

NEWSLETTER

Heriot Primary School Parent Council Newsletter

New School Twitter account



The Twittershere got one special new member recently - Heriot Primary School! The new Twitter account - currently run by the school staff digital supremos - brings a great opportunity to promote our wonderful school in the Scottish Borders and beyond. A heap of new photos are being tweeted, with Book Week a recent focus. Definitely worth a look -and maybe a follow and retweet too!

Find the school at twitter.com/Heriotpssbc or @heriotpssbc

Little Inventors



Huge congratulations to Heriot pupils whose designs were put forward as 'Top Ideas' in a competition with Little Inventors. Their task was to design an invention to help with climate change. The competition was open to students across the world so it was great to see not one, not two, but three Heriot kids having their work recognised!



One of the inventions went on to make it into the top 10 list and this idea (Garden Hat design above) has been brought to life by designer Ellie Birkhead - after consultation with the Heriot pupil. This invention will now be displayed at the UN Human Rights Council - amazing news and well done to him and all the pupils who took part!

Welcome to the new academic year at Heriot

Welcome everyone - especially all our new families to Heriot Primary!

It's been a busy term already with even more to look forward to over the next month. We're sure the children can't wait to put on their show and get involved with other Christmas festivities - and also hanging out with their friends at our upcoming bumper fundraising day on Sunday 12 December (more info below).

The funds raised by these events directly helps to support the education of children at Heriot by allowing us to purchase educational equipment and help fund school visits etc. so your support is really appreciated.

Have a lovely festive season!

Chair: Steff Potter - *Secretary:* Helen Marsden - *Treasurer:* Helen Brinkworth - *Fundraising:* Sarah Macfadyen - *Community Garden/ Mini Book Bank:* Alison Crabbe *Contact:* heriotptchair@gmail.com

Virtual Book Shop visit

In addition to the many Book Week activities at Heriot Primary, a virtual Bookshop visit, in collaboration with Mini Book Bank, took place. Each pupil chose a new book from local independent bookshop Mainstreet Trading to add to the Mini Book Bank.



There are now lots of opportunities to cosy up with a good book this winter!

Heriot Santa Dash - Sunday 12 December



The Heriot Santa Dash makes a welcome real-life return this year, after last year's successful virtual event. All proceeds to Heriot Parent Council.

- Kids and family Santa Dash @ 1.30pm Macfie Hall to Heriot Primary School and back
- Adult race @2pm: 5km from Macfie Hall out past Borthwick Hall and back
- Registration from 1pm @Macfie Hall: adult entry £5, kid's entry £2

Advanced virtual entries welcome: email your time to pmiedun@hotmail.co.uk

Prizes galore! You've got to be in it to win it.....grab those running shoes or pop along to watch if you can.

Afterschool Manager Role

Please keep your ear to the ground and pass on the details of anyone who might like to apply for the role of Afterschool Manager at Heriot Country Kids contact heriotcountrykidscommittee@gmail.com.

This is a lovely job at our Afterschool Club - perfect for anyone with strong childcare experience who wants to work at the heart of a rural community. A real opportunity to grow and develop the club in line with your own ideas.

You can find the job description at shorturl.at/sEHQS

Christmas fair



For those preferring a more leisurely Sunday there's something for you too! Stop by the Heriot Christmas Fair at the Macfie Hall (Sunday 12 Dec 10am-4pm) for a cup of tea, some tasty cake and to pick up some Christmas presents at the many lovely craft stalls.

You might spot some familiar faces behind the stalls! The P5-7 class will have their Eco-shop stall and Afterschool Club will be selling home-made crafts so please come armed with cash :)

Heriot Christmas Hampers

Last but not least of our Christmas news....Naomi has put together three fabulous hampers which will be raffled off at the Christmas Fair. Tickets are £5 each and there only 50 available for each box so be quick!

Contact Naomi Marshall or Heriot Christmas Hamper Raffle on Facebook to buy tickets - if any remain they'll also be on sale at the Christmas fair.



Eco-shop

The school Eco-shop is also open for orders on a permanent basis. To stock up on bamboo toothbrushes, reusable sandwich paper and much more pick up on order form from Mrs Sheridan or one of the Eco-group.



Community Garden

It's almost time to kick off this exciting project based at Heriot Primary which is being funded by a generous grant from Foundation Scotland.

Date for your diary: **Tuesday 11 January** will be the first meeting date for the Community Garden. Please pop it in your (new) diary and start thinking about where your gardening gloves are!