



Harestanes Primary Newsletter

APRIL 2022



Dear Parent / Carer,

With the end of this school year in sight we are looking ahead to a **very busy term** indeed! It has been a very challenging year due to Covid-19 but with the relaxation of the guidelines we are finding innovative ways to support and help the children enjoy this last term of learning together. I have attached an **overview of the main events** happening this term which I hope you will find helpful, but would remind you that **we may need to alter them** and if this is the case we will give as much notice as possible.



Some parents have asked **about classes for next year**. At this point I am unable to share any information as I am **awaiting confirmation of staff/pupil numbers** before I can allocate children to classes. I hope to have this information with you **by mid-June**. I can confirm however that **Mrs McGregor will be in P1** to enable meaningful transition to take place. We have also already started planning valuable **transition work** to ensure that our new pupils get off to the **best start possible in August 2022!** We will **welcome our new P1 cohort** to Harestanes Primary for visits to their P1 class and a Teddy Bear's Picnic this term when they will be able to **meet their teacher/s** and parents will have the opportunity to hear more about school and how they can prepare their child for the next stage in their learning.

Great news too that this year we will be able to hold a **P7 Leavers' Assembly on Monday 20th June!** We have started the preparations already!



This year Harestanes Primary School will **celebrate its 50th Anniversary** on 1st September 2022. We are currently **looking for photographs** of former pupils/teachers/ school events. If you have something you can lend us please send it to the school office –we promise to look after it!



It's great that restrictions have lifted and we are able to take our **learning outside of the school** building. Some classes have already been on an outing to complement their learning and others are planning to do so. Recently P5/6 **visited Bannockburn**. Our **school garden** also continues to be a fantastic place for children to enjoy working outside and we are currently **clearing the beds and preparing to plant**. Watch this space!



We are also currently **reviewing our School Improvement Plan** in order to plan ahead and focus on what we will be working hard to develop and improve next year. **A short questionnaire** will be coming out to you soon so please take a moment to **complete it** as our **parent's voice is very important to us**.



We have also been discussing how best to support our families getting **school uniforms for next year** and have decided to try and build up a stock of 'preloved' uniform which we can redistribute within the Harestanes Community. This is being organised by our **Family Learning Assistant – Miss Booth**. If you would like to send in any items of school clothing in good condition, please drop them at the school office.

We have also made the decision to **no longer stock brand new school uniform in school**. This year we will work with **BARU** – a local company – which will allow online ordering and delivery to your home address or picked up from their shop in Kirkintilloch. You can also make an appointment with them using the links below.

<http://www.kitmykid.co.uk/Harestanes/>

<https://bookbaru.as.me/?calendarID=3884569>

ELR News...



We are looking forward to a very busy term ahead. Our classes have been working on their Spring topic, designing a beautiful display showing off their art skills.

The sunny weather has also allowed us to be outside and everyone has enjoyed a range of outdoor learning experiences.

We have hunted for mini beasts, planted sunflower seeds and tested out the orienteering course!



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** *(This is a protected and locked site and not available to the general public)*

Finally I would like to thank you for your continued support . Please contact either myself, Miss Sutherland or Mrs Grant through the school office if you require to speak with us.

Kind Regards,

Ms. Jackie Gillespie
Head Teacher

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May / June Events 2021/22



Date	Event	Comment
9 May	P1 Trip to Summerlee Museum	
10 May	P1 School Nurse Visit	Height /Weight check
12 May	Re-scheduled P7 Led Bike Ride	
12 May	P4/5 Parent Appointments	Rescheduled P4/5 and P3
13 May	P7 KHS Sports Event	Transition event 9.30-12.00
17 May	P4/5 Parent Appointments	Rescheduled P4/5
18 May	P1 Dental Inspection	
20 May	P1 Whole School Assembly	Video link will be sent to parents/carers of P1 pupils
20 May	Sharing the Learning	Jotters home
23 May	P7 Outdoor Adventure trip to Luss	8.30-4.30pm
24 May	P7 KHS Teambuilding Event	Transition event 9.30-12.00
24 May	P1 Induction Day 1	
25 May	Day with a Difference	Healthy Eating focus
26 May	Celebration Assembly	
26 May	Lenzie Football Tournament	
27 May	Holiday	
31 May	P1 Induction Day 2	
1 June	Reports issued to Parents	
1 June	P6 to Science Centre	
2 June	Holiday	Platinum Jubilee
3 June	Holiday	
6 June	P3 Trip to Kelpies	
6 June	Parent Portal	Now live across KHS Cluster
7 June	Teddy Bear Picnic	Organised and led by P6 pupils
8 June	Sports Day	Weather permitting
9 June	P3/4 Trip Gallery of Modern Art	
9 June	P7 Transition to KHS	8.55-3.50pm
10 June	P7 Transition to KHS	8.55-2.55pm
17 June	Certificate Assembly	Councils/Committees
20 June	Leavers' Assembly	
21 June	P7 End of term treat - Probowl	
23 June	LAST DAY OF TERM	School Closes 1.30pm