



# ROYAL MILE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2019

### WELCOME!

#### LATE ARRIVALS

Many pupils are arriving after the 8.50am bell. This has a detrimental effect on their own learning as well as disrupting teaching in the classroom.

**Ideally children should arrive at school no earlier than 8.40am and be ready to join the line at the first bell at 8.45am. From MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER children entering the school gate after 8.50am will be asked to go to the school office to be marked in. This will be recorded as a late arrival.**

In exceptional circumstances please inform the school office that your child will be late to school.



**Refurbishment Update:** the scaffold is now complete. The work on the windows in some areas of the school has begun. We are waiting for final timescales for heating and ceiling upgrades and will keep you informed.

**Staffing News:** Miss Finlayson has decided to step down as Principal Teacher in the Language and Communication Classes from the start of September. I am sure you will join me in expressing our thanks and appreciation for all her hard work and wish her well in her next post. This post will be advertised and we will inform you of the successful candidates name as soon as possible.

We are delighted to welcome a new Support for Learning Teacher from 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Miss Finlayson!

We are also wishing Mrs Brown good luck as she leaves Royal Mile and continues her creative journey. We will be watching out for her art work across the city!

#### Healthy Eating Tuck Shop

We will continue to support our local Social Enterprise – Edinburgh Community Foods – selling fruit, dried fruits and cereal bars. Children can buy these items at breaktime each day, priced 30p and 50p. Please note that the cereal bars may contain nuts and we will not sell these to children with disclosed allergies.

#### Parent and Child Homework Information Sessions

There are a couple more of these to go, Primary 3 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm. Then Primary 4 and 5, Primary 6 and 7 on September 11<sup>th</sup> here at school 2.15 pm. Staff from Canongate Youth Project, Southbridge Resource Centre, 6 Infirmity St, Edinburgh EH1 1LT. will join us to introduce themselves and speak about the support and activities they offer at Homework Club.

#### **12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER SOCIAL 6-8pm**

We hope that lots of you will come along to enjoy a chat, a bite to eat and some musical entertainment from James Gillespies' High School pupils. As always tickets are free but we ask that you obtain a ticket for everyone who will be coming as for fire safety we have to limit the number of people in the building. Tickets will be available from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at the school office and you can collect in person or send a note with your child.

#### **NEW Homework Folders**

You will notice that all our P3 – 7 classes have a homework folder to keep their home learning tidy and in one place. We will be encouraging them to put their letters and notes home in here as well. Please do take the time to look at the work your child is doing and to check for letters. Homework Drop in sessions with adult support will be on Wednesday lunchtimes in school and CYP Homework Club will be on Wednesday at 4pm (just before Space @6).



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### **Vision, Values and Aims**

Last year we put up a display at the front door about our Vision, Values and Aims. We are looking at them again this session and you will soon be asked to add your ideas to those of the pupils and staff to make them up to date and fresh. We hope you will support our school with your thoughts and suggestions. Look out for a sheet in your child's homework folder and then more news in the blogs and newsletters.

### **Parent Forum**

The support of our Parent Forum and its representatives on the Parent Council is very important for us. Their amazing fundraising efforts helped make the Pupil Council's Playground Vision a reality, as well as the contributions that help reduce the cost of events and shows, support groups and individuals to take part in camps and outings and make our school a great place to be. We will be holding a coffee morning and will be inviting parents and carers to drop in and chat about what is happening this session. Look out for posters soon or contact [royalmileparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:royalmileparentcouncil@gmail.com).

### **Reporting**

We are looking to improve how we work together – family/carers, school and pupils – to improve progress and achievement. We will continue to publish the overview for each term on the Class Blog and to share your child's Profile Jotter with its typical weeks learning, self evaluation and target setting completed each term. In addition we will send you a short summary of your child's progress and next steps before Parent Consultations. This means our discussions can be very productive. There will be a short summative report at the end of session. We will be looking for some parents to join a working party to look at the suggested documents so please keep an eye out for the invitation.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY \***

SEPTEMBER 2019

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>** P5 Swimming starts

Swimming hats can be brought from the school office for £1.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm** P3 Homework Workshops

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 9 – 9.30am** Pre Owned Uniform SALE

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 9 – 11.30am** Voting for House and Vice House Captains

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm** P4 – 7 Parents invited to CYP for Homework Club Visit

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 6 – 8pm** Meet the Staff Social Event

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** Class Term Planning published on Class Blogs

**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL CLOSED** – local holiday

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 2pm** BE RESILIENT ASSEMBLY for families

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** Classes using CRAGS SPORTS CENTRE

**MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Maths Week Scotland – events and times tbc

OCTOBER 2019

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 11- 11.55 am** Maths goes Wild workshops with your child

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 8pm** Parent Consultations

**FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSE AT USUAL TIME  
FOR MID TERM BREAK**

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SCHOOL AND NURSERY REOPEN AT USUAL  
TIME**

\*please be aware that some dates may alter but we will use text, notices and email to try to advise you in good time.





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