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Mrs Catriona Finn – Headteacher, Sprouston & Ednam

August Newsletter

It was lovely to see all our pupils back at school after the holidays and hear about all their summer adventures. We came back to our grounds looking fabulous. The children were very excited to see how their plants were thriving. Thank you to David Herriot for coming in over the summer and watering them for us and keeping them alive in the extreme heat, our tyres and planters are looking amazing. We also had some painting done on our outdoor cupboards, railings, benches, planters and picnic tables.

A fresh look for a fresh school year!



Staffing

Head Teacher
P1-7 and Principal Teacher
Learning Support
Classroom Assistant
Music
P.E.
School Administrator
P/G Supervisors
School Cook
Janitor

Mrs Catriona Finn
Mrs Angela Georgeson
Mrs Isla Burgher
Mrs Heather Waddell
Ms Michelle Gillies
Miss Denise Fairbairn
Mrs Tamsin Ashby
Mrs Heather Waddell and Mrs Tamsin Ashby
Miss Katharine Kokot
Mr Alan Currie

Pupils

We have welcomed one new pupil this term, Eilidh Stark into P1.

Message from Mrs Finn

School Improvement

All staff have been busy over the last 2 days getting things ready and engaging in training for the year ahead. Our school improvement priorities this year will be Literacy and Health and Wellbeing. All staff took part in training around Neurodiversity yesterday and we worked on how we will move forward with all our improvements.

In Health and Wellbeing, we will be revisiting our school values and expectations. If we wish standards to be high, it is important to continually revisit and work with the children on what we all need to be doing to ensure we create the best environment possible for all our children to learn and thrive.

Our school values are Kindness, Perseverance, Inclusion and Respect.

This term we will have a large focus on Respectful. We will be revisiting how we expect everyone to be respectful and will be setting expectations high in relation to this. Please support us at home over the next few weeks by asking your children about this and getting them to talk to you about what people need to do to ensure they are respectful to others.

Staffing

Mrs Georgeson will be continuing her Principal Teacher role, this includes being out of class but still in school on a Wednesday. We have appointed a new teacher to take the class on Wednesdays, this will now be Miss Gilroyd who has started with us and had a very successful first day. The class made her feel very welcome and she got to hear all about the children's holidays as it was the first day back.

Music will continue to be on a Tuesday afternoon with Ms Gillies.

School Uniform

The children always look very smart in their school uniform. We ask that all children wear the school uniform of a navy blue sweatshirt / cardigan, white or light blue polo shirt, dark skirt / trousers or shorts, plain tights or socks and dark shoes. Girls may also wear gingham dresses during the warmer weather.

School uniform can be ordered from www.border-embroideries.co.uk

Can we ask you to label all items of clothing and gym kit. It makes it so much easier for us to reunite children with their lost belongings. Thank you.

PE

Children will continue to have PE lessons on Monday afternoons and Wednesday afternoons. Please remember to make sure that your child comes in dressed for PE on these days. We have introduced a PE kit that we would like all pupils to wear, so that they all look smart as they will be wearing their PE kit for the whole day.

This will include: Black or navy tracksuit bottoms / shorts, a plain T-shirt and their school jumpers.

Lunches

Meals have all been booked for the first 2 weeks of term. Please go into ParentPay and book for 1st September onwards if you have not already done so. Please remember to keep your bookings at least 2 weeks in advance.

Please send children to school with a water bottle and raincoat.

In line with Scottish Borders Council and Scottish Governments Healthy Schools guidance Water bottles must contain water only please and **not juice**.

Please make sure that your child has something healthy for a mid morning snack at school. Please keep chocolate bars / sweets / haribos for home treats. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Playground supervision is from 8.25 – 8.40 before school starts. We ask that children do not come to school before this time.

Parking

Reminder that there is no parking for parents in the school grounds. Parents should park along Dean Road and walk with children to the school. Please do not park on the grass.

Nametags

Please remember if you order nametags through this website to quote the schools ID number which is: 30388

www.mynametags.com

Upcoming Events

Garden Centre Vouchers

Please remember if you make a purchase at any Klondyke garden centre, including Kelso, you can ask for 'gardens for schools' vouchers.

You will receive a gardens for schools voucher for every £10 spent in a single transaction in the Garden Centre or Coffee Shop.

For every 250 vouchers we collect we will get a £100 garden centre voucher.

You do have to ask for them though.



Please remember to look regularly at the School Website / Facebook page for information, news and messages and don't forget to use Easy Fundraising for online purchases ☺

