



Paradykes Post



19th August 2022

Dear Families,

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back to school this week! It always amazes me how much they can change in 6 weeks - and they all have a summer glow about them!



Staffing

Just for your information, here is a list of classes and teachers for this session:

- P1a Miss Hodgkinson
- P1b Miss Roberts
- P1c Mr Scott-Stirling
- P2a Mrs Murray (Mon-Thurs)
Miss Morrison (Friday)
- P2b Miss Lynch
- P3a Miss Thomson
- P3b Miss Thorburn
- P4 Mrs Simpson
- P4/5 Miss Brownsell
- P5 Mr Ross
- P6 Mrs Borthwick (Mon-Thurs)
Mrs Eunson (Friday)
- P6/7 Miss Murrin
- P7 Miss Mackenzie

We welcome all of our new staff and hope they are very happy with us!



Annual Data Check and KIC Forms

Thank you to those of you who have already returned your Annual Data Check form. These are really important, in that they provide us with your latest, most up to date details.

Please can we also ask you to complete the online Key Information and Consent form which can be found here: [Kic Form 2022/23](#) This form lets us know emergency contacts, medical information and your consents in relation to photographs, social media etc. Thank you for your time spent completing these. Please can you complete a form for each of your children. New primary 1 parents may have already completed a paper copy of this form.



Soft Start

As a school, we firmly believe that children need to be settled and calm before they are ready and in a place to learn. To promote this, we have introduced a 'Soft Start' in all classes. This is where children choose the play activities they would like to start their day with, allowing them to take control of their own learning, to develop their social skills and to enhance their general wellbeing. If you have any games, construction etc. surplus at home, we would love to take them off your hands! Please just hand them in to the school office. Thank you!

Open Afternoon

On Wednesday 31st August, we would like to invite you in to school to have a look around the building and to see your child/ren's classroom(s). More information will follow, but please put the date in your diary!

Medication

Just a reminder, if your child requires medication in school, including inhalers, then the relevant paperwork needs to be updated. Forms are available from the school office. Please also be aware that it is your responsibility to ensure that we have 'in date' medication. Thank you!



Football Cards

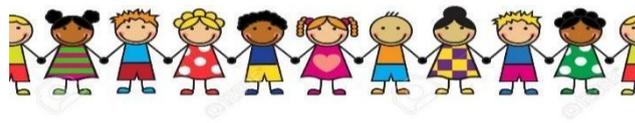
Please can I ask that no football cards are brought into school. They tend to lead to arguments and disagreements when they are traded and swapped. Thank you for your support with this!

Parking

Please can I ask you all to be extremely mindful if you are parking at the front of the school in the morning. It can be extremely congested and driveways and junctions are becoming blocked and dangerous. We have a large car park at the back of the school with plenty of spaces and direct access to the school playground. Thank you for your consideration.

Smoking

It has been brought to my attention that some people are smoking just outwith the school grounds at drop off and pick up times. Whilst this is not prohibited, please be mindful of children entering and exiting school.



Please do not hesitate to contact the school, myself or any member of the leadership team if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions.

Have a lovely weekend!

Helen Reed (Head Teacher)

Quotes of the week

'It's too early...even this is too early! I'd still be in my bed!' P7 pupil at 12.05pm!

'I'm so lucky! I get to be in school on my birthday!' P5 pupil

School dates for your diary

- 31.08.22 4:00 - 5:30pm Open Afternoon
- 16.09.22 and 19.09.22 September Weekend Holiday
- 14.10.22 Break up for the October holiday
- 24.10.22 Inservice Day for Staff
- 25.10.22 Children return to school
- 15.11.22 Parent Consultations
- 17.11.22 Parent Consultations
- 20.12.22 Break up for Christmas
- 04.01.23 Inservice Day for Staff
- 05.01.23 Children return to school
- 10.02.23 Break up for the February holiday
- 20.02.23 Staff and children return to school
- 17.03.23 Profiles sent out
- 31.03.23 Break up for Easter
- 17.04.23 Staff and children return to school
- 01.05.23 May Day Bank Holiday
- 22.05.23 Victoria Day - Inservice Day for Staff
- 30.05.23 Parent Consultations
- 01.06.23 Parent Consultations
- 06.06.23 Sports Day
- 22.06.23 P7 Leavers' Show
- 28.06.23 Break up for the Summer holiday