

MAURICEWOOD PRIMARY

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

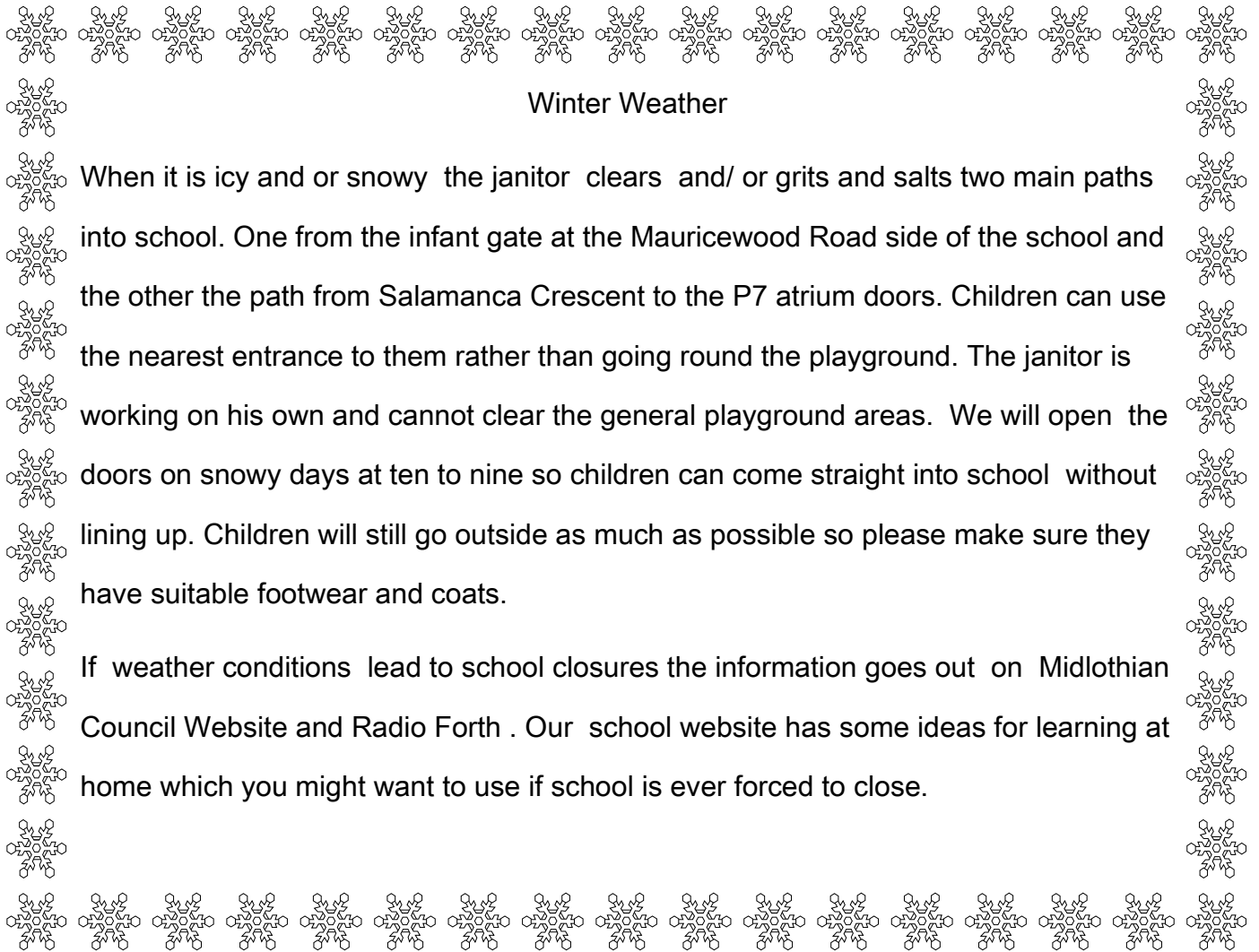
January 2016

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Scot's Night Thursday 28th January 6.30pm

Our next event will be Scot 's Night on the 28th January. We use Scots books, poetry, dance and music across the year but still enjoy the chance to celebrate Burns Day with a celebration of Scots Language and Culture. Children learn poems to recite to their class who then choose 3 pupils to go forward to represent them in the school poetry competition. Judges at this event choose a winner for each class who are invited to perform on Scot 's Night. We will also hold an audition for children who would like to entertain us with a song ,a piece of music or dance. It 's a great opportunity for pupils to share their out of school hobbies so if your child has an interest in any of these areas please encourage them to come along and audition next week. Once we know which children are taking part we will send out tickets for their families to join us. Tickets are free of charge but limited to performers and guests due to the space available in the hall.





