



ROYAL MILE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2020

Poppies

Primary 7 will be selling poppies in school from 2nd November. Children may bring a small donation.

Pre Owned Uniform

At present we cannot hold a sale. If you need some uniform please send us an email and we will put together anything we have in a bag for you to try at home. Unsuitable items can be returned in a bag and we will quarantine them for 72 hours. Donations are always welcome and can be handed in at the gate, in a plastic bag.

Profile Jotters

In the week Oct 5th all the children will complete a whole week's work in their profile jotter. In this book we have a record showing work in October and March for every school year. It is a great way for your child to review their progress and set targets, to show off to you how much they have progressed and when they leave school it is a momento of their years here. You might want to encourage them to do their very best next week so you can enjoy seeing their work.

Parent Consultations

As last year we will send out a short Interim report on October 15th with some examples of your child's work and their targets for this term.

Parent Consultations – we will ask you to book a telephone consultation with your child's teacher and indicate the main points you wish to discuss on the attached form during the two weeks October 26th and November 2nd 2020.

It will be a new experience for us all – so please bear with us!

Parent Council News!!

We've settled on October 15th for the 'Big Meeting' or AGM. It will be a virtual meeting on Teams (you don't have to have an account to join a meeting) at 5:30pm.

Please let us know at royalmileparentcouncil@gmail.com if you want to attend and ensure we have the correct email address to use by Wednesday 14th October 2020. We will send you an invitation by email on the day.

JASS Junior Award Scotland Scheme <https://www.jassschools.org.uk/>

The folders are in the classrooms and children are planning how they will achieve their awards. I am sure that you will be ready to help them during the October half term as well.

LUNCHES

A reminder from our Health and Wellbeing Reps - We all love a treat but please do not send more than 1 small treat in your child's lunchbox such as a biscuit or cake. No sweets should ever be included. Many children like a chocolate spread sandwich (me too!) but please don't add more chocolate treats as well. Juice is for lunchtime and not class water bottles!

Snacks

Please send 1 small snack for breaktime. This should be healthy – a piece of fruit, plain crisps or a plain biscuit.

The best way to hydrate is to drink WATER! Please don't put anything else in children's water bottle so they can sip it throughout the day.

Tooth decay and dental health are very important so sugary snacks and drinks should be limited!

You will be aware that the Edinburgh schools hope to have a hot lunch option available soon. We will let you know as soon as we are informed. It is important to go into Parentpay and make a choice to avoid disappointment.

Weather

As the seasons change please can we ask that children wear a jumper, shoes suitable for walking and bring a jacket with a hood to school. We are being advised to keep rooms well ventilated and so windows will be opened to change the air whenever possible.

We will also be outdoors unless the weather really is terrible.

Please can you avoid sending umbrellas into school as we have no storage for wet brollies and children will not use them in the day for safety reasons. They are often forgotten as well!!



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Maths Week

Many classes have been looking at their local community with a mathematical eye – so P7 have been mapping to scale and P3 have been travelling virtually to the Island of Coll! Look out on the Blog for their amazing mathematical marvels!!!!

Black History Month October

This October we will be looking at Black History month and especially sharing the rich and diverse cultural traditions of our own school community. We hope that you will support and contribute to the projects by sharing photos, stories and traditions. We will miss having our Fair but we will still enjoy learning more about each other and appreciating our differences and similarities, and the way we all work together to make our school a vibrant place.

Please be assured that as always the Royal Mile Team have the best interests of our pupils at heart and aim to provide a positive, supportive and safe learning community as we move forward together.

YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ON Scottish Government website and the City Of Edinburgh Website

Take care and stay safe, keep in touch!

PLEASE ENSURE WE HAVE THE CORRECT CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOU.

If your child becomes unwell in school we will need to contact you immediately.

Absences 0131 556 3347 Option 1. Please let us know why your child is absent and when you think they will return to school.

Please telephone on 0131 556 3347 Option 2 if you have to drop off or collect your child outwith the usual times at school or nursery.

If you have any questions or enquiries you can contact us on 0131 556 3347 Option 2 (leave a message if it is busy) or admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Thank you to everyone for coming to school at the right times and following the new one way system as that helps to maintain social distancing.

Just to clarify as we have made a few changes:

Mornings –8.35 – 8.45 am Primary 3 – 7 come in WEST GATE

8.45am Primary 1 come in WEST GATE

Language and Communication Pupils enter by WEST GATE

8.50am Primary 2 come in REID'S CLOSE GATE

9 – 9.15 am Nursery Parents can drop off

Pick Up – 3 pm Primary 1 leave by WEST GATE

Primary 2 leave by EASTGATE

3.10 – 3.30pm Nursery Parents Collect at agreed times at WEST GATE

3.15pm P6 and 7 leave REID'S CLOSE (collect siblings at West Door)

P4 and 5 leave WEST GATE

P3 leave EAST GATE

If you have an appointment and need to collect outwith these times. Please let us know at drop off.



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If you need to come in to school for any reason – please telephone beforehand to make an appointment if possible. When you arrive at the door, ring the buzzer and step back to the yellow line to wait for assistance. We'll come as quickly as we can.

Dates for Your Diary

October

Black History Month – look out for activities and sharing learning on the Blogs

Friday 9th Flu Vaccinations – letters have been sent out

Thursday 15th Scottish International Storytelling Festival – share a wee story

Parent Council Big Meeting 5.30pm

Interim Reports Issued

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED TO PUPILS 16th October at usual times

SCHOOL AND NURSERY OPEN TO PUPILS 27th October at usual times.

November

Parent Consultation Phone Calls weeks beginning 26th October and 2nd November by appointment

Week beginning 9th Friendship Week

Week Beginning 16th Road Safety Week

Monday 30th virtual ST Andrew's Day Celebrations

December

Thursday 3rd P4 Virtual Sharing Assembly

SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSE AT NOON TO PUPILS TUESDAY 22nd

DECEMBER

SCHOOL AND NURSERY OPEN TO PUPILS 6th JANUARY at usual times.