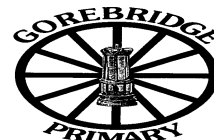




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## Caring, Preparing for Life...

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends of Gorebridge Primary,

I hope you are enjoying the Summer term despite the unpredictable weather. Thankfully we managed to have our sports day at the third time of asking. Now we are into our final two weeks of term I would like to provide you with an update on different aspects of school life.

### Reminder for Parents/Pupils

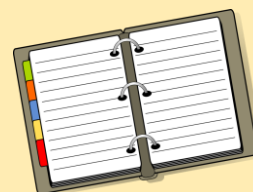
- Please remember to pay online for school lunch daily - £2.10 as of the new term if not in receipt of free school meals
- Please be aware that the 3 disabled parking bays to the front of the school are for blue badge holders **ONLY!** These are not drop off spaces.
- Please remember to supply your child with indoor shoes/P.E kit and make sure these are labelled with your child's name to prevent being lost.
- Please be aware that no dogs are permitted in the school grounds at any time.
- All pupils of the Gorebridge Primary School Family are expected to wear school uniform!

We aim for high standards in all aspects of school life including uniform. It is smart, hard wearing and good value for money and gives our pupils a sense of belonging to our school family, and we ask all parents/carers to support the school by encouraging your child to wear school uniform.

Badged school uniform can now be ordered online: [www.beschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.beschoolwear.co.uk)

## Summer Newsletter 2019

### Dates for your diary:



Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – P7 BBQ

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – P4 trip (Mining Museum)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Leavers Assembly – 10am at the church

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Break for Summer Holiday**  
**\*12:25pm\***

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!**



**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August – All Return**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – P4 Swimming starts

### P7 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Our P7 Leavers Assembly will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 10am at the Church.

All welcome!



## Improvement Plan 2019/2020

Below is an overview of key priorities we are taking forward next session post inspection:

- Improving the consistency and quality of Learning and Teaching
- Working together as a school community to develop, promote and sustain an aspirational vision for the school and its curriculum
- Provide high quality support that enables all children and young people to achieve success
- Develop tracking and monitoring so that it is well understood and is used effectively to secure improved outcome for all learners.
- Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion: Develop behavior and relationships

## Summer Fair

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising our Summer Fair and all our families for contributing. It was a fantastic event and has raised an incredible £1300. This event illustrates the outstanding work the Parent Council and PTA carry out for our school.

## Pupil Equity Fund

Thank you to those of you who completed our PEF Survey. I am pleased to let you know that we will fund many of the ideas you have been positive about on your feedback. Below is an indication of how we will allocate the funding:

- Home School Practitioner (Brenda Ferguson)
- Nurture Base (Staffing)
- Newbattle Early Intervention Wellbeing Structure and partnership Manager
- Empowering Families (Therapeutic Support)
- After School Clubs
- Walking Bus
- Family Breakfast
- Additional Class Teacher
- Funding to reduce cost of school camps
- Extra day support for learning

## Parent Council & PTA News

*Upcoming PTA event dates:*

*Halloween Disco – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October*

*Valentines Disco – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February*

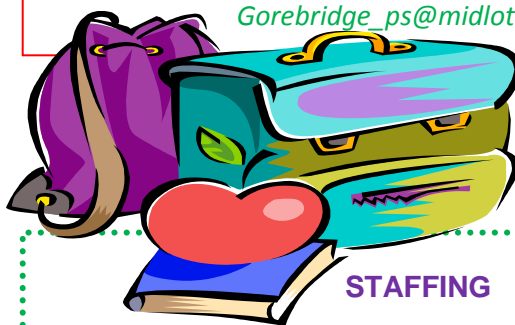
*Summer Fair – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June*

*There are a number of different ways to be involved with the PTA, such as:*

- *Member of the Parent Council*
- *Member of the PTA or both*
- *Occasional helper – at discos, events and the fair to supervise and help set up/clear away.*

*If you are interested in helping please email our chair with your details, Carey Fairgrieve at:*

*[careyfairgrieve@gmail.com](mailto:careyfairgrieve@gmail.com) or the school office at: [Gorebridge\\_ps@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:Gorebridge_ps@midlothian.gov.uk)*



## **STAFFING**

*As noted in a recent a separate letter we are sorry to see some of our staff leaving for pastures new. We do however have some new staff joining us next session.*

*Two Newly Qualified Teachers (NQT's) will join our team. Miss Hunter will continue with us and Miss Dodds will start with us in August. We also have two teachers joining us in part time posts next session.*

*We look forward to welcoming them all to our Gorebridge Family.*

## **CLASSES**

Earlier this term our local authority informed us that we would have our children across 12 classes next session. What this would have meant is that many of our classes would have had higher numbers of children. Through using small amount of funding from our Pupil Equity Fund and staffing budget we have been able to fund an additional teacher meaning we will have 13 classes next session. Despite some classes having high numbers, this has helped reduce class sizes across the school.

Next session we will have two P1 classes and a P1/2 class. The impact of this has been some change to the making up of classes from P2-P4. The formation of these classes has been carried out following Midlothian's policy 'The Formation of Classes in Midlothian Primary Schools'.