



Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at our recent Parent Consultations. Our book fair raised an amazing total of £2448.83 which means we get a whopping £1449.30 commission to spend on books! Thank you so much for your generosity.

The House Captains organised our harvest collection for the food bank and this week we heard that we had donated 201kg of food. Thank you so much for your support.

School Aim, Vision and Values

In November we will be having a particular focus on realising our school aim of being 'Healthy, Happy and Safe.' We will be encouraging children to reflect on their differences and individual uniqueness by being 'All Different, All Equal.' We are encouraging the children to think about respecting each other's differences and recognising the importance of equality and fairness. At the end of November, we will be beginning Unit 2 of our Resilience Programme, which is called 'Keep Connected.' We will be asking the children to reflect on the ways they build resilience through the positive connections they make with other people.

School Holiday Survey

Edinburgh City Council is asking you to complete a survey on the timings of the school holidays and the school year. You have until **10th November** to submit your views at <http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/schhol>

Big Tidy

We do hope lots of you will join us for all or part of the Big Tidy on Saturday 4th November from 10am-12noon. It's a great chance to help tidy our school grounds ready for winter and catch up over a warming cup of hot chocolate.

Twitter

Follow us @WardiePS to find out all the latest news from classes. Since we returned from half term, classes have been tweeting about practising their mental agility outdoors, learning how to give instructions, demonstrating their understanding of Diwali through drama, making posters about castles and preparing the garden for winter vegetables. It's a great way to keep in touch with what is happening.

Healthy Snacks

Thank you for sending your child in with a healthy snack each day. For health and safety and nutritional reasons, lollipops are not allowed in school.

Mobile Phones

Any pupils bringing a mobile phone into school should turn it off and place in their bag as they arrive at the school gate. It should not be used in the school grounds. Mobile phones are brought into school at your own risk. The school is not responsible for loss or damage.

Football Coaches needed!

We would very much like to start a football team for girls and boys in Primary 6 next session. If you are able to spare a little time each week helping to coach pupils, please email admin@wardie.edin.sch.uk

School Security

All visitors must report to the school office on arrival and should not enter the building through any other door in the school. Children should not enter the school at the end of the day unless supervised by a member of staff. We have children in the school building from 7.45am to 5.45pm and need to ensure their safety along with that of the staff. **Please could you ensure that that when you enter or leave the playground the gates are closed behind you.**

Head Lice

Head lice affect the whole school community, adults and pupils alike. However, guidance for schools states that the primary responsibility for the identification, treatment and prevention of head lice lies with the parents. It also suggests that weekly wet combing of your child's hair is the best way to treat head lice. Once infection is detected, there are two treatment approaches. One option is the use of insecticide lotions and an alternative is removal by wet combing, sometimes called 'bug busting'. Both methods require continued combing to remove any unhatched eggs. School no longer issue 'alert' letters if someone has head lice. You can get further information and advice at a pharmacist, or the NHS website <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

News from our Parent Council

Parent Council AGM takes place Tues 21 November, 7-9pm. All parents and carers are welcome.

The next **Bake Sale** is Fri 24 November, with P1 and P7 baking.

Christmas Activity Morning takes place Sat 2 December, 10am-12 noon. Organisers Amanda and Heather would love to hear from crafty folk who're happy to run an activity table, and general helpers for the day.

Please email wardieprimarypsa@gmail.com if you can help.

Name labels & pre-loved uniforms:

Please ensure all items (incl lunch boxes) are labelled. Stick-on and iron-on labels can be ordered from www.stikins.co.uk – quote school number **24527** so the PSA earns commission.

And if your child needs a uniform item, why not visit the **Pre-loved Uniform Sale** beside Lost Property. You'll find great quality items from 50p.

Are you EasyFundraising yet?

Raise funds for the PSA when you shop online from over 3,000 retailers incl. Amazon, Next, John Lewis, Argos, Tesco, Sainsburys, EBay, Debenhams, M&S. The retailer makes a donation, at no cost to you. Sign up today at www.bit.ly/WardieEF

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 2017
Wednesday 1 st November – Flu vaccinations
Thursday 2 nd November - Primary Schools Open Day
Saturday 4 th November – Big Tidy
Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th November - P1 Registration week
Monday 6 th November – Charitable Trust meeting 6.30pm-8.30pm (please note amended time)
Tuesday 21 st November – Parent Council AGM 7pm – 9pm
Friday 24 th November – P1/4 Bake sale
Saturday 2 nd December – Christmas Activity morning 10am-12pm
Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th December – P7's to Benmore
Monday 11 th December – P1 Nativity 1.30pm
Tuesday 12 th December – P1 Nativity 9.30am
Tuesday 12 th December – School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 th December – Parent Council meeting 7pm
Friday 15 th December – Church Christmas Service (P4 parents) 10.30am
Tuesday 19 th December – School Christmas Concert (Choir and Instrumentalists) 6pm-7pm
Friday 22 nd December – Term ends 12pm