



Dear Lady Alice Family,

We're looking forward to all that's ahead of us in the month of October and hoping that it's a dry and crisp autumn rather than a wet and windy season!



MacMillan Coffee Morning



Thanks to the joint efforts of our Primary 7's, Parent Council and the Attainment Challenge Team (who share our building) we were able to set up a fantastic coffee morning for a very worthy cause. The event was extremely well attended and raised a phenomenal £702.84. It was great to see so many of you attending.

We are very grateful for all of your donations of homebaking and the contributions from our community partners; Tesco, Port Glasgow and M&S. Thank you!

Refurbishment Progress

John Ferrie, Quality Improvement Officer – School Estates attended our last **Parent Council meeting** and shared some photographs of the buildings progress.



We shared these photographs during Parent's Night last week and will update our pupils during our assembly this week.

The steel frame for the extension is underway and the build is on track. Our **exceptional closure days** (which allow us to move resources and set up classrooms) are likely to be **Wednesday 30th May, Thursday 31st May & Friday 1st June** but this is subject to change. Please keep note of these dates as pupils will not attend school on the exceptional closure days.

P1-4 Fluoride Tooth Varnishing

Primary 1 – 4 will have Fluoride Varnishing on **Monday 9th October** as part of the school dental programme. Food and drink can be eaten as normal following the application of Fluoride Varnish.

School Photographer Visit

We will be visited by the school photographer on **Wednesday 11th October**. Pupils will be photographed individually and in family groups. Primary 1 and Primary 7 will also have class photographs taken.



October Week Holiday

The school will close on **Friday 13th October** at 3pm and re-open on **Tuesday 24th October** at 9am. We hope that you enjoy some quality time with your family.

Hallowe'en Disco



Our Parent Council have organised a Hallowe'en Disco in St Joseph's Primary on **Thursday 26th October**. All P1-3 pupils are invited to Disco 1: 6pm – 7pm. All P4-7 pupils are invited to Disco 2: 7.30pm-8.30pm. Entry is £2 and payable on the night, there will also be a tuck shop selling goodies. Please let us know if you are able to be a parent volunteer.

Harvest Celebration – 27th October

Harvest Assembly this year will be led by Miss McShane and the House Group Islay.



Donations in aid of the Foodbank will be gratefully received. Please no fresh food.

Donations can be brought to school from Tuesday 24th October.

School Review

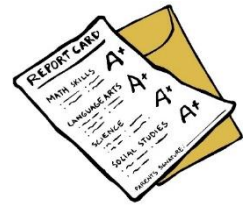
As part of our on-going self-evaluation programme we will be visited by our Local Authority Education Team on Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th & Thursday 16th November.

The team will be part of the life of the school while we undergo review and will visit classes to be part of learning and teaching as well as chat with pupil, parents and community partners about their experience in Lady Alice.

A Survey Monkey link will be sent home to you. Please use this to share your experiences. It would be very helpful if this could be completed by **Friday 13th October.**

Reports

Having met with parents to discuss our current school reporting there are some clear messages coming across.



1. Parents would like more frequent communication about how well children are progressing.
2. Parents want to know clearly what their child needs to do in order to make progress so that children can be supported at home.
3. Parents want to know where their child is in their learning journey.

We are working on a new reporting model which will do this and will share it with you ASAP.

School Bus

Parents are respectfully reminded that our Bus Escorts are unable to answer queries about incidents which have taken place at school. Please contact the school office and we will be only too pleased to address any issues or concerns that you may have.



Hallowe'en Dress Up Day



We would like to invite pupils to dress up for Hallowe'en on **Tuesday 31st October**. Children may come to school in their Hallowe'en outfit, nothing too gory please – Mrs Connick scares easily! Our learning will be linked to Hallowe'en traditions on this date and we will share lots on Twitter.

School Swimming Programme



This year P5's and P4's across Inverclyde will participate in the school swimming programme.

All Lady Alice P5's will have a swimming block which begins on Tuesday 31st October and runs weekly until their last session on Tuesday 5th December.

All Lady Alice P4's will have a swimming block which begins on Thursday 18th January and runs weekly until their last session on 8th March.

A letter with full detail will be sent to P5 & P4 parents in due course.

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 6th November at 6pm in Saint Joseph's Primary.

Flu Vaccinations

Children who have consent for Flu Vaccinations will receive them on **Wednesday 15th November**. This is administered as a nasal spray and is completely painless.



We are trying to promote healthy snacks at break-time. Children will receive 1 house point for a healthy snack.

Snacks could be:

- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Cheese
- Yogurt
- Water (not flavoured)
- Baked crisps
- Breadsticks/crackers
- Cereal bars



Dates for the Diary

October

9th October P1-4 Fluoride Varnishing

11th October Photographer

14th October School CLOSES 3pm

24th October School OPENS 9am

26th October Hallowe'en Disco

27th October Harvest

31st October Hallowe'en Dress Up Day

31st October P5 Swimming begins

November

6th November Parent Council

13th, 14th & 16th November School Review

15th November Flu Vaccinations

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



Useful Website

Please have a look at this website which has great tips for managing head-lice.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

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

Gail Connick

Head Teacher