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August Newsletter



It was lovely to see all the children back at school after such a long absence. The holidays were a bit different this year but we hope everyone managed to have a nice break and spend some family time together. Hopefully we are all returning to school refreshed and ready to begin the new school year.

COVID 19

A reminder that if your child or anyone in your household shows any symptoms of Covid 19 they should contact nhs 24 for advice on how to access a test.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/> Symptoms include any one of the following; a temperature, new cough and or a loss of taste or smell.

To book a test contact: <http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If anyone in your household does have a test please let the school know and advise us of the result asap.

Staffing

Head Teacher	Mrs Catriona Finn
Principal Teacher	Mrs Barbara Shiel based at Ednam Primary
P1-7	Ms Frances McTeir
Learning Support	Isla Burgher
Classroom Assistant	Mrs Heather Waddell
Music	Miss Sally Scott
P.E.	Miss Denise Fairbairn
School Administrator	Mrs Tamsin Ashby
P/G Supervisors	Mrs Heather Waddell and Mrs Tamsin Ashby
School Cook	Vacancy
Janitor	Mr Alan Currie
Cleaner	Ms Eilidh Mathewson

Pupils

We welcome one new pupil this term, Lily Brewis into P1.

Staff

We have sadly had to say goodbye to Emma, our Cook. She has moved on to a new role, she will be greatly missed by us all. We will have a new cook starting soon but in the meantime we have Mhairi-anne, a peripatetic cook filling in for us.

Roles and Responsibilities

We will select our House Captains, Junior Road Safety Officers and Eco Group and Pupil Council Members soon.

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

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

PE

Children will be having PE lessons on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings. Please remember to make sure that your child comes in dressed for PE on these days.

A reminder of our school times for this session:

Monday – Thursday

8.40 – 10.10 (break 10.10 – 10.30)

10.30 – 12.15 (lunch 12.15 – 1.00)

1.00 – 3.15

Friday

8.40 – 10.10 (break 10.10 – 10.30)

10.30 – 11.50 (brunch/break 11.50 – 12.20)

12.20 – 12.30

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.

Nametags

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

www.mynametags.com

Xpressions App

A reminder to download this app if you have not already done so.

Reminders:

We are still collecting milk bottle tops for cancer research and empty crisp packets for the school, so please keep sending these in.

Parent Council

We are hoping to hold a 'Zoom' parent council AGM meeting in the next couple of weeks, a date and time will be sent out asap. We will invite all our parents to this and hope that you can join us.

Autumn term

Due to national guidance all schools resume on Tuesday 11 August 2020. As a result, the 2021 Summer holidays will start a week earlier, on 23 June.

- Monday 10 August - Staff in service day
- Tuesday 11 August - All resume
- Friday 9 Oct 2020 - Last day for pupils and staff - mid term holiday
- Monday 19 Oct 2020 - All resume
- Thursday 12 Nov 2020 - Staff in service day
- Friday 13 Nov 2020 - Staff in service day
- Monday 30 Nov 2020 - St Andrew's Day holiday, school closed
- Friday 18 Dec 2020 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Winter term

- Tuesday 5 Jan 2021 - All resume
- Thursday 11 Feb 2021 - Last day for pupils - February holiday
- Friday 12 Feb 2021 - Staff in service day
- Wednesday 17 Feb 2021 - All resume
- Thursday 1 Apr 2021 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Summer term

- Monday 19 Apr 2021 - All resume (Good Friday falls within Spring break)
- Friday 30 Apr 2021 - Staff in service day
- Monday 3 May 2021 - May Day holiday, school closed
- Wednesday 23 Jun 2021 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Casual holidays

Each [learning community](#) allocates 2 casual holidays for pupils and staff which are usually aligned to their local festivals.

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- Monday 19 Oct 2020
- Wednesday 17 Feb 2021

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Please remember to look regularly at the School App / Xpressions App / Website / Facebook / Twitter pages for information, news and messages and don't forget to use Easy Fundraising for online purchases 😊

