



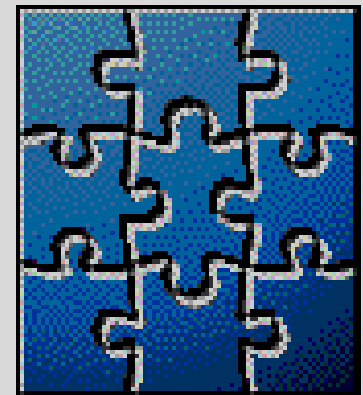
Welcome to Primary 1

Information for Parents and Carers



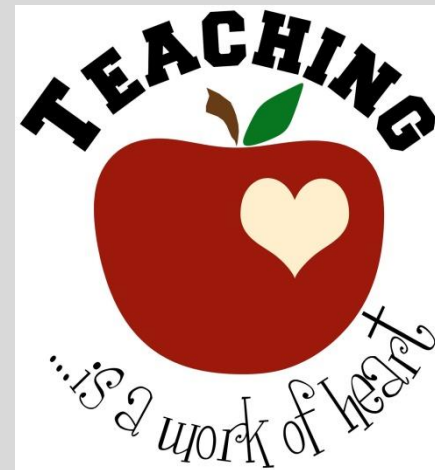
Frequently Asked Questions

- **About our school and staff**
- **The School Day**
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- **Gym Kit**



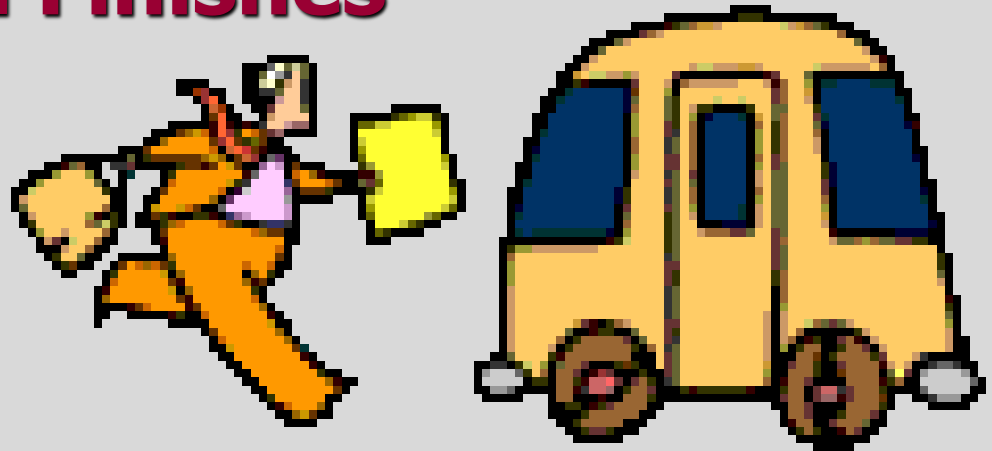
Our School Staff

- Management Team - Mrs Robertson HT, Mr Brown DHT, Mrs Johnstone PT and Mrs Russell PT
- P1 Class Teachers – Ms McCulloch and Ms Wigmore.
- Office Staff – Mrs Grant, Mrs Duncan and Mrs H.
- Playground Staff – Mrs Coles, Mrs Kemp, Ms Shaw, Mrs Kermath and
- Other Staff – Mr Hogg (Janitor)
- Projected P1 Intake – 28 pupils



Our School Day

- **Pupils arrive by bus, car, bike or on foot.**
- **9.00am school begins**
- **10.30 – 10.50am Morning Interval**
- **12.20pm - 1.20pm Lunch**
- **3.20pm School Finishes**



Learning in P1

- Maths games
- Computer
- Construction
- Sand
- Water
- Small world

- Language games
- Writing area
- Listening centre
- Role play
- Library
- Music



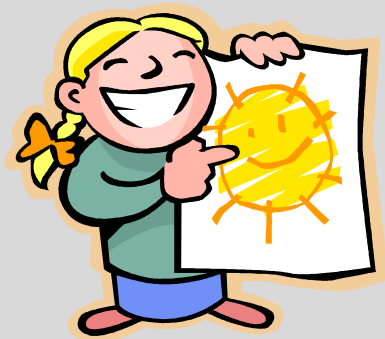
Key points

- Listening and attention skills are essential for all learning as it is more structured and disciplined than nursery.
- A big part of early years is social and emotional development.
- Learning to share.
- Lots of learning done orally.
- Mathematical concepts need time for consolidation.
- Early years is an important time for the development of fine and gross motor skills.
- Learning about events happening locally and world wide and chances to gain life experiences.



Pupils will:

- Use language to facilitate all round learning.
- Transfer skills by making connections with previous experiences and interests.
- Develop confidence, self-esteem and independence.
- Develop physical confidence and competence.
- Develop skills for life, including ICT.



Learning Through Play

- Children can investigate, explore and discover without worrying about making mistakes.
- They can be directed towards goals without feeling under pressure.
- Play is a tool for finding out about the world and for gaining many of the skills needed as a child grows.
- For young children, it is an important part of the learning process.
- Mix of spontaneous play and planned, purposeful play.
- All curricular areas will be enriched and developed through play.

