



# Harestanes Primary Newsletter

## APRIL 2024



Dear Parent / Carer,

With the end of this school year in sight we are looking ahead to a **very busy last term** indeed. 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**. We have also already started planning valuable **transition work** to ensure that our new pupils get off to the **best start possible in August 2024!** 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.



You may already be thinking about **buying school uniform** for the new session in August. Can I please remind all parents /carers that **'hoodies' are not part of our school uniform**. We use **BARU** – a local company – which will allow online ordering and delivery to your home address or picked up from their shop in Kirkintilloch, <http://www.kitmykid.co.uk>.



We **always welcome pre loved uniform** which your child may have grown out of but is still in good condition. Please **send it to the school office** at any time.

Increasingly many of our children are **wearing long 'acrylic nails'** to school which can pose a danger to other children during lessons. Please ensure that your child's nails are **short and appropriate for school**. I may need to call you to discuss this.



Our P7's enjoyed an amazing **residential trip to Lendrick Muir** recently with Miss Grainger and Miss Reid enjoying outdoor activities including the popular King Swing and paddle boarding! We are so lucky that Mrs Neilly is able to drive **the EDC Minibus** and so some pupils attended with her for a day trip to enjoy activities.

We are already putting plans together for our P6 to take part in a residential experience in Primary 7.

We had an amazing class **'Sharing the Learning'** Assembly from P2 who presented to the rest of the school. The children are **always very excited** about this and we thank you for your support. We had a lovely morning learning about **Dinosaurs**.

We also marked **Autism Acceptance Week** where we learned about **'hidden differences'** and how important it is to show patience and kindness to everyone. Mrs Neilly led assembly and the children took part in a quiz.



This term, there have been various exciting events taking place **within the ELR**. Some children have had a super visit to **Auchinstarry Quarry Park in Kilsyth** and Primary 7 pupils took part in the Primary 7 outdoor adventure experience at **Lendrick Muir**. A group of **Harestanes pupils also visited Scotia Books** to choose some books for the school library!

This term, various **parent and carer workshops** have been taking place offering Information related to the **'Language and Communication Friendly Establishment**. Please look out **on Twitter for additional resources and signposting**.

We also **welcomed Mrs Robertson** to the ELR team as the **ELR 4 teacher** Monday to Wednesday. **Miss McGuire will soon be returning from maternity leave** as the class teacher for Thursday and Friday. **ELR transition visits** are now underway for new ELR pupils who will be starting as Primary 1s in August. Primary 7 ELR pupils have also started visiting high school, looking to the year ahead.

On a final note, there has been a lot **of plant growing taking place in the ELR** over the last couple of months as part of an enterprising business so please look out for these at the **Summer Fayre!**

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

Kind Regards,

Ms. Jackie Gillespie  
Head Teacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY; Term 4 2023/24

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Comment</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	In Service Day	Pupils should NOT attend. Teachers only.
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	P7 Cluster Sports Event at KHS	9.30 -12.30am
6 <sup>th</sup> May	HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
7 <sup>th</sup> May	P1-3 Trip to Glasgow Science Centre  P5/6 Rescheduled Parents Night 1	  The link to book has been sent to all relevant parents /carers 3.30-5.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> May	P6 + P7 Trip to Glasgow Science Centre	
9 <sup>th</sup> May	P5/6 Rescheduled Parents Night 2	The link to book has been sent to all relevant parents /carers 3.30-5.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> May	P5/6 Class Assembly at 10am	Parents and carers of children in P5/6 invited to attend
14 <sup>th</sup> May	P6+7 Super Team event all day  P6+7 Jim McNairn Football Tournament	Huntershill Sports Complex Bishopbriggs  1-3.30pm Lenzie
17 <sup>th</sup> May	P1 Class Assembly at 10am	Parents and carers of children in P1 invited to attend
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	P7 Cluster Team Building Event at KHS  P6 Rotary Quiz Event	9.30-12.30pm  Family Primary Kirkintilloch
24-27 <sup>th</sup> May	HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSED
28 <sup>th</sup> May	P7 Dance Festival (am)  P1 Induction 1	  1.30-2.30pm.
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Come and Try Sports Event	4-6pm ( Parent and Child)
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Tombola Thursday	Dress down if you bring an item for the Tombola Staff at our SUMMER Fayre
6 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Transition Day to KHS	9.15-3.15pm Pupils expected to make own arrangements for arrival/dismissal
7 June	P7 Transition Day to KHS	9.00-3.00pm Pupils expected to make own arrangements for arrival/dismissal
8 <sup>th</sup> June	KIRKINTILLOCH GALA DAY	Gala Ambassadors from P7
5 <sup>th</sup> June	P1 Induction Day 2 ( led by P6)	1.30-2.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> June	SPORTS DAY	pm weather permitting ( Reserve date 18/6/24)
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Teddy Bears Picnic	Organised and led by P6 pupils 1.30-2.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fayre	6.30 – 8.30pm ( All help gratefully received!)
14 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Year Report Cards issued to parents	
19 <sup>th</sup> June	NEW CLASS DAY	Pupils move to their new class for session 2024/25 and meet their new teacher ( if possible ) for the day
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Certificate Assembly	Councils/Committees
24 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers 'Assembly 2-3pm	P7 parents/carers/friends invited –bring your hankies!
25 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 PTA Leavers' Treat	tbc
26 <sup>th</sup> June	LAST DAY OF TERM	School Closes 1.00pm