



Harestanes Primary Newsletter

OCTOBER 2024



Dear Parent / Carer,

This has been a very quick term indeed and now we find ourselves hurtling towards Christmas – there is so much to fit in!



But firstly I'd like to share some **BIG SCHOOL NEWS!** We have just recently received a **GOLD School Sport Award from Sport Scotland**. Mrs McGregor and the **Health Committees** she has led over the last few years have worked hard to achieve this coveted award for the school. We work hard to support the **physical and emotional** needs of our children and offer lots of activities throughout the school week! Well done to everyone – we are proud of you!

This term we look forward to welcoming everyone to **Parents Night on Thursday 21st November**. Information has been issued by email to tell you how to access the booking system for an appointment. During this event we will also have **pre loved uniform available** for you to take if you require it. We still welcome pre loved uniform at any time – please hand into the school office.



Our P7's are also on a mission to raise as much money as they can to reduce the cost of their **Leavers Hoodies in June 25**. Their first enterprise was to **raffle three Halloween Hampers**. The winners were absolutely delighted!

Our **wonderful PTA also held a Halloween Disco** to raise funds for the school. The children had a great time and lots of spooky fun was had by all. Our **PTA funds are very important** to us as a small school and allow us to **purchase items to enhance the experiences** of our pupils. We are always looking for parents to support our events. If you can help in any way please contact the school office.



Part of our **School Improvement Plan** this year has been to build on the success of being awarded our **Silver Reading School Award** and try to achieve **Gold!** Our **Pupil Reading Leaders** have been working hard and have recently visited the **William Patrick Library** to gather ideas for our own school library. Watch this space for **lots of events for parents to get involved with** during **Book Week Scotland (18-24 Nov)**. **Harestanes loves reading** and we are only too happy to support the enthusiasm! More information will be shared with you soon.

This term in the ELR Primary 5 to Primary 7 have enjoyed taking part in **community walks** with David Walsh from **Sustrans**. Children are working towards the **High 5 Award** for community engagement. Children across the ELR will also be taking part in **multi sports sessions** this term through **Active Schools**. Children across the ELR are involved in a variety of **Pupil Voice**



committees. The **JRSO** has been linking up with Eleanor Caldwell, a Road Safety Officer from EDC, to look at how to **encourage road safety across the school** and our JRSO officers will soon be visiting the community centre to gather information from user groups.

Our **BIGGEST fundraiser of the year is our PTA Christmas Fayre** which this year will take place on **Thursday 5th December** in the school hall. The funds raised help us subsidise trips and buy items which enhance the school experience for all of our pupils Please support us in any way you can. **Tombola Thursday** will take place **on Thursday 28th November** where your child can dress down in non-uniform (no football tops please) if they bring an item to school for the tombola stall.



As always, please do not hesitate to speak with us about any aspect of your child's experience at school by making an appointment through the school office.

Kind Regards,

Ms. Jackie Gillespie (Head Teacher)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

NOVEMBER 8TH –P6/7 CLASS ASSEMBLY (SHARING THE LEARNING –P6/7 PARENTS WELCOME)
 NOVEMBER 8TH – JOTTERS HOME (SHARING THE LEARNING)
 NOVEMBER 11TH –LOCAL SCHOOLS DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT
 NOVEMBER 15TH – P6 CLASS ASSEMBLY (SHARING THE LEARNING –P6 PARENTS WELCOME)
 NOVEMBER 15TH – CHILDREN IN NEED (ORGANISED BY P7)
 NOVEMBER 21ST – PARENTS NIGHT 3.30-5.30PM/6.30-8.30PM (BOOKING SYSTEM NOW OPEN)
 NOVEMBER 22ND- P5 CLASS ASSEMBLY (SHARING THE LEARNING –P5 PARENTS WELCOME)
 NOVEMBER 27TH – DAY WITH A DIFFERENCE (GOOD MENTAL HEALTH)
 NOVEMBER 28TH – TOMBOLA THURSDAY (NON-UNIFORM DAY)
 DECEMBER 29TH – CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY (INCLUDING GOLDEN BENCH)
 DECEMBER 2ND – EDC CHRISTMAS CONCERT (SELECTED P7 PUPILS TO ATTEND)
 DECEMBER 6TH - P4 CLASS ASSEMBLY (SHARING THE LEARNING –P4 PARENTS WELCOME)