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**Newsletter- Week 11**

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Welcome to our latest newsletter! After another busy week we have lots of snippets to share!

**Parents' Evening Feedback:** Our first Parents' Evening of the year was very well received. Thank you for attending and for working so closely with our staff to support all of our children and their learning. We had 98% attendance and the event ran very smoothly. Feedback on the new system was excellent and a Twitter poll the day after demonstrated that 98% of parents loved the new system and want to keep it. Special thanks to the Y6 leaders who ran the event so smoothly and made parents feel so welcome! I was very proud of them all! Our next Parents' Evening will be in March where the focus will be on progress and achievement since September. Please note that parents are quite welcome to make an appointment to see a teacher in between if they have any concern. We have a 'drop in' where books and staff will be available in January too. Thank you to our families for a wonderful start to the year and for your ongoing support. We really are working **together** to improve our fabulous school!

**Recent Letters:** Please note that we have recently sent out 3 letters that need to be signed and returned to school. The **home school agreement** will demonstrate that we are working together to raise behaviour and attitudes to outstanding levels and it also gives families a summary of the new systems. A **local visits** letter will minimise the amount of paperwork needed for visits and walks in the local community. A **safeguarding letter** explains one or two changes around collection after school and will need to be returned if you would like your child to walk home alone or be collected by other family members. Please ask reception if you have not seen any of these letters. We would like to have a signed home school agreement for every child so we will keep sending copies of that one out every so often to anyone who hasn't returned it.

**Reception Staffing:** Mrs Honey is due to be off on maternity leave (the 'eagle' eyed may have noticed a bump ☺) just before Christmas. The class will be taken full time by Mrs Parr. I'm sure you will agree that this is the best solution for the pupils in terms of quality and continuity. Mrs Honey will return in time to work with next year's F2 pupils on their transition and in time to enjoy and celebrate the end of a fabulous first year in full-time school for our Scottish Stars!

**Children in Need:** Another fabulous community effort on Friday from our spotty and stripy children! We raised over £200 for a fabulous cause! Thank you to ISS and our catering staff for providing so many of the buns and thank you to Mrs Kelly and Y6 for leading the sale! We also had 2 groups of pupils who were selling for their selected local charities, thank you for supporting them too! Our next bake sale will be in March for Sport Relief, any children who would like to support other local causes are welcome to plan for a sale on the same date. We like to limit how often we sell baked goods (once a term) as part of our commitment to being a healthy school.

**Christmas Arts:** This week our children will be working hard on Christmas arts and producing lots of excellent cards/crafts/gifts, etc. Our Y3 and Y2 have just made fabulous reindeer from natural wooden resources and they look amazing! The children are really enjoying applying their core skills to the wider curriculum and Mr Heppinstall is really impressed by their fabulous DT work! Y1 and F2 will also be making Christmas DT projects in the next 2 weeks!

**Christmas Lunch- HELP!** We require an extra pair of hands in the school kitchen on Christmas dinner day if anyone has experience of catering and is available for the day. Please contact reception if you can help! Christmas dinner day is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December this year.

**Christmas Fayre:** Our excellent fundraising team are working hard on the Christmas Fayre and we will be texting out requests for help! Please see a recent email with all letters/info.

**Road Safety:** After a wonderful 'Friendship Week' where pupils developed their understanding of what a good friend is and how to deal with any friendship issues, we now move on to Road Safety Week. We will be talking about how to stay safe on the roads when walking, cycling or as a passenger. On Friday we will all dress in bright clothing and celebrate our work across the week in a special assembly. We have invited the local PCSO to talk about staying safe around the community too! We will also hold the special 'Lights on Bikes' day this Friday where pupils can get free lights fitted to their bike by Bike It Dave! Please help us to ensure the children are safe by parking safely and responsibly in and around the school area and by talking to children about how to travel safely between school and home to supplement our focus this week.

**Website:** Due to an issue out of our control, our school website is currently offline. This may be the case for some time but we are working with the relevant people to restore the site in full working order as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. Please contact the office during the day or email me out of school hours if you require information that you would normally find on the website. We have had several issues with the website since September so I am exploring the idea of a completely new website. I'd like it to be more user friendly, aesthetically pleasing and interactive for pupils/parents but the key to any school website is that it is up-to-date with relevant information to help our families.

**Steps to Secondary:** Thank you to everyone who came along to the meeting a few weeks ago- the suggested document has now been sent out and Mrs Mayston said lots of parents like it. Please share any further views as soon as possible. I have shared it with other local schools and we will be piloting the scheme this year, after Christmas. Please note that Y6 staff have been asked to 'push' the children more in terms of their organisation (bringing letters, homework, reading records, appropriate kit, etc.) to support their move to secondary as they will be expected to be ready for their busy and varied days at secondary from day one. Since the meeting I have fed-back to PGS and they have offered to share an example of homework diaries with Y6s in the Summer Term so they can use them with us to get used to the format!

**Sports News:** Another fabulous week of sport! Our Y1/2 multi-skills team had great fun and achieved some great scores at the Y1/2 athletics event- well done! We are committed to raising participation and achievement in sport for boys and girls of all ages, especially upper Key Stage 2 who have access to so many competitions. Our programme of sports continues to swell as we seek an ever wider range of activities for the pupils. I'm not sure there is another school where children can improve their skills in fencing, archery and cheerleading in the same week! This week we have signed up our own tennis specialist who will be leading a club from February on a Thursday morning (7.45am start) and from June he will be coaching children of all ages!

**Football:** On Friday we had a superb afternoon of football with 3 matches against Holy Rood Catholic Primary! Special thanks to Jory from Team Activ for refereeing the first two games and to Mrs Dobson and Mr Macinerney for bringing along so many children on a cold, November afternoon! Our players were magnificent with a 6-0 win for the girls and 6-1 win for the mixed team in their first official league match. Wonderful hat-tricks for Holly (Y5) and Rob (Y6) and Player of the Match awards to Violet (Y5) and Max W (Y6) but a special mention for everyone- what incredible progress! A special thanks to Mr Crossfield, Emma Stead and James Swallow-Gaunt too for their coaching on Monday evenings and their ongoing enthusiasm and support for the players. Our Y3/4 children had their first ever match too this week and we had some development players involved so that they can progress and prepare for next year's league team. We were delighted with their efforts and the way that they all played. We lost the game but played really well and goals for Liam (Y4) and Joseph B (Y5) (and the celebrations afterwards) made it all worthwhile! It was great to see so many parents watching all the games too! Season tickets will be on sale next week!

Have a great week and thank you for your continued support!

**Kind Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher**

Week 10 Information	2017/18 Average	Week 11 Diary Dates
Attendance: 98.0% Late marks: 1 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.2%	Attendance: 97.5% Late marks: 1 GREEN LIGHTS: 99.6%	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> : Y6 at Crucial Crew all day Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> : Dress down- Be bright, be seen! Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> : Lights on bikes day- road safety focus Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> : Y4-6 football 2.30-4.00 (v Churchfield)
Classes of the Week: 3 different classes achieved the perfect 100%! Well done!		
Step to Success Focus: #7 Work as a team!		