

# Lady Alice Primary School Newsletter

September 2017

Dear Lady Alice Family,

We are delighted to welcome you back to the 2017/18 school year.



## Changes to Staffing

It is a pleasure to introduce our new members of staff.

**Miss Ashley Campbell** is happily getting to know her Primary 3 class and is looking forward to meeting parents soon.

**Miss Emma Deeney** has been appointed as Nurture Teacher for Lady Alice Primary; she is working hard to set up a Nurture Room which will be of great benefit to our school.

**Miss Eleanor Bristow** and **Mrs Heather Stevenson** have been appointed as Classroom Assistants this year and are both enjoying getting to know our children.

**Mrs Gail Connick**, our new Head Teacher, is available for you to meet at our drop-in sessions at Lady Alice Nursery as outlined in last week's letter.

Congratulations to **Miss Samantha McShane** who has been appointed as our Principal Teacher this session and will work alongside Mrs Connick and Mrs Caldwell as part of the management team.

## Refurbishment Progress

There are lots of exciting events to look forward to this year but the highlight will definitely be the return to our beautiful refurbished school building. Our **exceptional closure days** (which allow us to move resources and set up classrooms) are



likely to be **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May & Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June** but this is subject to change. Please keep note of these dates as pupils will not attend school on the exceptional closure days.

I know that the whole school community is keen to hear about the refurbishment programme progress and so **John Ferrie, Quality Improvement Officer - School Estates** has been invited to our next **Parent Council meeting**. John meets regularly with the building team and is happy to keep us up to date.

## PE Days

Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit on PE days. As jewellery must not be worn during PE lessons, it would be helpful if pupils did not wear any on PE days.



P1	Tuesday & Thursday
P2	Monday & Thursday
P3	Monday & Thursday
P4/3	Monday & Tuesday
P5/4	Wednesday & Friday
P6/5	Monday & Wednesday
P7/6	Tuesday & Thursday
P7	Tuesday & Friday

## P7 Transition Day

All P7 pupils will attend Inverclyde Academy on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Information has been sent home about this separately.

Parents, carers and pupils of P6 and P7 are invited to attend an **Inverclyde Academy Open Evening** on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**. There will be the opportunity to meet the Head Teacher and Depute Head Teacher for P7 Transition, this will be followed by a tour of the school and a chance to chat with some of the Senior Pupils. This is an excellent

opportunity to get to know the Inverclyde Academy team.

### Authors Live Event

Mr Coyle, Miss McShane, Miss Bristow and P5/4 have been successful in being selected to be part of the studio audience for Authors Live with famous children's author Pamela Butchart. They may even get the chance to ask Pamela questions. This event will be broadcast live to the world on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 11am from BBC, Pacific Quay, Glasgow.

We will make arrangements for classes to watch this special event in school, you can watch it too! Follow the link below to sign up.

<http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/learning/teachers-librarians/authors-live/authors-live-events/pamela-butchart>



### Youth Music Initiative - Primary 5's

Mr Kieran Young will work with all of our Primary 5's delivering a new and highly educational music programme. Pupils will be introduced to musical genres, families of musical instruments, musicals and exploration of the music industry. Lessons will take place on Friday afternoons.



### RIG Arts - Primary 6's

Primary 6 have been invited to participate in a RIG Arts project for the Galoshans Festival. They will have 6 artist led workshops on Wednesday afternoon beginning on the 13<sup>th</sup> September and their creation will be part of the Galoshans parade and play. I'm sure that many of you will want to view this art work and show support for P6 by attending this local festival.

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

P7 & Parent Council are jointly running a MacMillan Coffee Morning in our school canteen on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30-11.30am. Please come along and support this very worthwhile event. Donations of homebaking can be sent to school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you!



### Parent Council

Please come along and join us at our next Parent Council meeting. Our Parent Council is open to all members of the school community and everyone will be made very welcome. Our next meeting is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in Saint Joseph's Primary.

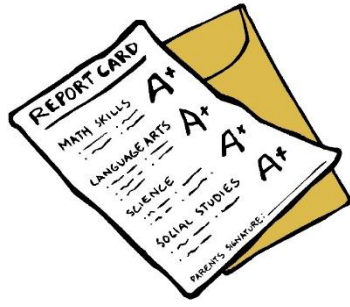
### Parents' Evening

We have arranged to use Saint Joseph's Primary School Hall for this event. Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 from 3.30pm - 8.30pm. Appointment letters will follow soon.

### Reports

We would like to improve the way we report to you on children's progress. We will hold a parent workshop on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September in Lady Alice Primary at 2pm** to help us identify what you feel are the important features of a school report; how we can give

you a clear understanding of how your child is progressing and the information you need to engage more fully in their learning.



We really need your help in this. If you are unable to attend in person, please send us your thoughts via email :  
inladyalice:glowscotland.onmicrosoft.com or letter.

### Dates for the Diary

September

13<sup>th</sup> September P5/4 Author's Live Event

13<sup>th</sup> September P6 RIG Arts project starts

14<sup>th</sup> September P7 Inverclyde Academy Visit

28<sup>th</sup> September Parents Night

29<sup>th</sup> September MacMillan Coffee Morning

October

14th October School CLOSES 3pm

24<sup>th</sup> October School OPENS 9am

31<sup>st</sup> October Hallowe'en Dress Up Day

### Twitter



Please follow us on Twitter:  
@LadyAlicePS to stay up to date with learning and news on a regular basis.

P1 @MissMcNicolP1

P3 @MissCamLAP3

P4/3 @MrsAddison7

P4/3 @MrsErskineP3

P5/4 @MRC\_LAPS

P7/6 @LA\_P6\_5

P7 @la\_p7s

Miss McShane @P1MissMcShaneLAPS

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We are always seeking ways to strengthen our partnership with parents & carers.

I look forward to getting to know you all over the coming terms.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gail Connick'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Gail Connick**

**Head Teacher**