



Harestanes Primary Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2024



Dear Parent / Carer,

I can hardly believe how quickly this term is flying by! The **Primary 1 children and children new to our ELR are now well settled** into their classes and are enjoying being part of the larger Harestanes Family!

Thank you to all of the parents who continue to support our **SAFE TRAVEL** arrangements **by not coming into the school playground** and instead waiting outside the school gates for pick up. I would also like to remind everyone that parents **are not permitted to drive into the school car park** to pick up or drop off (ELR pupils have bespoke arrangements) for the **safety of all of our pupils**. If you want to speak to your child's teacher – just give us a call at the school office and we'll arrange that!

Our school garden was very overgrown after the summer but with the support of the local **Brownies** who meet in the **Harestanes Community Huts every Wednesday** and our volunteer parent it is almost clear before the winter months. A **huge thank you to these volunteers** for your support, it is very much appreciated. If you would like to be involved in supporting us to **develop our school garden**, please get in touch via the school office.



[®] We were delighted to take part in **Fairtrade Fortnight** from the 9th September to the 22nd September. We **welcomed Howard, a Fairtrade farmer from Malawi** to our Friday assembly. Howard told us all about growing rice and about how **Fairtrade helps children** in his community go to school. This links to our learning about the UNCRC and Global Goals. We also organised and ran a very successful **Fairtrade tuckshop** at lunchtimes in **conjunction with Gavin's Mill, Milngavie**. Thank you to everyone who supported this. We sold out of many items including our Fairtrade chocolate and whistles! Our children are making a difference and helping others.

Our School Improvement Plan 2024/25 and our **Standards and Quality Report 2024** are now on our school website. Having achieved our **Silver Reading School Award** last year, we are on track to achieve our **Gold Award** this year! We will also be working towards becoming a **Rights Respecting School (Silver Level)** and more information about this will be sent out to parents very soon. We will also be working on continuing the development and implementation of **RSHP** (Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenting Programme) this year. **Everything** we use from the programme is available for parents to view online and you can see the materials for yourself on <https://rshp.scot/>

As Autumn fast approaches can I ask you to ensure that your child is wearing a **suitable jacket to protect against rain**? Children much prefer to be **outside at break times** (even in light rain) and we only keep them indoors if the weather is **extreme**. Our children play very happily in the rain when they have the appropriate clothing on and we promote and recognise the importance of outdoor learning opportunities where we can.





I hope you enjoyed our 'Sharing the Learning' event where we sent the **children's jotters home** for you to **celebrate their 'flagged learning'**. The response from parents was very positive indeed and we value all opportunities to work together. This is a new venture and we will be repeating this once per term. Our first **Parents Night** is **scheduled for Thursday 21st November 2024**. Details will be sent out later.



general public

X (formerly)Twitter) Many parents particularly enjoy keeping up to date with the very latest news via **X** 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*

This term in the **ELR**, we are pleased to welcome **new staff** Mr Sewell and Mrs McParland as permanent members of the teaching team. Both Mr Sewell and Mrs McParland will be teaching in ELR 4. This term the **Junior**



Road Safety officer (JRSC) team within the ELR has seen an increase in numbers and will now be organised into two teams. One of the groups will **be focussing on community links** and as part of this will be out and about in the community looking for ways to support Road Safety within Harestanes. Some children will also be working towards a **High 5 Award** this term which will also involve outdoor learning, with David Walsh from Sustrans.

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, Mrs Neilly, or myself when we are at the school gates.

Kind Regards,

Ms. Jackie Gillespie

Head Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

OCTOBER 11th – STAFF INSERVICE DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR PUPILS

OCTOBER 14th – 20TH (**inclusive**) OCTOBER HOLIDAY

OCTOBER 24TH - PTA HALLOWEEN DISCO (ADULT HELPERS ALWAYS WELCOME – DETAILS LATER)

OCTOBER 25TH – P7 CLASS ASSEMBLY (SHARING THE LEARNING –P7 PARENTS WELCOME)

NOVEMBER 1st – CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY (INCLUDING GOLDEN BENCH/GOLDEN TEA)

NOVEMBER 8TH –P6/7CLASS ASSEMBLY (SHARING THE LEARNING –6/7 PARENTS WELCOME)

NOVEMBER 15TH –P6 CLASS ASSEMBLY (SHARING THE LEARNING – P6 PARENTS WELCOME)

NOVEMBER 21ST - PARENTS NIGHT 3.30-5.30PM / 6.30-8.30PM (DETAILS SENT LATER)

NOVEMBER 22ND – P5 CLASS ASSEMBLY (SHARING THE LEARNING – P5 PARENTS WELCOME)

NOVEMBER 29TH - CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY (INCLUDING GOLDEN BENCH/GOLDEN TEA)

DECEMBER 6TH – P4 CLASS ASSEMBLY (SHARING THE LEARNING – P4 PARENTS WELCOME)