

Saltoun Primary School

January/February Newsletter 2012

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2012. Like many people we have been looking forward to the year to come and trying to prioritise tasks. We felt it was important to get the profiles out to parents as soon as possible to give you your first close look at the work being done by your children. The profiles are a work in progress and the feedback from parents will be useful to us in adapting the files to best fit their purpose. We value your comments and will try to take on board the points you make. As a school we have looked at our refreshed vision statement (posted on the website) and discussed whether, at the present, we meet the targets we have set ourselves. The children were very honest and thoughtful about their response and decided that in the main we were the kind of school we wanted to be, but that there were a couple of areas we could improve on. These were

We do not always respect each other all the time

We could do more for our wider community

Perhaps you could help us with the second point here. Do you have any ideas for community projects we could be involved in? Let us know. Maybe something for the Queen's Jubilee?

We are looking forward to Health Week (30th Jan-3rd Feb.) A variety of exciting activities have been planned and Wednesday 1st is our next HATS Day when Humbie will join us for a health themed extravaganza.

Thanks to staff and children for their hard work in creating wonderful items to sell at the Christmas Fair. You will be pleased to know after overheads were taken off £445 was the sum we were left with. £100 of which has gone to Leuchie House (short stay house for sufferers of Multiple Sclerosis) and £345 has gone towards reducing the cost of Kingswood trip for P4-P7.

The commission for the individual and family photographs which were taken just before Christmas amounts to £173.

Diary Dates

February

6th Parent Council

Meeting 7pm

10th Holiday

20th All resume

21st Tag Rugby starts
or P4-P7 (each
Tuesday)

28th Class & Whole
School photographs

29th P4-P7 John Muir
Dance Activity

March

1st P4-7 trip to
Holyrood Palace

20th Possible date for
Tag Rugby Festival
Parents' Afternoon

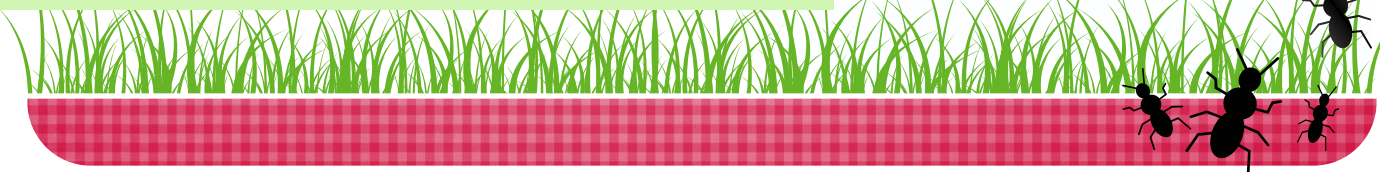
22nd Parents Evening

27th P1/2 Trip to
Botanics

30th School Closes
for holidays

April

17th School re-opens



School Lunches

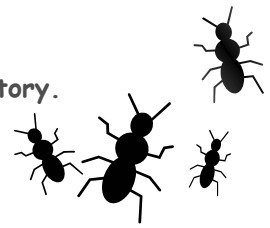
You should have received a letter home regarding paying for school lunches in advance. Please note if you wish to pay for lunches this way payment must be made by 30th January (cheques will be banked on 2nd February).

What are P1-P7 doing this term?

P4-P7 Mary Queen of Scots and Scottish History.

P3/4 Weather and Vikings

P1/2 People of the Rainforest



In addition to the above, Susan Hamilton, continues to teach singing each week. Mrs Dougal, PE Specialist is here each Thursday afternoon until 8th March 2012. Mr Holden, Music Specialist will start at Saltoun on 15th March. Mrs Wilson, Violin Teacher is in each Friday morning.

Head Lice - Just a reminder to continue to check your child/ren's hair for signs of infestation. Unfortunately, in school, lice can spread very quickly so it is important to catch it early. Consult your pharmacist for up to date information on treatment. You can contact the school nursing service if you wish on: 0131 536 8032.

Nursery News

The nursery is back in full swing with activities around birds, Chinese New Year, Burns and hairdressers. We will also take part in various activities linked to the whole school Health Week. We look forward to welcoming Humbie nursery to join us one more on HATS day.



We are taking a break from Forest School, but will continue this in the summer term. We are starting a weekly group time focusing on language skills and guided by Lesley Sargent, an East Lothian Speech & Language therapist. This will involve one group of children for the 1st block of approximately 6 weeks, then another group for the following block.

We will continue to send number sacks home to allow you to help reinforce number concepts with your child.

Parental Consultations, to discuss each child's progress, will be in March—information will be sent out soon.

Thanks to all parents for their support and we look forward to a busy, happy and productive spring term.

Could parents please ensure NO egg boxes or items which have contained nuts are hand-

Remember to check out our website: <http://edubuzz.org/blogs/saltoun>

