



September Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to September's newsletter. What a busy start we have had to the term already! All children have settled back into school life very well, are working very hard and enjoying school. A very warm welcome to five new families who have just joined or are about to join our school family with children in Primaries 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Thank you to everyone who came along to our open afternoon last week where you had a chance to meet the staff working with your child, visit their classroom and have a look around the school. It was lovely to see you there and we are looking forward to more opportunities to invite you into the school.

Kind regards,

Mrs McGill

Learners' Voice and Participation

This month saw the P7 children have the opportunity to participate in the House Captain Elections. They presented their case for election to their Houses during assembly time and all the children had the chance to vote later in the week. This group of children will work throughout the year with Mr Gallagher who has responsibility for this area of school life.

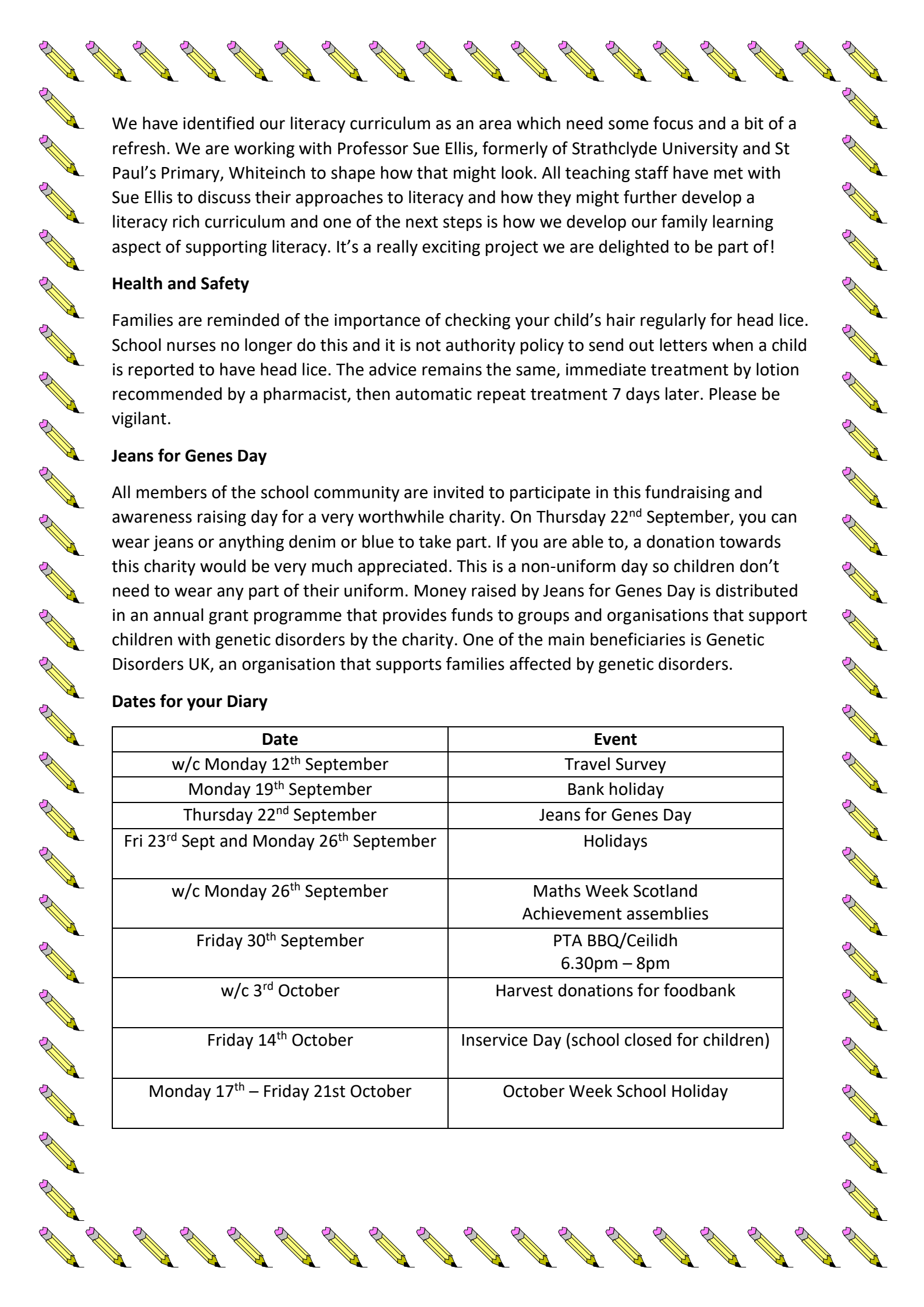
<u>House</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Vice-Captain</u>
Bells	Megan	Alex
Birds	Millie	Angus and Sam
Fish	Willow	Sylvie
Trees	Eva	Corey

The Pupil Council elections have taken place and they will start to work on school events with Mrs McKinnon shortly. At the moment the Digital Leaders are being selected from P4-P7 and will work with Mr Boyd, Miss Sweeney and Mr Gavin to develop that area of the curriculum. Mrs Coats is in the process of selecting the Eco Kids along with Mrs McKinnon who is recruiting children to support our new Literacy Lounge space which includes the school library. Miss MacDonald is planning to have another group of children form the Healthy Heroes group soon. Well done and thank you to the children who put themselves forward for these roles. This takes a lot of courage and resilience to do and they should all be very proud of themselves!

School Improvement Focus – vision, values and aims

We are looking to refresh our school vision, values and aims to reflect our community and the vision we have for our children and the school. We sought your views at the recent open afternoon and we will discuss with the parent council the best ways to gather more of your views. We have been asking similar questions about learning, the curriculum and values to all children over the next few weeks and hope to come up with a draft early in Term 2.

School Improvement Focus – literacy



We have identified our literacy curriculum as an area which need some focus and a bit of a refresh. We are working with Professor Sue Ellis, formerly of Strathclyde University and St Paul's Primary, Whiteinch to shape how that might look. All teaching staff have met with Sue Ellis to discuss their approaches to literacy and how they might further develop a literacy rich curriculum and one of the next steps is how we develop our family learning aspect of supporting literacy. It's a really exciting project we are delighted to be part of!

Health and Safety

Families are reminded of the importance of checking your child's hair regularly for head lice. School nurses no longer do this and it is not authority policy to send out letters when a child is reported to have head lice. The advice remains the same, immediate treatment by lotion recommended by a pharmacist, then automatic repeat treatment 7 days later. Please be vigilant.

Jeans for Genes Day

All members of the school community are invited to participate in this fundraising and awareness raising day for a very worthwhile charity. On Thursday 22nd September, you can wear jeans or anything denim or blue to take part. If you are able to, a donation towards this charity would be very much appreciated. This is a non-uniform day so children don't need to wear any part of their uniform. Money raised by Jeans for Genes Day is distributed in an annual grant programme that provides funds to groups and organisations that support children with genetic disorders by the charity. One of the main beneficiaries is Genetic Disorders UK, an organisation that supports families affected by genetic disorders.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
w/c Monday 12 th September	Travel Survey
Monday 19 th September	Bank holiday
Thursday 22 nd September	Jeans for Genes Day
Fri 23 rd Sept and Monday 26 th September	Holidays
w/c Monday 26 th September	Maths Week Scotland Achievement assemblies
Friday 30 th September	PTA BBQ/Ceilidh 6.30pm – 8pm
w/c 3 rd October	Harvest donations for foodbank
Friday 14 th October	Inservice Day (school closed for children)
Monday 17 th – Friday 21st October	October Week School Holiday