



Education Resources
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Dear Parents and Carers,

School almost feels a bit more normal now with everyone starting and finishing at the same time. With the introduction of this positive step forward we also made a few changes to our break times.

Breaks are now:- P4-7 10.30am-10.45am and P1-3 10.45am - 11am.

Lunchtimes are :- P4-7 12noon – 12.45pm and P1-3 12.45pm-1.30pm

Our children are now playing in their year group zones and we have organised our lunches to allow all the children, (packed lunch and school dinners) to sit together beside their year group friends in the dining hall.



Our new lunchtime organisation has enabled us to accommodate more classes using the gym hall for PE. Primary 5,6 and 7 will have PE outside once a week, and Primary 1 – Primary 4 are now indoors. This means they can wear their uniform to school everyday. Please make sure your child has their gym kit and a change of gym shoes in school. Lots of positive steps forward! At present there has been no more updates from the Scottish Government regarding schools. I will keep you posted.

The roads outside of school are extremely busy at 3pm, this is the only disadvantage to us all finishing at the same time! I must stress the importance of keeping all our children and families safe. Please think carefully about where you park at this time as we have had some complaints of dangerous driving outside the school.

Your child's report card will be heading home to you very soon. We have decided this year to write reports half way through the year as this will give you an insight into your child's learning journey so far. Please remember this is a **mid year report** and highlights progress until mid February. We will update you further during next term with a Parental phone call.

If you have any questions or anything you would like to share then please get in touch.

Take care everyone,
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Dates For Your Diary

17th March	P7 to the Science Centre
24th March	Parent Council AGM at 7pm online
30th March	P1 to the Science Centre
1st April	School closes at 2.30pm Newsletter out
19th April	School returns
Week beginning 25th April	Parental calls This may change
2nd May	HOLIDAY
5th May	INSET School closed for pupils

Parents Meetings

As I send this out today the guidance from the Scottish Governments states that parents still cannot visit the school unless there is a specific reason for which the school needs to support their child.

For this reason we will continue to organise parental phone calls later in April. These calls will give you a follow up from the report, ideas to support your child at home and give you the opportunity to ask any questions. More information will follow soon.



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School Trips

We have now been given the green light to organise school trips; something I know our children have really missed. Primary 6 recently went on a walk around the main landmarks of Hamilton. They managed to fit in a visit to Low Parks Museum, games at the Palace Grounds and a trip to McDonalds for a McFlurry! The children had a great time and were very well behaved. Who knew a trip round our town could be so much fun!



Later this month P7 and P1 will be going to the Science Centre. All stages will experience a trip before the summer. Mrs McKellar is overseeing the organisation of every trip and is using the schools participatory budget to help with the payment.

Unfortunately, following current guidelines, we are still unable to have parents in to support us in school but we will be looking for parent helpers for school trips. If you have an up to date PVG and would be interested, please phone the school office.

Learning Conversations

Mrs Faloon, Miss Officer and myself have been carrying out 'Learning Conversations' with groups of children across the school. We have been talking about their learning in numeracy and literacy, and how they know what they're learning and if they're successful. These opportunities are always very useful and give us a real insight into life in the classrooms.



Staffing Updates

Huge congratulations to Miss McEnroy who was successful at interview for the position of class teacher in Woodside. This means she is now a permanent member of our staff team.



We have also welcomed a new Support Staff member to our team, Miss Hope McAuley who is with us a couple of days a week and is currently supporting our Primary 1 children.



Over the next few weeks and months we will be having numerous teaching students on placements in our school, so listen out for a few new names being mentioned.

Swimming Lessons

Our Primary 6 and 7 children have all just finished 12 weeks of swimming coaching at Hamilton Water Palace. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and many children have developed their swimming skills. We also received many complements about their behaviour in the pool.

A big 'Thank You' to the team of parental helpers who supported the classes each week.

Cycling

Our Primary 7 children have now completed their 10 weeks of 'Bikeability' training. A big 'Thank You' to our parental cycling team for leading them through the sessions in all weathers!

Primary 6 will hopefully start the programme later this term. We are keeping our fingers crossed for some sunshine.

Crossing outside the school

A wee plea from Tony our new School Crossing Patroller. He is kindly asking that children and parents walk up to his crossing just at the gate on Johnstone Road where he is ready and waiting to get everyone across the busy road safely. Thank you.



House Colours Dress Down Day—A big Thank You to all our families who kindly donated £1 on our dress down day. All money raised will go right back to our children.

It's been lovely to see the school all colourful and we have had loads of fun with our online House Quiz!