



# Paradykes Post



06.10.23

## Dear Families,

It's really hard to believe that we are at the October Break already!! It won't be long before the festivities are upon us!! ☺

## Staffing

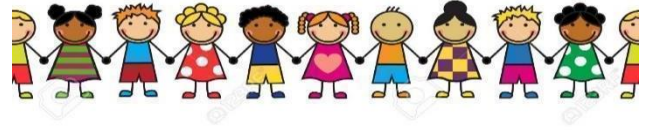
Mr Scott-Stirling and his wife welcomed baby Libby into the world last Friday. All is well and the Paradykes family can't wait to meet her!!



We are delighted to say that Mrs Stables will be continuing to work with P5/6 until Miss Brownsell returns after the Christmas holidays. We have enjoyed welcoming her as part of our Paradykes team!

## Family Beetle Drive

Thank you so much to our Parent Council for organising and running our very first Beetle Drive on Tuesday. It was a great success with lots of families joining in the fun! Watch out for our next family event - a movie afternoon - on Friday 15th December.



## School Nurse

We recently met with our school nurse, Michelle Keith, and she gave us some great websites that could be a real support for parents/carers.

To support with children's mental health:

<https://www.charliewaller.org/parents-and-carers>

For help and advice with potty training or toileting concerns:

<https://eric.org.uk/>

For advice about positive lifestyle choices:

<https://www.henry.org.uk/parents>

## Parent Consultations

You have all received information about our Parent Consultations on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November. Please follow the link to make your appointment up until 30th October, when the booking system will close. We are so looking forward to seeing you all!



## Intervention Groups

Just to make you aware that we have lots of groups up and running in school to support children in a variety of ways. These include friendship groups, Kit Bag (for health and wellbeing), music and baking as part of our adapted curriculum afternoons, and social skills groups. As these groups are part of our

ongoing personalised support for children, and some children may only attend them once, we won't necessarily let you know if your child is a part of these groups. However, if we identify a specific need, we will, of course, discuss this with you. If you have any questions about these groups please do not hesitate to contact [Joanne Rose-Rojas](mailto:j.rose-rojas@midlothian.education) at [j.rose-rojas@midlothian.education](mailto:j.rose-rojas@midlothian.education) Thank you.



### **Celebrating Achievements!**

Thank you to everyone who has sent us a photo of your child's achievements. There's still time before the next assembly! Remember, it can be anything from riding a bike, tying a shoelace to all things sporty!

Have a lovely holiday everyone! Remember that children return to school on **Tuesday 24th October**.

Kind regards,

***Helen Reed***

Headteacher



- 23.10.23 Inservice Day 3 for staff
- 24.10.23 All resume
- 25.10.23 Parent Council Meeting
- 26.10.23 School Photograph Day
- 07.11.23 Parent Consultations 4:30 - 8pm
- 09.11.23 Parent Consultations 3:30 - 5pm
- 30.11.23 Parent Council Meeting - 7pm - via Zoom
- 08.12.23 Christmas Fair
- 22.12.23 End of Term
- 08.01.24 Inservice Day 4 for staff
- 09.01.24 All resume
- 22-26.01.24 P7 Residential Trip
- 06.02.24 Parent Council Meeting - 7pm - via Zoom
- 09.02.24 Mid term Break
- 19.02.24 All resume
- 15.03.23 Profiles out
- 28.03.24 End of Term
- 16.04.24 All resume
- 06.05.24 May Day holiday
- 20.05.24 Inservice Day 5 for staff
- 28.05.24 Sports Day
- 04.06.24 Parent Consultations 4:30 - 8pm
- 06.06.24 Parent Consultations 3:30 - 5pm
- 07.06.24 Summer Fair
- 12.06.24 - 14.06.24 P7 transition visits to High School
- 20.06.24 P7 Leavers' Show (afternoon)
- 28.06.24 End of Term

**School dates for your diary**