Winter Weather

When it is icy and or snowy the janitor clears and/ or grits and salts two main paths into school. One from the infant gate at the Mauricewood Road side of the school and the other the path from Salamanca Crescent to the P7 atrium doors. Children can use the nearest entrance to them rather than going round the playground. The janitor is working on his own and cannot clear the general playground areas. We will open the doors on snowy days at ten to nine so children can come straight into school without lining up. Children will still go outside as much as possible so please make sure they have suitable footwear and coats.

If weather conditions lead to school closures the information goes out on Midlothian Council Website and Radio Forth . Our school website has some ideas for learning at home which you might want to use if school is ever forced to close.

Road Safety Message

Sadly we have heard from local police about 3 incidents where children have been knocked down crossing roads on the way to school. None of these took place locally but all classes will go over safe methods to cross roads with their own teachers. I am sure parents/ carers will want to reinforce this at home too.

Parked cars are a particular hazard for children and I would urge drivers to consider where they are parking when dropping off children at school . We do have incidents reported to us of children put at risk by cars parking on corners and pavements which is unacceptable anywhere but particularly beside a school. The police are working with us to ensure safety on school routes. Parents whose children were nearly hit by cars crossing the pavement have been asked by the police to take photographs of the cars involved.

Visiting Theatre Groups



Before Christmas the Nursery P1 and P2 classes thoroughly enjoyed the show from Mouse Tale Puppets. Now it is the turn of the rest of the school to watch Sword in the Stone on Friday 15th January. This is a great story which I am sure will be enjoyed by all. Both of these events are free to children and paid for from our Sponsored Walk fund.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be on Monday 8th February at 7pm in Mauricewood. This is open to all parents/ carers and we will be revising our handbooks and information for parents so do come along if you would like to support us with this work. If you have suggestions about topics for further meetings send them into maurice-wood_ps@midlothian.gov.uk and the Parent Council will be happy to consider them.

Dates for the diary

Wed 20 th January	P7 Athletics Competition (am) – parent volunteer required Scots Assemblies (pm) Nursery visit to Penicuik Library
Fri 22 nd January	P5A Assembly 9:15am Learning Store re-opens
Tues 26 th January	P7s Burn Supper (pm)
Wed 27 th January	Achievements Assembly (whole school)
Thurs 28 th January	Scots Night 6:30-8:30pm
Thurs 4 th February	SSPCA visiting P5 classes
Fri 5 th February	Benmore deposits to be in to school office

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Mon 8th February P4 classes at Vogrie learning Bushcraft Skills – parent volunteers required

Mon 8th February Parent Council Meeting Mauricewood 7.00pm

Thurs 11th February P7 Rotary Quiz 6:15 pm at Penicuik High School

Fri 12th February Raising Children with Confidence sessions for parents begin

Mon 15th February Holiday Week

Mon 22nd February All return to school

Wed 2nd March Achievements Assembly (whole school)

Fri 4th March P6 Euro Quiz Team to Stobhill Primary
P3M Assembly 9:15am

Wed 16th March Parents Evening 6:00-8:30pm

Thurs 17th March Parents Evening 4:00 – 6:30pm

Tues 22nd March P7 Hockey team to Ladywood Leisure Centre – parent volunteer required

Thurs 24th March Easter service
End of term (2:45/3:20pm finish)

Mon 11th April All return to school

Wed 13th April P4 Swimming begins

Tues 19th April Family Health Evening 6:30 – 8:00pm

Fri 22nd April P1F Assembly 9:15am

Advance notice of sports days: Thursday 2nd June (or Tuesday 7th June in event of bad weather)

More details will follow closer to the time.