



Dalsersh Primary School

Newsletter – March 2022

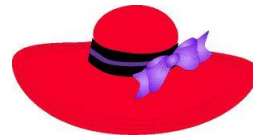
Dear Parents/Carers,

Mrs Crother's Celebration

On Thursday 31st March the whole school held a special assembly to thank and celebrate Mrs Crother's early retirement as Office Team Leader. Each class performed a song or poem beautifully finishing with the fabulous Zombie Dance group who performed recently at the Hamilton Dance festival. Mrs Crother's presented the girls with their certificate and then judged the Easter Egg and hat competition. Please see Easter Competition winners below. Thanks also to staff for making it such a success and memorable morning and to Mrs Green for co-ordinating the event.



P1 – Sunny McAlonan
P2 – Charlie Miller
P3 - Kerr Loecker
P4 - George Patterson
P5 – Lily Edwards
P6 – Nicole Smith
P7 – AJ Brandon



Thank you to the Parent Council who gifted the competition prizes and chocolate Easter eggs as a treat for the whole school. Mrs Buchan and Ms Cringles also presented Mrs Crother's with a gift card and thanked her on behalf of all the parents for her service and contribution to the school. Happy retirement Mrs Crother's!

Staffing

Following Mrs Andrea Crother's early retirement, Mrs Yvonne Downs (Acting Team Leader) and Mrs Carol Devanney (Team Leader) will be covering the vacancy in the office from 8.45am - 3.00pm until the recruitment process is complete.

Please contact the office in the first instance if you wish to speak to a member of staff and leave a message on the answering machine out with this time on 01698 882680 or email the office on office@dalsersh-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk and your concern or request will be passed on to teaching staff.



Dance Festival

Well done to the P4-7 girls who took part in the Hamilton Dance Festival at Hamilton Townhouse on Tuesday evening. They performed confidently in front of 14 other schools and an audience of parents and carers. Thank you to Mrs Middleton who taught the dance at the weekly dance club and organised the groups' outfits and make-up for their show. The girls also performed their dance in school at the special celebration assembly. Fantastic job everyone, you did Dalsersh Primary School proud!

Afterschool Clubs

A P4/5 after school Football Club will begin next term on Monday 25th April for a six week block with Keith Glendinning, our Active Schools co-ordinator. A letter will be sent out with the time and dates so please complete and return to the school office if your child is interested in taking part.



The P6/7 Football Club will continue after the Easter holidays on Wednesday 27th April, 3-4pm and be led by Miss Dunn.

Eco

Thank you to the Eco Team and Mrs Robb for organising the Big Walk and Wheel encouraging everyone to walk, scoot or cycle to school, Earth Hour and a number of litter picks this week as part of the nationwide Big Spring Clean Up. Please see all photographs on Twitter.



Eat Them To Defeat Them Campaign



Over the past five weeks we have been taking part in the nationwide campaign 'Eat Them To Defeat Them'. The children have tasted foods and recipes with carrots, peppers, broccoli, tomatoes and peas to encourage children and families to adopt a life-long healthy eating habit. Well done to all the children who tried something new and proudly wore their stickers.

Parent Council

A big thank you to everyone who has purchased a Tea-Towel and supported us in raising vital funds for our school. There are only a few remaining before we sell out. Tea-Towels cost £4.00 and all orders can be placed on Parent Pay.



Covid Update

As well as the recent letter shared on the School App from Professor Jason Leitch the National Clinical Director regarding changes to the advice being followed by Educational Establishments, the Scottish Government have indicated that from 18th April the following key changes can be made in schools:

- **Face coverings** – No change. We will receive a further update from the Scottish Government on 18th April 2022.
- **Test and Protect and Lateral Flow Testing** – schools asymptomatic testing programme will end.
- **Warn and Inform Letters** – There will no longer be a requirement to issue these letters.
- **Restrictions on parents/carers/wider family** – No longer any restrictions entering school buildings. However, the schools routine preventative measures will still apply. Eg hand hygiene, face coverings and general awareness and distancing where possible.
- **NHSL Public Health Advice** – Do not be complacent. Continue with our very good infection controls and Lateral Flow testing up until 18th April. Be vigilant.

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- **Start and finish times-** From Tuesday 19th April, all classes will enter and leave via the P1-3 (main gate) and line up in their classes.

School Lunches

From Tuesday 19th April, school meals for Primary 6 and 7 children will cost £2.00. Primary 1-5 meals will continue to remain free of charge. However, milk for all children will now cost 24p. Please ensure Parent Pay accounts are updated to cover these increases if your child wishes a school lunch or milk.



Indoor Shoes

Please check your child's bag as staff have sent home their indoor/gym shoes for you to see as sometimes at this time in the school session children can take a growth spurt and start to outgrow their clothes and footwear.



As your newly appointed Head Teacher, I am delighted to be a permanent member of the school team and community and look forward to meeting and working with everyone in the future. It has been a very busy term and everyone is now looking forward to the Easter holidays to spend some time with friends and family. Have a relaxing break and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 19th April.

Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardner

Head Teacher



Dates for Your Diary

March

- ❖ Tuesday 1st – P6/7 Football Festival
- ❖ Wednesday 2nd – Football Club begins
- ❖ Thursday 3rd - World Book Day
- ❖ Monday 14th March – Parent Phone Consultations this week
- ❖ Thursday 10th – P6/7 Swimming (11 week block begins)
- ❖ Thursday 17th – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Thursday 24th – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Tuesday 29th – Hamilton Dance Festival
- ❖ Thursday 31st – P6/7 Swimming

April

- ❖ Friday 1st – Dress Down Day
- ❖ Friday 1st – Spring Break begins at 2.30pm
- ❖ Tuesday 19th – Schools re-open
- ❖ Thursday 21st – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Monday 25th – P4/5 Afterschool Football Club
- ❖ Wednesday 27th P6/7 Afterschool Football Club
- ❖ Thursday 28th – P6/7 Swimming

May

- ❖ Monday 2nd – May Day Holiday
- ❖ Tuesday 3rd – P6/7 Football Festival
- ❖ Wednesday 4th P6/7 Afterschool Football Club
- ❖ Monday 9th – P4/5 Afterschool Football Club
- ❖ Wednesday 11th P6/7 Afterschool Football Club
- ❖ Thursday 12th – P6/7 Swimming

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- ❖ Monday 16th – P4/5 Afterschool Football Club
- ❖ Wednesday 18th P6/7 Afterschool Football Club
- ❖ Thursday 19th – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Monday 23rd – P4/5 Afterschool Football Club
- ❖ Tuesday 24th – P6/7 Football Festival
- ❖ Wednesday 25th P6/7 Afterschool Football Club
- ❖ Thursday 26th – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Thursday 26th – Dress Down Day
- ❖ Friday 27th – May Holiday
- ❖ Monday 30th – P4/5 Afterschool Football Club

June

- ❖ Thursday 3rd – Holiday (Rescheduled from Monday 30th May)
- ❖ Friday 4th – Holiday (Queen’s Platinum Jubilee)
- ❖ Monday 6th – P4/5 Afterschool Football Club
- ❖ Thursday 9th – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Thursday 16th – P6/7 Swimming
- ❖ Friday 24th – Dress Down Day
- ❖ Friday 24th – School closes for summer holidays at 1pm

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