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Mrs Catriona Finn – Headteacher, Sprouston & Ednam

August Newsletter



It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the holidays and hear about all their adventures. We hope everyone had a lovely summer.

Staffing

Head Teacher	Mrs Catriona Finn
Principal Teacher	Mrs Barbara Shiel based at Ednam Primary
P1-7	Mrs Angela Georgeson
Learning Support	Mrs 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	Mrs Maggie Morgan
Janitor	Mr Alan Currie
Cleaner	Mrs Tracy Liddle

Pupils

We welcome one new pupil this term, Archie Routledge into P3.

Staff

Mrs Bruce will be working mostly over at Ednam but she will be supporting us as and when needed as a classroom assistant. We also welcome Mrs Maggie Morgan as our School cook.

Roles and Responsibilities

This year we are only going to have 2 houses and they will be Willow and Hawthorn. The house captains are:

Willow:	Callum Fuller-Shapcott
Hawthorn:	Faye Jones
Junior Road Safety Officer:	Kyle Pinder
Bus Monitor:	Kyle Pinder

School Roll

From Monday our school roll stands at 6 pupils with a possible P1 pupil starting with us which would take us to 7. This number is low but I want to reassure you that this does not place our school at risk of closure. We are fully staffed and are making plans, as we do every year, to ensure that every child's needs are met in every way. We are fully committed to growing this school and giving each child an excellent education full of fun and memories.

Activities

Due to our pupil numbers this year it will give us a unique opportunity to really enrich our curriculum with trips out of school. Use of staff cars will mean there will be no need to pay for any transport costs. Plans will be made each term in line with class planning of learning.

We will start a weekly swimming session when we are able to - covid depending.

This term we are planning a trip to the garden centre to have a look at what we can do to enhance our wildlife pond and our lovely outside area. As part of our topic on the Olympics and Paralympics we hope to take the children to the high school to use some of their outside sporting facilities like the running tracks.

If you have any further suggestions of local places to explore we would love to hear them.

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.

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

PE

Children will be having PE lessons on Monday afternoons and Thursday afternoons. 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 as this is the best and quickest way to send and receive messages to and from the school.

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, we would like to arrange a time that would benefit most parents. **Could you please let Tamsin know, by sending in an email, what time would be best for you out of the following options:**

Options

Mid morning – 11.30am

Just before the end of the school day – 2.30pm

Evening – 7pm

Due to having fewer families as part of the school this year we would really encourage you to support the Parent Council and hope that we see as many of you as possible for the meetings.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 15th Nov – 3.30pm

Mon 13th Dec -6.30pm

Tues 31st May - 3.30pm

Thurs 2nd June (PM)

Thurs 16th June (PM)

Mon 27th June

Parents Evening.

Christmas Concert.

Parents Evening.

Sports Day.

Back up Sports Day

Celebration Assembly

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



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School term dates for 2021-22

Autumn term

- Monday 16 Aug 2021 - Staff resume, in service day
- Tuesday 17 Aug 2021 - In service day
- Wednesday 18 Aug 2021 - Pupils resume
- Friday 8 Oct 2021 - Last day for pupils and staff - mid term holiday
- Monday 18 Oct 2021 - Staff resume, in service day
- Tuesday 19 Oct 2021 - Pupils resume
- Monday 29 Nov 2021 - St Andrews Days - schools closed
- Tuesday 30 Nov 2021 - All resume
- Thursday 23 Dec 2021 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Winter term

- Monday 10 Jan 2022 - All resume
- Friday 11 Feb 2022 - Last day for pupils - February holiday
- Monday 14 Feb 2022 - Last day for staff, in service day - February holiday
- Monday 21 Feb 2022 - All resume
- Friday 1 Apr 2022 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Summer term

- Monday 18 Apr 2022 - All resume
- Monday 2 May 2022 - May day holiday, school closed
- Tuesday 3 May 2022 - Staff resume, in service day
- Wednesday 4 May 2022 - Pupils resume
- Thursday 30 June 2022 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Casual holidays

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

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- Friday 8 Oct 2021
- Monday 30 May 2022