



Lady Alice Primary School Newsletter

November 2018

Dear Lady Alice Family,

Remember to send your children to school dressed for the ever changing, unpredictable weather; it's time for hats, scarves, gloves and winter coats. We have a number of good quality extra coats etc. which have been donated, let us know if we can help you out.

Please remember to label all items of clothing, it makes it much simpler to return lost property.

Staffing News

We would like to wish Mrs Addison the very best of luck in her new role as O.4 Class Teacher in Newark Primary. Mrs Addison worked very hard for her pupils during her time at Lady Alice and we will all miss her.

Mrs Erskine has been teaching the P5/4 class fulltime since her return after the October break, Miss Julie McCahon will job share with Mrs Erskine until the O.4 post has been advertised and filled.

Official Opening

The official opening of our school took place on Tuesday 30th October. It was opened by Councillor Natasha Murphy, a former pupil of the school and was a great opportunity for all of those who had been involved at the planning and building stages of the school to get together.

It was not possible to invite all of our parents and pupils along to the official opening so we would like to invite you to our very own special opening assembly on Wednesday 14th November at 9.30am so that we can fully celebrate our opening together.

Assembly will be followed by tea/coffee and a guided tour of the school, led by our P7 Tour Guides.

Pupils will visit LA Café in the afternoon, we would appreciate donations of home-baking on Tuesday 13th or Wednesday 14th November to help with this.

Homework Club – LAFS

Our parent run homework club is open to all families on a Monday, 3-4pm. All families are welcome.



Booze Busters Programme

As part of our Health & Wellbeing Curriculum, all P6 and P7 pupils will have input regarding alcohol awareness on Tuesday 13th, 20th & 27th November. Please ask your child about this learning experience afterwards.

Lunchtime/After School Clubs

We have a busy lunchtime clubs programme this term.

Monday lunchtime – Boys' Football

Monday afterschool – Netball

Tuesday lunchtime P2/1 (P1s only) - Multiskills

Tuesday afterschool - Families Connect

Wednesday lunchtime - P1 Multiskills

Wednesday afterschool P3-4 Multisport

Thursday afterschool – P5-7 Athletics



P1 Bookbug Gifting

Primary 1 will have a special visit to South West Library on Thursday 8th November at 10.45 – 11.45am. Parents are invited to come along to this Bookbug Gifting event. Children will walk to and from the event with school staff. Full details will be shared in a P1 letter.

Save the dates – Christmas

Christmas Fayre event -
Friday 7th December
1.30pm. Parents are
invited to come along to
this event.



Christmas Performance – Tues 11th/ Wed 12th
December

School Christmas Dinner – Thursday 13th
December

Christmas Service – Thursday 20th December,
1.30pm. Parents are invited to attend.

Athletics Competition

Our Athletics Team have recently competed in the first of three planned events and been



outstanding in their commitment to the team and their encouragement of other schools to do well. Thank you to Miss McShane, Mrs Docherty and Rachel Bushfield for their support.

Our next two events are on 23rd November and 7th December.

Inktober

P6 pupil, Ashleigh Melvin has participated in Inktober for the whole of October. She has produced such high quality, black ink line drawings that we have exhibited her work in the school gym hall for all to view. Congratulations, Ashleigh.

Cross Country

Well done to everyone who took part in the Saturday Cross Country competitions at Tower Hill, we were all very impressed by you and delighted that this year's competition was a lot less muddy than our last few visits.



Children in Need

Our Charities Group have decided to participate in Children in Need Day on Friday 16th November. For a donation, you can dress in yellow or wear something spotty to show your support of the charity.

Netball Festival

The Netball Team will participate in 4 netball festivals. The first one is 16th November, from 10.00am-12.30pm. The other dates are 25th January, 22nd February and 22nd March.



Thank you to Miss McAuslan for leading this.

Parent Partnership

Please support our Parent Partnership by coming along to our next meeting on Wednesday 7th November at 6.00pm in the Parents Room at the school.

Thanks to the Parent Partnership for organising our very well attended Hallowe'en Disco.

Parent Drop-in

Come along to our Parent Drop-in sessions on Tuesday mornings from 8.50-10.30am. Stay for as long or as little a time as you wish. It's a good opportunity to get peer support, chat and have fun. You can choose how to use your Parents Room.

Parking Issues

We are working in partnership with local residents and the police to address on-going parking issues within the school community.

Please help us address this by,

- Parking legally and considerately in the streets around our school
- Avoiding driveways and dropped kerbs for disability/pram access
- Using polite and friendly language in our playground and streets
- Using the carpark at Rankin Park to park and stride
- Avoiding pick up/drop offs in the school car park

P7 Residential Trip

P7 pupils have been issued with a letter giving details of this trip. Parent/Carers will be able to make payments using ParentPay.

ParentPay/Expressions App

The office staff will be available on Monday 12th November between 3.10pm and 4.00pm to help with setting up both ParentPay & The Xpressions App. ParentPay is the system for paying for school lunches and school trips. The Xpressions App is the free texting app. Please bring your mobile phone.

Lady Alice Ambassadors

We had great support from parents & carers at Parents Night, many of you signed up to be Lady Alice Ambassadors.

We would like to see more of you agree to be ambassadors for the school.

Being a Lady Alice Ambassador means that you agree to follow our school values in and around the school community e.g. our playground, streets, shops etc.

Our Lady Alice Values

Honesty

Partnership

Kindness

Respect

Positive Attitude

Sharing in our values means that you help us to have good relationships with each other and the wider community. We ask our pupils to do this every day and would appreciate you actively supporting your child by showing them that you believe in the school values too.

Return the Lady Alice Ambassador form to show your support.



Wider Achievement

We would like to celebrate Wider Achievement during our regular Friday assemblies.

Please help us to do this by contacting the school by phone/email/ Twitter to tell us about the big and small achievements your child has made.

Examples of achievements could be,

- learning to tie your own laces or tie
- gaining a badge or medal
- recognising when a family member needs medical help
- baking a cake

We will also have a stock of Wider Achievement forms that you can request from Reception too.

Useful weblinks

<http://www.roadsafetyscotland.org.uk/parents-and-educators/curriculum-excellence>

Follow this link to find road safety resources which you can use as a family.

Dates for the Diary

November

Thurs 8th November P1 Bookbug Gifting visit

Tuesdays 13th, 20th & 27th November P6&7 Booze Busters

December

Friday 7th December Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 11th December School Christmas Show

Wednesday 12th December School Christmas Show

Thursday 13th December Christmas Dinner

Thursday 20th December Christmas Service

Twitter

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



Class Twitter details

Nursery	@LadyNursery
P1	@AllisonBowie5
P2/1	@MissCamLAP3
P4/3	@MissMcShane_LA
P5/4	@MrsErskineP3
P7	@P7MRC_LA

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