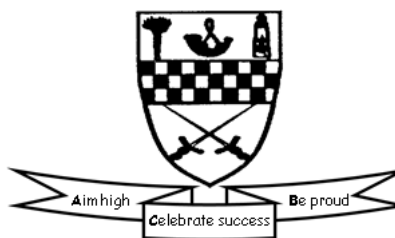


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A Message from Mrs Woodyer

What a very busy term we have had and once again some challenging times for our families and staff! I would like to thank all the parents/carers for their support and understanding throughout this term, especially when a decision was made by the Health Protection Team to move the school to remote learning. The staff worked very hard, at short notice to provide online learning and families responded well to the move to Google Classrooms and Google Meets once again.

Since August 2020 until now, we have seen so many changes within the school and children and staff have adapted so well to the 'new normal'. We have had so many celebrations of learning and achievements within the school and staff have missed the community connections with families. We hope that in the future we can get back to having parents in school - opening our doors so children can share their learning, hosting whole school/class assemblies with families and friends, organising Spring/Christmas Fayres, parents attending parent consultations and meeting face to face, to name but a few. We are looking forward to seeing if some of these things can return over the course of next year.

At this time of year there are normally a few changes in staffing and would like to take the opportunity to wish Miss McKenzie a very happy retirement. She has worked at Mauricewood since August 2006 and taught at Newtongrange Primary School before that. Miss McKenzie has thoroughly enjoyed teaching and throughout her career she has demonstrated her love for musicals by putting together shows by the drama club and her passion for cooking by leading the cooking club for P5 children, to name just a few of her talents! Miss McKenzie is now looking forward to spending her time with family and friends and keeping her fingers crossed that she will be able to enjoy her travels once again.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Head Teacher, Mrs Jennifer Mouat in August. Mrs Mouat is very excited about her move to Mauricewood and can't wait to get to know all the children, families and staff. We are also looking forward to welcoming Miss Kristel Maley and Mrs Sarah Richard to join the teaching staff at Mauricewood. We are so pleased to have Miss Sheerin joining our staff permanently and Miss Lothian will have her contract extended. Mrs Gallard-Coetzee will continue to work with Mrs Bee. Mrs Robertson will be taking maternity leave as she is expecting a baby in September.

As we say goodbye to our P7 families and friends we hope to hear of continued successes and achievements. I would like to wish everyone - parents and carers, children and staff, a safe and restful summer. Find time to be good to yourselves and we look forward to welcoming back our classes in the new term.

Susan Woodyer
Acting Head Teacher

Our classes for next session will be:

Current Class	New class and Teacher
P1B	P1/2B with Mrs Burrell or P2A with Mrs Anderson (letters already issued)
P1W	P1/2B with Mrs Burrell or P2A with Mrs Anderson (letters already issued)
P1/2M	P2/3M/B with Mrs Gallard-Coetzee (Monday & Tuesday) and Mrs Bee (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) until October then Mrs McClelland returns to do Monday & Tuesday
P2A	P3B with Mrs Bell
P2/3	P3/4N with Miss Nemeč
P3L	P4R with Miss Ross
P4B	P5B with Mrs Barr
P4S	P5L with Mrs Lee (Monday & Tuesday) and Miss Lothian (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)
P5B	P6R with Mrs Richard and Mrs MacLeod (Wednesday)
P5R	P6C with Mrs Cunningham
P6C	P7S with Miss Sheerin
P6M	P7M with Miss Maley

School Uniform

Border Embroideries are providing our school uniform orders for next session. You can make a direct order on their website and delivery can be made to your home or your order can be collected.

Further information is available on their website
<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk>

Please remember - red school hoodie/uniform is kept for our Primary 7 classes and should only be worn by them. It is one of the privileges for their last year in primary school.

Farewell to our Primary 7 classes

We cannot believe the time has come to say goodbye to our Primary 7 classes. We wish them the best of luck as they move to their chosen High School and we hope they settle in quickly and work hard. This year has presented many challenges for the classes and they have coped remarkably well.

