



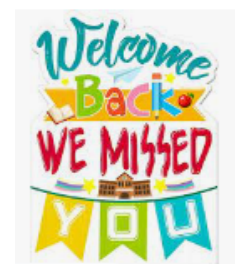
**Education Resources**  
Executive Director **Tony McDaid**  
**High Mill Primary School**  
Head Teacher: **Kirstine McDonald**

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022

Dear Parent

**Welcome to Session 2022/2023**

We hope all of our families had a lovely summer. The staff and I are excited to have the children back and are looking forward to an exciting year! We extend a warm welcome to our new Primary 1 children and their families.



The children are looking very smart in their uniforms and have had a settled start. We appreciate that the beginning of term is a time of change as the children and staff become familiar with the routines of a new class. It is natural that some children might be anxious or need some extra assistance. Please speak to a member of the team if you have any concerns about your child or if there is anything that we can do to help.

**Staffing Update**



This year we are delighted to have Miss Becca Noble and Miss Jennifer Scott as part of our teaching staff. Becca is new to High Mill and is with us until June 2023. Some of you may remember Jennifer who was our P.6/7 teacher in 2020-2021. She has now joined us permanently for 3.5 days with the remaining 1.5 days funded by PEF and South Lanarkshire Council as additionality. They are both looking forward to working with the children and in partnership with parents and our wider community.

We welcome new Support Staff to our team this session and have been allocated an additional 4 days per week compared to last session to help meet the needs of our children. Ms Shelly Lewis joins us full time replacing Mrs Hazel Richardson who left in June. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Angela Patrick back to High Mill for these 4 days. Angela works Monday to Thursday.

Some of you may have spotted that Mrs Gillian Paton is expecting a little bundle of joy! We are thrilled for Gillian and her family. She finishes with us on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for maternity leave. Miss Marie Dorrian will be covering Gillian's maternity leave and has already started with us.

**Classes and School Roll for 2022-2023**

School Roll: 87

Primary 2/1 (22 children): Mrs. Lianne Hughes  
Primary 4/3 (24 children): Miss Becca Noble & Mrs Ailidh Wilson (All day Thursday & Friday afternoon)  
Primary 6/5 (23 children): Mrs. Jill Cairns  
Primary 7 (18 children): Miss Jennifer Scott  
CCC & Interventions: Miss Stevie McNeil  
NQT Mentor & Interventions: Mrs. Ailidh Wilson

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CCC is weekly planning time which all teachers in Scotland are entitled to. Miss McNeil will be in classes at the following times:

- Primary 2/1: Tuesday 11:45am to 3pm
- Primary 6/5: Thursday 11:45am to 3pm
- Primary 7: Wednesday 11:45am to 3pm

Throughout the year, Miss McNeil will also teach classes to release teachers who are trained in interventions for learning or wellbeing e.g. Maths Recovery and Drawing and Talking.

#### P.E Days

I know that parents are eager to have P.E days confirmed and we are finalising these with Victoria Park School. We hope you appreciate that unlike standalone schools, we have shared facilities and timetables are negotiated. P.6/5 will have swimming this term and we are awaiting confirmation of the dates and times.

#### 'Meet the Teacher'

As per our Annual Calendar issued with your data packs, I am delighted to invite parents along to our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Please 'drop-in' between 8:30am - 9am or 3pm - 3:30pm to see your child's class. The teachers are looking forward to sharing information about homework, plans for the first term and the Class Charter.

I hope you have felt the positivity of a lovely new school session. The team and I look forward to working with you. Please contact the school office should you have any questions or any concerns regarding your child's learning or wellbeing.

Thank you for your support and partnership.

Yours sincerely



Kirstine McDonald  
(Head Teacher)