



Harestanes Primary Newsletter

OCTOBER 2021



Dear Parent / Carer,

As the weather turns colder we find ourselves in a **new term**. The children are well settled into their new routines and continue to engage with their adjusted learning environments. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child **comes to school wearing their school uniform** and a **waterproof jacket**. Our children greatly benefit from being outside as long as they are wearing appropriate clothing. We try to take learning outdoors wherever possible.



Due to current restrictions we are unable to hold **Parents' Nights** as usual. We do understand that you want to know about your child's progress and so we will be making arrangements for you to speak to **your child's teacher by phone** at a prearranged time which you can choose. We will **send out more details shortly** but the sessions will be between 3.30pm and 6pm

P1/2/3/3.4 : Tuesday 16th November and Thursday 25th November 2021

P4.5/5.6/6/7: Thursday 18th November and Tuesday 23rd November 2021

Our ELR Classes will have a bespoke arrangement and Miss Sutherland will inform you about this.

We have also had very positive feedback from our **'Sharing the Learning'** event which sees your child's jotters go home so that you can discuss their learning together. Jotters will next be sent home on **Friday 12th November to be returned on Monday 15th November**.

As part of our **School Improvement Plan** this year we have been reviewing our methodology in the teaching of reading and also concentrating on promoting an enjoyment of reading. **Scottish Book Week** begins on **Monday 15th November** so watch out for events which encourage and support our children to develop a love of reading! **Miss Booth, our Family Support Assistant**, will be leading on several events to celebrate reading and will send out more information to parents in the coming weeks.



We are trying to keep school as familiar as we can for all of our children and to this end we had class Halloween Parties on Friday. Sadly, we had to miss out our traditional PTA Halloween Disco again this year but in school we had a mix of craft activities, films, games, puzzles and dancing! Primary 1 had a great time!

Through our theme 'The Rainforest', the pupils in our ELR have been learning about the animals, plants and trees in these areas of the world. We linked our theme to different areas of the curriculum, writing about animal habitats, using ICT to research and create presentations on the Rainforest and using a variety of art techniques to create camouflage animal pictures.



Twitter Many parents particularly enjoy keeping up to date with the very latest news via Twitter and tell us that they **like** the regular updates and photos in our **Tweets**. Please do come and join us by asking to 'follow' us @HarestanesPS

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Finally, as always, please do not hesitate to speak with us about any aspect of your child's experience at school by phoning or emailing the school office or speaking with either Mrs Grant, Ms Sutherland or myself when we are at the school gates.

Kind Regards,

*Ms. Jackie Gillespie
Head Teacher*

Dates for your Diary.....

5th November 2021 – P6 Virtual Class Assembly
12th November 2021– Sharing the Learning (Jotters home)
19th November 2021 – CHILDREN IN NEED (Details to follow)
16th/25th November 2021 P 1-3/4- Parents Nights by phone
18th/ 23rd November 2021 P4/5 - 7 Parents Nights by phone -
26th November 2021 – P5/6 Virtual Class Assembly
3rd December 2021 – Whole school Flu Vaccinations