***We will send a letter explaining our Play Curriculum in further detail.**



The Role of the Adults

- Involve children in making choices.
- Provide opportunities to think and talk.
- Encourage risk taking.
- Have a sense of humour.

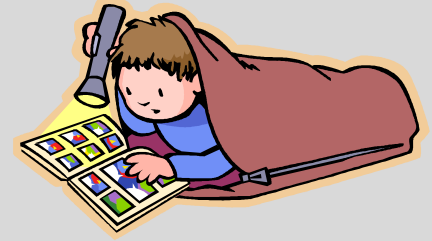


Learning at Home

- We follow Active Literacy and use Jolly Phonics. You will be sent your sounds for the week, which you will say out loud and do the action. We will also send 3 common words home a week for you to practise. *An "Active Literacy" leaflet will be sent home nearer the time to explain in further detail.
- We use Oxford Reading Tree. Reading books will be sent home once they are secure with sounds and key words.
- Maths – consolidation of class learning
- Bring 'Homework folders' daily



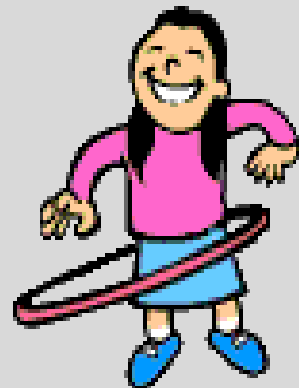
How Can You Help?



- Encourage your child to pack and unpack their schoolbag and check they have everything they need.
- Label everything – including shoes!
- Ask your child about their school day by using questions that need elaboration, such as ‘What was your favourite thing at school today?’ or ‘Tell me about your drawing’.
- Share books and provide opportunities for mark making.
- Encourage activities to improve motor skills such as using scissors, painting, playing with construction toys or scrap materials.
- Use the environment when out and about and ‘everyday’ activities to consolidate your child’s learning.
- Encourage your child to dress and undress independently.
- Encourage independent toileting.

Breaks

- Healthy snacks and activities whenever possible
- Sharing discouraged
- No glass bottles or fizzy drinks
- Playground Supervisors as point of contact
- Playground Buddies too
- Clothing suitable for weather conditions – rain and shine!



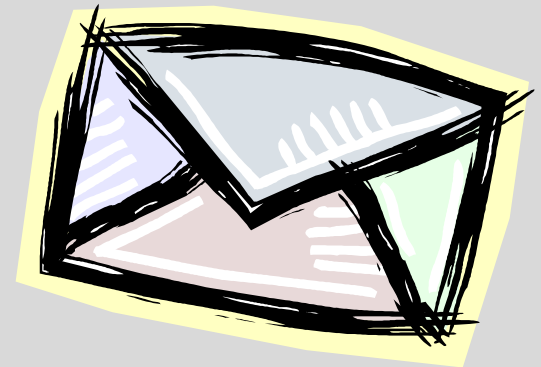
Lunchtime

- Pupils decide in morning what they will have for lunch. It is helpful to discuss these at home using the menu in your packs.
- Healthy menu provides 3 hot choices consisting of 2 courses and 1 sandwich option
- Unlimited salad bar
- Fresh bread daily
- Water, milk
- Packed lunches encouraged to eat sandwich first
- Uneaten food goes home - not into bin
- Pupils supervised by staff member
- P1-3 lunches are free



Excursions

- Payment through ParentPay
- Excursions are opt-out
- Permission through Parent Pay
- Packed lunches can be pre-ordered



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- Removing cash from school helps keep pupils safe
- Your money is guaranteed to be spent on what it was intended for!

Helps us to help your children

- Going cashless helps us focus on what's important - your children



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...IT'S EASY



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Step 1 - You'll get a letter from us about ParentPay.

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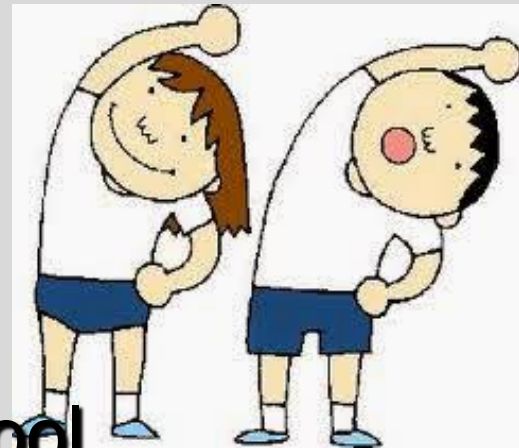
Step 2 - Activate your account.

Use the codes in your letter and you will be able to pay for school dinners and other items straight away

Step 3 - Don't miss out!

Don't forget to set up Alerts so you receive an email (free) or SMS text when your balance is low or there are new items to pay for

Gym Kit



- Items labelled
- Bag hangs on peg and stays in school
- Shorts, T-shirt, socks instead of tights, black gym shoes, spare underwear
- Outdoor gym kit required
- Can be requested for laundering!
- Change of clothes including pants and socks.
- If children are unable to tie own shoes, please could they wear velcro or slip on outdoor footwear.

The First Day!

Remember....

- All items labelled
- Tissues!
- Encourage your child to line up with their class
- Choose carefully when to leave - then GO!
- Be at the gate when pupils come out
- We are here to support you and your child!

