we will head across to the Kirk to enjoy this lovely building, maybe get a preview of the Queen's Christmas Tree, and share some memories of the year past and hopes for the year to come. There will be music from classes and the brass group and we hope that Neil and Mr Hetherington will reprise their festive duet.



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Celebrate!

On Friday we will all be celebrating the end of the year and the start of a new year. Every class will share some party games, food and fun! Nursery parents please check arrangements on your newsletter as well.

SCHOOL AND NURSERY WILL CLOSE AT 12 NOON.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 30th 11.15am St. Andrew's Day Learning Fair

11.15 - 11.45am Pre owned Uniform Sale open area

Parents/ carers of Primary 1 and 2 children are asked to collect their child outside the WEST DOOR as usual.

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Tuesday 18th 2 pm. P 1 - 3 will perform a seasonal show to parents/ carers at West Door opens at 1.55pm

2.30pm Winter Wonderland in the playground.

19th In School performance of traditional tale Dick Whittington by M& M Theatre Company

20th 9.15am A Royal Mile Tradition - Singing on the stairs, please come and join us.

2pm Come along to the Kirk and celebrate the end of 2018.

21st Celebrations in classes

21st December SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSE AT NOON

SCHOOL AND NURSERY REOPEN ON JANUARY 9th 2019 AT USUAL TIMES>

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



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Royal Mile Primary School Homework Survey October 2018

Do you think Children should have homework?	<p>Said YES</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers ■ Staff</p>	<p>Said NO</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers ■ Staff</p>	<p>Said NOT SURE</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers ■ Staff</p>
If you have to do homework- Is the amount you do now too much or just right?	<p>JUST RIGHT</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers ■ Staff</p>	<p>MORE</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers ■ Staff</p>	<p>TOO MUCH</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers ■ Staff</p>
Would you like to do different homework – Different subjects? Research tasks? Practical Tasks?	<p>YES</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers</p>	<p>NOT SURE</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers</p>
Teachers' question – does Homework have value?	YES - 3	NO - 0	NOT SURE - 2

Do you like getting homework on Monday for Thursdays?	<p>YES</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers ■ Staff</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers ■ Staff</p>	<p>NOT SURE</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers ■ Staff</p>
Do you like getting homework to do on a tablet or computer?	<p>YES</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers ■ Staff</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers ■ Staff</p>	<p>NOT SURE</p> <p>■ Pupils ■ Parents/ carers ■ Staff</p>