They have made us very proud and we hope they enjoy their final week at primary school.

Primary 7 children will be issued lateral flow testing kits from our school, with an instruction leaflet, to ensure they can begin testing before they start High School in August.



Free School Meals

Many of you will already be aware of the Scottish Government's commitment to offering free school meals to all primary age children. This will be a roll-out programme starting with Primary 4 children getting a free school meal in August 2021 as well as all children in P1-3, as was previously the case. Dates of when P5-7 will begin receiving their free school meal will be confirmed in due course.

The lunch menus will continue to operate on a 3 week rota and families should have received these already.

When we return in August there is a form for those children who will be in P2-4 to select their meals for Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th August. Our new Primary 1 children will receive a sandwich lunch on these days.

Our lunch rotas will then begin on Week 2 on Monday 23rd August.

If your children would prefer to bring their own lunch from home then please provide a packed lunch. Primary 5-7 pupils should continue to bring packed lunches until further notice.

Return to school

At this point in time we are expecting schools to return in August with the same guidance in place as we have been following thus far. Should this guidance change before our return we will communicate with parents via Groupcall emails and our School App for Parents. Please check for updates nearer the return date on Wednesday 18th August.

Our new Primary 1 classes will only be in from 9.30am - 12pm Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th August. All other classes will have staggered entry and exit times as from Wednesday 18th August, as shown in the table below. Adults will be in the playground before school to help children with these locations.

<u>New Year group and class</u>	<u>Arrive in school building</u>	<u>Break time/ Lunchtime</u>	<u>Leave school</u>
P1M & P1W enter P1 door	8.50am	10.50-11.05am /12.50pm -1.35pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.20pm Friday – 12.10pm
P2A and P1/2B enter P1 door	9.05am	10.50-11.05am /12.50pm -1.35pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.30pm Friday – 12.30pm
P2/3M/B and P3/4N enter P3 door	8.50am	10.30-10.45am/ 12pm- 12.45pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.15pm Friday – 12.25pm
P3B & P4R enter garden gate	9.05am	10.30-10.45am/ 12pm- 12.45pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.30pm Friday – 12.30pm
P6R enter at Fire Exit	8.55am	10.50-11.05am /12.50pm -1.35pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.20pm Friday – 12.30pm
P6C enter at classroom door	8.55am	10.50-11.05am /12.50pm -1.35pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.20pm Friday – 12.30pm
P5B & P5L enter at classroom door	9.05am	10.30-10.45am/ 12pm- 12.45pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.30pm Friday – 12.30pm
P7M & P7S enter at classroom door	8.50am	10.50-11.05am /12.50pm -1.35pm	Mon- Thurs - 3.15pm Friday – 12.25pm

Transitions

We have plans in place for each class to meet with their new class teacher via a short Google Meet while in their current classes and classrooms in order to help ensure as smooth a transition as possible.

Gifts for Teachers

We know parents like to show their appreciation to our teachers at the end of term by buying gifts. Please do not feel that you must do this, however if you wish to do so then please can we ask that these are brought in before the end of term to allow staff to quarantine them.

Work from the Year

We will be passing on jotters and pieces of work to the next class teacher rather than sending work home at the end of term. In this current climate we are discouraging items being brought to and from school and feel it would be more beneficial and safer for the next class teacher to have this information.

Holiday Programme

Penicuik YM are offering a holiday programme to run throughout the summer holidays. If any families would like further information about the availability of spaces and what is on offer then please contact the YM directly. We also have this information on our school app.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th June - End of Term -

Please note school closes at usual Friday finishing times

12.15pm - P1W & P1B

12.25pm - P2/3 & P3L, P7N & P7R

12.30pm - P2A& P1/2M, P4B & P4S, P5B & P5R, P6C & P6M

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th August - Staff Inservice days - no pupils in school

Wednesday 18th August - Pupils return to school

Covid Procedures

We would like to thank all of our parents/carers for supporting school so well in following Government advice regarding self-isolating and dealing with Covid symptoms. It is really making a big difference to keeping our community safe.

