



Education Resources
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Dear Parents and Carers,

School is back into the old routine and I am so happy with how quickly the children have settled into their new classes. Our 72 Primary 1 children have been fantastic and can already find their way to the gym hall, dining hall and up the stairs to the science area. Topics, work programmes and gym days are all up and running! It doesn't take long to get back into the school routine!

I know at the start of term you do get loads of paperwork home. Thank you for quickly working through all the important information in 'the big brown envelope' and getting it back to the office. Mrs Gibney is currently sitting in a sea of paperwork, ready to update all our records.

You would have seen the information regarding 'Religious Observance and R.M.E. lessons'. If you do not wish your child to take part in these please can you send a letter to Mrs Farrance?

We have taken on board your comments and suggestions regarding our parental engagement opportunities and we have made a few wee changes. Please see attached our 'Parents as Partners' calendar. Working in partnership with our parents to improve our children's attainment continues to be a high priority for us this session. We look forward to seeing you in school very soon!

Finally, a massive 'Thank You' to the 190 families who responded to our 'Vision, Values and Aims' letter. A whopping 99.9% of you still agreed with our original statements. We also spoke with our children in P4-P7 and they all agreed too! This is fantastic news as this helps us to continue to move forward as a school. We plan to raise the profile of our values through our new 'Star of the Week' certificates, our playground and assemblies. All of this will link to this year's 'School Improvement Plan'. Please look on our website for our plan and also our 'Standards and Quality Report'. I am also starting a new weekly treat with the pupils. Read over for more info!

We are very aware that many parents make use of social media as a means of communication and as a school we embrace this, if it is used in a positive way. However, if you have any questions or concerns regarding school, please do not hesitate to pop in to see us or give us a wee call. We are here to help!

Kind regards,

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Dates For Your Diary

23rd Sep	Class Newsletters this week
27th Sep	Holiday
30th Sep	Holiday
3rd Oct	Parents' Night
4th Oct	Newsletter Online
10th Oct	Harvest Service 10am at St John's Church
14th - 18th Oct	Holiday
1st Nov	Newsletter Online
7th Nov	Discos
13th Nov and 15th	Open mornings. More info to follow
18th Nov	INSET day. Children not in school.
19th Nov	INSET day. Children not in school.

Primary 1

Workshops and Disco

It was great to see so many of our Primary 1 parents/carers at our recent information evening. Mrs Lawson, Mrs Bisset and Mrs McKellar talked about the learning process in school and also gave hints and tips of things to do at home. Thank you very much for the positive responses on the evaluation sheets. During this time our Primary 1 children were having a ball at their first ever disco! A big 'Thank You' to the Parent Council for organising this. We definitely have some groovy movers in our Primary one this year!





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Starting today!



HC with the HT

If your child is the 'Star of the Week' they will receive as certificate and be invited to have hot chocolate with me in the staffroom.

Our 'Star of the Week' celebration will be linked to our school values and recognise children's efforts. If your child is not able to have hot chocolate, a drink of juice or a wee biscuit please can you let me know. Thank you!

In such a big and busy school I want to make sure I have some 'special' time with every pupil over the school year. I can't wait to hear all the chat!

Wee Riddlers Well done to the our Primary 3 pupils who last session took part in the 'Young Writer's Riddle Competition'. Their work was chosen for publication in the 'Young Writer's' book.

Breakfast Club

Our 'Breakfast Club' started this week and has already been a big hit! All children are welcome to come along to the school dinner hall, every morning from 8.25am until 8.55am.

If your child travels to school on the bus, please remind them to pop in for some toast before going out to play.

Mrs Muncie and Mrs Brownlie will be there, looking after everyone.

The children can choose from:- Rice crispy puffs with milk, 2x Weetax with milk, 2 slice of toast with spread, yogurt with a piece of fruit, plus apple or orange juice.



Please remember that there will be no adult supervision in the playground before 8.45am.



House Captains

Our new House Captains and Vice Captains were voted into post at the end of last term. They are a fab bunch and I am expecting big things from them this year! One of their first jobs will be to help show the candidates around our school when I interview for our two Principal Teachers.

Our Captains and Vice Captains this session are :-

Ash - Simon and Imogen, "Let's smash this Ash!"

Chestnut - Caitlin and Alex, "Chestnut is the best nut!"

Maple - Alex and Darcy, "Maple it's our turn to win!"

Oak - Daniel and Rebecca, "Let's go Oak, lets go!"



Our House System is a great success throughout the school. Points are given out for good behaviour, manners, lines in the playground and helping around the school. Each term the winning house receives a treat. At the end of the year all the points are tallied up and the winners receive a very special reward. Last year 'Chestnut' enjoyed a wee trip out to the Cinema.

Cost of the School Day



This session we will be seeking your views on ways in which we can reduce the cost of sending your child to school. We will also be working in partnership with our Parent Council on this matter. As a result we decided to postpone our annual fundraiser in September, because of the cost of school photos which have been taken this month.



Lockerbie Manor

Our Primary 7 children had a 'blast' at Lockerbie Manor last week. I was extremely proud of them all! All the staff at the centre commented on their excellent behaviour, team work and manners. Well done everyone! Well done also to the children who took part in Activity Week with Mrs Ferguson, Ms Lennox, Mrs Muncie and Mrs Farrance. I know you loved the many experiences that you took part in.