

## Support for the PTA and Parent Council

The Parent Council and the PTA are here to support you and the school. However, they in turn need your support. If you can help with either, please contact the school office who will put you in touch with the relevant person.

## Future Events

**National Museum of Scotland –**  
Vikings - 6<sup>th</sup> October all day

**Parents' Consultations**  
11<sup>th</sup> October @ 4.00pm  
13<sup>th</sup> October @ 5.00pm

28<sup>th</sup> March @ 4.00pm  
30<sup>th</sup> March @ 4.00pm

**Class Assembly**  
20<sup>th</sup> January

Watch the newsletter/class blog  
for other dates.

## How to Get In Touch with Me

If you have any issues, however small, I want to hear about them. For small things I can usually be found at the doors at the end of the day. For larger things, please contact me to arrange a time for a chat. I can also be contacted about anything by email:

**pkingsbury@pencaitland.elcschool.org.uk**

**Please name all items  
coming to school –  
clothes, lunch  
boxes/bags, gym kit,  
water bottles, pencil  
cases, children etc.**



# WELCOME TO P4

I expect children in Primary 4 to:

- do their best at all times.
- be considerate to other pupils.
- be polite to all other people.

## Topics This Year

- Castles
- The Vikings : Social Subjects
- Billy Hughes : HWB
- Christmas : RME
- Creating a Product for the Future
- Scotland : Social Subjects
- Religious Artefacts : RME
- Electricity : Science
- Membership : PSD
- The Churchyard : RME
- Water : Science
- The Seashore : Science
- Democracy : PSD



## WHOLE SCHOOL

- MAD Week : Music, Art & Drama
- Outdoor Week

If there is anything you may be able to help with please let me know.

## Homework

Most homework will be set on Monday and is for either Friday or the following Monday.

## Spelling

Words will be set on Monday. Initially these are from the 100 most common words. I will be sorting spelling groups soon so that words can be set at an appropriate level for the group. These should be learnt initially by using *look, cover, write, check*.

## Reading

Reading groups have been arranged and group novels set. We are focussing on reading aloud initially so this is *volume, clarity, accuracy, expression*. Later in the year there will be more focus on character and plot.

Tasks may also be set online using Studyladder later in the year.

## Maths

Tasks have been set this week on Mathletics. If completing tasks online causes a problem, please get in touch a.s.a.p. Please help your child learn their times tables as they are set.

## Other

Other tasks will be set as appropriate.

Homework will be put on the 'HOMEWORK' page of the class blog at

<http://edubuzz.org/p4pps>

A couple of parents have asked if emails can be sent out when extra homework is posted. If you would like to be included in this, please email me (see the back page).

## How to Help at Home

Encourage your child to talk about what they are doing at school. As much as possible we will post on the class blog pictures and writing about what we are doing so this can be used as a starting point.

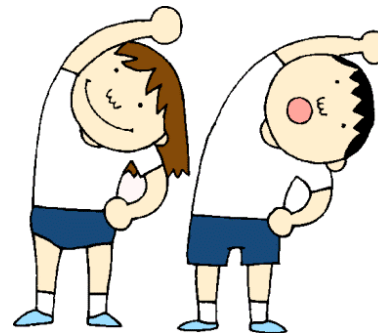


Please also encourage them to get their homework done as early in the week as possible so that they can ask me if they have any problems. It is their homework, not yours, so if they are having problems with it I need to know.

Finally, please encourage them to read as much as possible. Not just the class/group novels and AR books, but anything else – magazines, newspapers etc. It all helps their reading skills.

## What Your Child Will Need in School

- PE kit every day.
- Indoor shoes (which may be gym shoes).
- Suitable clothing to go outdoors any day, any weather.



## Class Blog

Please visit the class blog at:

<http://edubuzz.org/p4pps>

We will be posting regularly so that you can keep up with what we are doing.

Please feel free to comment on the posts – the children like feedback!