

Heriot Primary School Parent Committee Meeting

Year: 2017

Term: Winter Term

Miss Susan Anderson (Head teacher)
 Seonaid Boyd (Treasurer)
 Lorna Pate
 Kyla Bell
 Laura Henderson
 Apologies: Alison Crabbe, Vicki Walker

Sam Wallace (Chair)
 Tricia Mieduniecki (Secretary)
 Julia Campbell
 Helen Brinkworth

Term Dates

2017/18

Term	Begins	Half-Term Begins	Second Half Begins	Term Ends
Autumn	15 th Aug 2017	6 th Oct 2017	16 th Oct 2017	21 st Dec 2017
Winter	8 th Jan 2018	8 th Feb 2018	15 th Feb 2018	29 th Mar 2018
Summer	16 th April 2018	-	-	27 th June 2018

INSET Days: 14th Aug 2017; 9th & 10th Nov 2017; 9th Feb 2018; 4th May 2018

Learning Community Casual holidays: 14th Feb 2018; 4th June 2018

2018/19

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Autumn	21 st Aug 2018	5 th Oct 2018	15 th Oct 2018	21 st Dec 2018
Winter	7 th Jan 2019	14 th Feb 2019	21 st Feb 2019	29 th Mar 2019
Summer	15 th April 2019	-	-	2 nd July 2019

INSET Days: 20th Aug 2018; 8th & 9th Nov 2018; 15th Feb 2019; 3rd May 2019

Learning Community Casual holidays: 20th Feb 2019; 3rd June 2019

Head teacher's Update

Miss Susan Anderson informed us of the end of year school trip to Dalkeith Country Park on Wed 20th June. It was agreed that the parent council would pay for the bus, the pupil council will donate their funds towards the cost and parents will pay the difference.

The primary 7 evening out was discussed and a budget of £30 per pupil was agreed.

The treasurer was presented with the bill for the music stands.

The Youth Music Initiative will be having a concert, date TBC (p4-7 playing ukulele and p1-3 singing. Julia is kindly continuing the singing and recorder at the school and there will be a charity concert for the Doddy Weir foundation on 20th May in Stow at 4:30pm.

The Braw lad and lass are visiting the school on Tue 26/6 at 10AM. There will be a concert 30th May at 6:30pm in the volunteer hall in Gala and attendance is encouraged to ensure the school is well represented.

The children have been working very hard on the John Muir award by digging beds and planting veg, herbs and flowers. A grant for trees was received but help may be needed to dig out the land.

There is a possibility of an open veggie patch with an honesty box, especially for summer months when school is closed and people can help with upkeep. The local community will be invited for the John Muir Award which is on 18th June at 2pm.

A proposed date for the spring clean was set as 10th June at 10am.

Mrs Hanlon's husband wants to donate a cup for a 'quirky' prize. Also the children have planted a tree with a commemorative plaque, in Mrs Hanlon's memory.

There will be national assessments for primary 1, 4 and 7 as set by the Scottish government. This will be at the end of the year, the purpose being for the government to get stats. The timing of the test can be altered and it was discussed that doing the test at the beginning of the school year could be indicative of the work that needs to be done. The school data will not be published as it would be too easy to identify individuals but it will be reported in the Borders results. Julia said it sounds very similar to the system that has been in place in England for years.

Kyla is currently sourcing playground equipment and an agreed budget was set as £500.

Fundraising/Easter Activities

Duck race will be on 8/6 with Julia to host a separate fundraising meeting. Sponsorship forms are to be returned to the school by 1st June and ducks cost £1 each. All help on the evening is greatly appreciated

Any other business

5 –a-side football on the green at Stow – all local schools come and play at this all day event. Families make a day of it by taking a picnic and it is inclusive of boys and girls. Date to be confirmed.

Kyla is also setting up a sensory room and has asked for donations from parents of anything they feel suitable. Parent council will also fund some equipment and items.

Books for school – we have a £50 WHS voucher to spend. Children will provide a list of the books they would like. Parent council will provide some additional funds.

Julia will be standing down from her role as fundraising co-ordinator and Seonaid will also be stepping down from role of treasurer. Sam would also like to step down from the role of the chair. This will leave several vacancies on the parent council and parents are asked to think about whether they are able to take over any of the roles which are essential to the function of the parent council.

Dates for future meetings:

AGM	Thu 30 th August	Time and venue to be confirmed
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