



Newsletter

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Staffing update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs McNeill back to school following her maternity leave. Until the summer Mrs McNeil has joined our Support for Learning team. She is currently working with some of our P7 learners. Mr Bradley, MA within our ELC setting is currently absent from work. We wish him well and hope he returns to our school.

Class Structure 2021-2022

Our proposed class structure for next session will increase to 15 classes. Learners who are currently in composite classes this session, will remain in their current class structures next session.

Current 2020/21 Session	New 2021/22 Session
	P1a
	P1b
	P1c
P1a	P2a
P1b	P2b
P1/2	P2/3
P2	P3
P2/3	P3/4
P3	P4
P3/4	P4/5
P4	P5
P4/5	P5/6
P5	P6
P6a	P7a
P6b	P7b

We are still in the process of planning our staffing structure for next session and will communicate this in due course. Normally we have transition activities in school, which allow children to meet their new teacher, see their new classroom and know where they will line up on the first day back after the summer holidays. However due to the pandemic and current restrictions we may have to alter the activities that your child will take part in. When we confirm who your child's new teacher will be next session, we will also share with you, our in school transition plans.

End of Year Reports

We will be providing written end of year reports as usual this year. Reports will be sent home towards the end of June.

Sports Day

Due to current Covid Guidance, we will be hosting a 'Sports Week' instead of a whole school 'Sports Day'. Our 'Sports Week' will take place week beginning 31st May 2021. Each class will be given a time slot across the week to complete Sports circuit activities in the playground. Our ELC will also participate in their 'Sports Day', in their cohorts, during this week. We will share this information on the school app in due course. Learners can come to school in their sports clothes on their day. Look out for photos on Twitter!

School Uniform

Uniform without the school emblem can be purchased from supermarkets and department stores or online from our school uniform supplier, Border Embroideries www.beschoolwear.co.uk with our school emblem embroidered on items including polo shirts/t-shirts, cardigans, sweatshirts, fleeces, jackets, school bags, gym bags. Please note that to reduce cash handling we are now encouraging all parents and carers to order the embroidered uniform online. You can arrange for your order to be delivered free to the school. Border Embroideries now also have a retail store at 187A Dundee Street in Edinburgh.

We have a school uniform bank with lots of 'nearly new' uniform for families. Please contact the school if you would like to access this.

The Authority operates a scheme of **free school meals and clothing grant scheme** to assist parents in ensuring that a child is sufficiently and suitably clad to take full advantage of the education provided. Families in receipt of Income-based Job Seekers allowance, on Income Support, Universal Credit and Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit (subject to a maximum annual income), both maximum Child Tax Credit and maximum Working Tax Credit (subject to a maximum annual income) or support under Part VI or the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 will automatically qualify for such a scheme. Other cases will be determined according to the personal circumstances of the family. Parents who wish to apply for the scheme should complete an application form which is available from FSMAwards@midlothian.gov.uk. If you need any assistance in completing the application please do not hesitate to ask.

Attendance, absence and late procedures

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow your child to fulfil their potential and for them to have the best possible start in life. Together we can work in partnership to ensure that your child attends school regularly. If your child is unable to attend school or is going to be late to school, parents should telephone by 09:30 a.m. If no phone call is received, we will endeavor to make contact with parents or carers by text and/or phone.

If there is anything that we can do as a school to support you with your child's attendance/ punctuality please do not hesitate to contact us. Lee Grieve our **Home School Practitioner** is also here to help support you. Lee can also help with the following:

- Health & Wellbeing concerns at school including learning and development and school attendance.
- Family members feeling overwhelmed, low mood, stressed, anxious.
- Unemployment, Housing, Universal Credits.
- Family changes i.e. children having to stay with another carer or family separation
- Bereavement, coping with family illness or disability.
- Family substance misuse or addiction.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Friday 21st May
Wider Curriculum

Monday 24th May
Holiday for children
In-service day for staff

Friday 28th May
P1 Assembly

Monday 31st May
Sports Week ELC-P7

Monday 31st May
Parent Council Meeting

Friday 4th June
Making a difference Assembly

Wednesday 6th June
P1 Transition Virtual Meeting for
Parents, 4:00-5:00pm

Thursday 7th June
P1 Transition Virtual Meeting for
Parents, 6:00-7:00pm

Friday 11th June
Wider Curriculum

Friday 18th June
Achievement Assembly

Wednesday 23rd June
ELC Graduation

Thursday 24th June
P7 Graduation

Friday 25th June
Summer Service
End of Term

Park Smart Campaign



Congratulations to Lexi in P3/4 for winning our design a Park Smart banner. The banners are currently getting made. Look out for them appearing on our school railings in due course.

Can we please remind parents and carers to be cautious and courteous drivers during drop off and pick up times, to ensure the safety of our school community and local residents, in particular on St. David's Street by the school as there are a lot of pedestrians using this street.

There are a number of ways you can help improve this community matter:

- Those living nearby could walk children to and from school.
- Allow yourself more time to find safe, considerate parking.
- Always park in a safe and considerate manner to avoid a child or pedestrians being hurt.
- Before you set off on the school run, please think about where you are going to park so that you keep children safe.
- Park further away from school and walk the last 5 minutes.
- Reduce speed limit to 5 mph on the streets around the school during drop off and pick up times.

Playground

We continue to request that **EVERYONE** continues to play their part in keeping our school community safe during drop off and pick up times.

During these times, we request that:

- **You arrive at school as close to your child's start time/ pick up time**, spending as little time in the playground as possible and avoid gathering with other households
- **All adults and carers wear face-coverings** whilst on school property, including the car park.
- **All parents and carers socially distance** from all adults and children out with your household and **do not gather in groups**.
- **Parents and carers do not wait in the playground between the two start times and two pick up times. Please do not spend time chatting to each other in the playground.**
- **Keep playground access points clear including the car park, these exist** so children and adults can access and leave the school grounds safely.

