



Stenhouse Newsletter

September 2018

The first few of weeks have flown by and we are all settling in well. A big welcome to our new nursery and P1 pupils and their families. We are delighted that our school is continuing to grow with 14 classes from P1-P7 once again this year. As you may be aware, this will be my last newsletter for a wee while but I will look forward to reading Mr Jamieson's newsletters on our school website and visiting as often as I can. I wish you all a great year!

With Kind Regards

Laura Monaghan

NHS Nasal Spray Vaccinations

The nurses will be back in school later in the year administering the Nasal Sprays against flu to all permitted children. Please return the NHS forms as soon as possible. Your child will NOT receive the spray unless you complete the forms and return them by the given date.

Parents' Consultations

Parents' Consultations/Meet the Teacher will be held on **19th and 21st September**. Parents' Appointment slips will be issued at the beginning of September - keep a look out for these in your child's bag.

Support for Learning Parents' Consultations will be later on in October, once pupil groups have been running for a bit longer. Please look out for information.

CHAI - New Worker 😊

Hi, I'm Stella Farrell and I'm an Advice Worker at CHAI Advice Service. I'm taking over from Beth Hardingham, whom some of you may have met previously. CHAI stands for Community Help and Advice Initiative and we offer **free** and **confidential** advice on a variety of issues including welfare benefits, housing problems, debts and budgeting. Perhaps you are worried about paying the bills or wonder if you are entitled to any extra financial assistance. I will be available at school **every second Tuesday from 9.30-12.30** so if you'd like to have a chat about any of your concerns, please don't hesitate to book an appointment through the school office.



Parent Council

The wonderful parent council officer bearers have decided it is time to pass on the reigns to a new committee and have duly tendered their resignations over the summer. We cannot thank them enough for all the work they have done in supporting the school. The events that have raised so much money for our pupils have been fantastic but there is also the other side of the parent council, where we discuss the direction of the school and seek parental advice on how best to improve Stenhouse for everyone.

Without a Parent Council, we cannot run any of the events and it would be a real challenge to ensure that any improvements to the school included parent opinion and suggestions.

In light of this, we would like to offer the opportunity for a Coffee and Cake information event to establish a new Parent Council Committee. It would be good to chat about the role of the Parent Council and to encourage people to join.

To gauge interest, could you complete the attach slip and return to the school. Once we have these returns we can plan an appropriate date and time to chat.

Late Arrivals at school

As part of our monitoring process for pupil welfare, we are obliged to track punctuality at school.

Unfortunately there is quite a number of pupils who are regularly late to school. If your child arrives after the lines have come into school, please go to the middle doors in the playground where Mrs Menzies will register your child as having arrived in the building.

If it is AFTER 9am, please use the main school entrance but you must report to the school office otherwise we will not know your child has arrived safely at school and you may receive an unnecessary phone call from the school. Many thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.

Amazing Achievements!

Congratulations to the pupils named below you have achieved lots of different things at the end of term and over the holidays! Remember, if your child has achieved something out of school recently, a swimming badge, dance certificate, judo belt, sponsored walk etc please encourage them to bring in their award and bring it to Mrs Monaghan. It will be recorded in the Amazing Achievements Book, announced at assemblies, mentioned in the newsletter and their photo placed on the Wall of Achievement at the front door!



Shree P4 won a silver medal at his Karate class - well done!

Yashitha P4 is a finalist in a national art competition by BIC Kids - fantastic news!

Travis P5 completed a charity run for Shark Life - brilliant effort!



Orla P4 won 4 medals at her Highland Dancing competition in Dundee - wonderful achievement!

Faith P4 won 3 medals at her Highland Dancing competition - what a talent!

Lewis P4 won a football trophy for play really well - well done!

Upcoming Events

National Maths Week - Week beg 10th September

September Weekend Holiday - Monday 17th September

Parents' Consultations - 19th and 21st September

Parent Council Coffee and Chat Event

PLEASE RETURN BY MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

I would like to attend the Coffee and Chat Event to hear more about the work of the Parent Council.

What time would suit you best:

During the school day (eg at 9am)

After school (eg 6pm)

Name _____

Contact Number: _____

Stenhouse Primary School has a legal responsibility to deliver an effective educational programme to its pupils. In order to do this, we need to collect personal data about our pupils/children and their families so that we can help them learn, and keep them safe. For more information, please visit <https://stenhouseps.com/stenhouse-primary-data-protection> or <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/privacy> for further information on how we use and handle data.