



Dear Families

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back to school all our families, old and new. I hope our first newsletter of the year will give a flavour of some of the events and activities coming up soon. There will be more details to follow, but in the meantime, please make a note of any dates.

Communication

In January and February, many families took part in a survey about communication at our Folio Coffee Mornings. You asked if we could use electronic means of communication more frequently. Last session we set up a Twitter account which provides an update of day-to-day events and learning taking place in school. You can find us @WardiePS. Please do follow us. The Twitter account is for information only so if you have any questions please contact the school directly.

This session we will be using email for our correspondence. Please provide the school with an up-to-date email address on the attached form, if you do not have access to email please tick the box on the attached form.

Staffing

Congratulations to Miss McCutcheon and Miss Willmott who were married during the summer holiday. They will now be known as Mrs Whyte and Mrs Ravaglia respectively.

We welcome Miss Taylor to Wardie who is our new Depute Head Teacher, replacing Mrs Pearston. She is currently teaching in Primary 5 until we appoint an additional Principal Teacher. Mrs Craig has taken up her new position in the nursery as Principal Teacher. We also welcome back Mrs Fleming who has completed her training as an Early Years Practitioner and is now working in the nursery. Ms Blakeley is acting Early Years Officer in the nursery. Miss Jones (P2) and Miss McFarland (P4) have joined the school as newly qualified teachers and will be completing their probationary year with us. Mrs Kassime (P3) has also joined us as a temporary teacher and Mrs Inglis has returned from maternity leave and will be working part time with Ms Shivas in Support for Learning. Mrs Watson is working temporarily in Primary 1 as a Pupil Support Assistant.

Miss McDougall is teaching with Mrs Ravaglia until Christmas. She is a Master of Arts teaching student from Edinburgh University.

Playground safety reminders

Please could you make sure your child wheels their bike or scooter onto the playground. This includes the nursery children who should be encouraged to walk alongside the adult bringing them. Our grounds are used for outdoor lessons and clubs throughout the day.

We would be grateful if you could support us by reinforcing a few key safety rules for the playground. Sticks and branches should only be used for making and building things and we ask they are not taken off trees.

It is City of Edinburgh Council Policy that dogs are not allowed on school premises. Also there should be no smoking on school property.

Toilet Refurbishment

The toilets in the main school building are currently being refurbished. We are all delighted about this. Phase 1 has been completed and the dining room toilets were handed back to us today. Work has started already on Phase 2. We expect all work to be completed by November.

Key Events

Primary 2-7 Meet the Teacher / Nursery Meet the Team

Our Meet the Teacher evening will take place on **Thursday 1st September** from 7pm-8pm for families of our Primary 2-7 classes. The first session runs from 7pm-7.25pm and the second from 7.30pm-8pm. This will be an opportunity to find out general information about learning, homework and planned events for the year. The content of the sessions will be the same for both sessions and they will be held in the classrooms.

Our nursery will hold a meet the team session at the same time.

P1 Curriculum Evening

The Primary 1 Curricular Evening will be held in the Gym Hall on Thursday 8th September from 6pm-8pm. Staff will talk to you about how we teach literacy and maths in school. Our Parent Groups will also be on hand to welcome you to the school with a glass of wine. This event is for Primary 1 parents only.

Parent Consultations

This term our Parent Consultations will be held on Thursday 6th October from 5pm-8pm and on Friday 7th October from 2pm-4pm. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's individual progress and look at your child's work. More information will be available nearer the time.

Spare clothes

We would be very grateful for any spare clothes, such as pants, socks, tights, trousers and skirts for our smaller pupils (P1-3). Please hand any into the school office so we can replenish our "emergency supplies".

Parking

Please help keep all our children safe by driving and parking sensibly, carefully and legally. If possible walk, or park away from the school and walk a little further. We work with our local community police officers and they make regular visits to the school. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Edinburgh 20mph Speed Limits - Go Live

From Sunday 31 July, the legal speed limit in streets across much of Edinburgh's city centre and rural west area went down to 20mph, the first phase in a planned rollout of lower speeds across the Capital.

The new speed limits are designed to increase safety for all road users in Edinburgh as well as creating a calmer, more people-friendly environment in shopping and residential streets. Police Scotland will enforce the new limit, focusing on areas where particularly high levels of contraventions are recorded. Anyone caught breaching the limit risks a £100 fixed penalty and three penalty points on their licence.

Phase 1 'go live' marks the start of sharing these benefits right across the Capital. Further information and a detailed map of the 20mph network is available at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/20mph or visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/edin20mph.

Office Hours

Please be advised that our office hours are 8.30am-3.30pm (Monday-Thursday) and 8.30am-12.30pm (Friday).

Kind regards

MRS JANE NIEMINSKA – Headteacher

Diary Dates for 2016
Thursday 25 th August - PSA meeting 7.30-9pm
Thursday 1 st September - Nursery, P2-7 Meet the Teacher Evening 7-8pm
Thursday 8 th September - Individual and Family Photographs
Thursday 8 th September - P1 Curriculum Evening 6-8pm
Thursday 15 th September - WCT AGM 7.30pm
Thursday 22 nd September - PC Meeting 7-9pm
Monday 3 rd October - PSA Meeting 7.30-9pm
Thursday 6 th October - Parental Consultations 5-8pm
Friday 7 th October - Parental Consultations 2-4pm
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st October – Half term holiday
Monday 24 th October - In-service
Wednesday 26 th October - Parent Council AGM 7-9pm
Wednesday 2 nd November - Flu Vaccinations