

# MAURICEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August 2016

Dear parents / carers,

On behalf of all the staff I would like to welcome all our children and their families back to a new session in Mauricewood. It was lovely to see all our pupils looking so smart in their school uniforms and refreshed from their break.

We have started with a very busy week in which we enrolled 20 new children across the school in addition to our new P1 pupils. Our new P1s have settled in really well and have enjoyed seeing their P7 buddies at playtime. We look forward to getting to know all our new pupils and their families in the coming weeks. It would be lovely to see everyone at The PTA Summer Fayre on the 3rd September which will be the first opportunity to meet the whole school community.

As always if you have any concerns about your child as they settle back into school please feel free to speak with their teacher or a promoted member of staff so we can make sure they have the best start possible.

Kind Regards

Judith Mathers



## Education Scotland HMIE Report

After our recent inspection the HMIE report is to be published on Tuesday 30th August. It takes the form of a letter to all parents / carers and can be found at:

[www.educationscotland.gov.uk](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk)

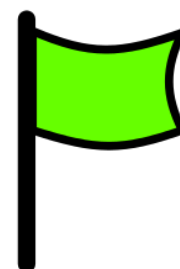
Aspects of the school were graded and the link to the grades will be given in the letter. Copies of the report will be available in the school for those without internet access.

I hope that everyone will take the opportunity to read the report and see our strengths and areas for development. We are looking forward to planning our next steps with our Parent Council, staff and pupils.



## Green Flag News!

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded our Green Flag as an Eco School. We owe a huge thanks to the Healthy Living Healthy World Group who managed the process and encouraged all the pupils and staff to take part in their recycling initiative last session. I am sure we will all feel very proud when our flag goes up outside the school. Watch this space for more information about our eco celebration!



Parent Council AGM Thursday 29th September

at Mauricewood Primary 7 pm

Our Parent Council takes two forms in Mauricewood, The Parent Council and The Parent Council Fundraisers. The fundraising team run the annual programme of fundraising and social events for children and families, such as the Christmas and Summer Fayres and the Halloween Parties. They not only raise much needed funds but bring the whole school community together. Recently they have bought ICT resources, including 15 i-pads, which are in huge demand in classes. This session they have committed to raising £5000 to refurbish our school library which is at the heart of our reading strategy to create lifelong readers. They are always looking for helpers so even if you can't commit to joining the group we would love to see you volunteer to help with an event.

The Parent Council focuses on working with teachers to develop quality learning and teaching and to ensuring parental views are shared with the Head Teacher and staff. This session they will be developing our homework policy as well as planning for our next steps from our inspection and taking part in evaluating our progress.

New members are the life blood of the Parent Council and I would urge anyone who is interested to come along to the AGM. You will receive a warm welcome! Both groups are quite informal and enjoyed as a way of making friends with other parents as well as providing the opportunity to be a real part of your child's school.

Summer Fayre Saturday 3rd September

10—12noon

Our Summer Fayre, postponed in June due to the flood we experienced is now taking place on Saturday 3rd September.

There will be a variety of stalls and games to keep everyone

entertained. We do hope everyone can come along and support the first event of the year. Friday 2nd September will be a Dress Down Day in return for either donations of home baking or second hand toys you no longer need. A good way to clear out the cupboards!



### Annual Parent Calendar

This session we are putting out planned dates for the year rather than the term. We hope that you will find this useful. While we do aim to keep to these dates please note that alterations might have to be made due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Parent Calendar is being issued alongside this newsletter.

### Allergies

Mauricewood is committed to being a nut free zone to safeguard children with life threatening allergies. Please check contents of snacks and food in packed lunches to make sure nuts are not an ingredient.

If your child has any allergies / asthma please make sure the school knows about them by filling in the asthma or allergy register form.

### Session Dates 2016—2017

September Break

Friday 16 and Monday 19 September 2016

October Break

Monday 17 to Friday 21 October

Term ends Friday 23 December 2016

All return Monday 9th January 2017

Midterm break: Pupils Monday 13 to Friday 17 February 2017

Staff Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th February 2017

Term ends: Friday 31 March 2017

All return Tuesday 18 April 2017

May day: Monday 1 May 2017

In Service Day Monday 22 May 2017

Term ends: Friday 30 June 2017