

Tynewater Primary School

a thinking-caring learning community

Information for Parents

Nursery to P7: email / copy per family via oldest child

Friday 1 February 2019



Our School Aims We believe that each of us can confidently:

- Be ambitious, imaginative and creative
- Make healthy choices to take care of ourselves, others, and our environment
- Seek new challenges to learn together to achieve our goals
- Explore, be involved in, and build up our community

Modelling attitudes and behaviour; thinking before we do or say something:

Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it inspiring? (build up?) Is it needed? Is it kind?" t-h-i-n-k

Dear Parents / Carers and Pupils,

Please find the following items attached by email / enclosed:		For:
Diary Information from 7 January onwards		Nursery to P7
Midlothian Education's Annual School Survey for Parents of <u>Nursery and / or Primary Pupils:</u> Could you please take 5 minutes to complete this by Friday 8 February by following this link: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PrimaryParents2019		Nursery to P7
Your feedback is very useful for us to develop our school.		
A leaflet from our Rights Respecting School Pupil Voice-Leadership Group		Nursery to P7
Our new School Policy on Learning Beyond School, at home, and 'out and about'		P1 to P7
Our new School Policy on Achieving an Optimum Learning Culture		P1 to P7

Welcome to:

Ms Carlene Rae, Modern Apprentice, with our nursery Classes on Tuesdays to Fridays inclusive.

Ms Melissa Turnbull, full-time temporary Childcare Development Worker, with our nursery Classes.

Ms Rachel Dunnigan, PGDE Student Teacher, with P5 and Ms Blyth, from Monday 28 January to Friday 1 March.

Thank you to:

Mrs Fiona Donaldson, Learning Assistant, Tuesdays to Fridays inclusive, who leaves Tynewater PS on Friday 1 March after 3 years' service, to take up a permanent Learning Assistant post in the Scottish Borders where her home is.

Pupils, staff and parents for helping to raise £358.49 for BBC Children in Need on Friday 16, Thursday 22 and Friday 30 November 2018.

Our Parent Council, all Parent Helpers, sponsoring businesses, pupils, staff and members of our community for raising a tremendous £2,686.88 at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 1 December 2018.

All Parents, Pupils and Teachers for our January P1 to P7 Parent-Pupil-Teacher meetings with a 96% participation rate.

P6 and P7 Dunedin Consort music workshops

Dunedin Consort thank us for hosting Clea and their musicians for the music workshops before Christmas. They hope that our pupils enjoyed taking part and learned a lot in the process, and also that they all enjoyed their visit to the Queen's Hall for 'the Children's Messiah'. Some pictures of the event are on the Dunedin Consort website for us to view: <https://www.dunedin-consort.org.uk/news/childrens-messiah-2018/>

On our School website:

- Each Class's magazine page for October to December 2018
- Each Class Teacher's Plans for Teaching and Learning for Period 5 from 7 January to 8 February
- Our A to Z of Information for Parents

In adverse weather conditions all Midlothian schools will do everything possible to remain open. Please visit the Midlothian Council website (www.midlothian.gov.uk School closures) as early in the morning as possible and listen to Radio Forth for up-to-date information. Please do not telephone the school. The most up-to-date information will be on the Midlothian Council website from approximately 05.30 in the morning.

As always, please feel free to speak with me if you have any feedback, suggestions, questions, concerns, or simply need to talk through something. I am always happy to meet with you about any matter relating to your child(-ren), or about improving learning in our school.

Our Tynewater Staff Team are committed to working with you each day to maximize each and every child's progress in their learning.

With best wishes for our Spring Term,

Douglas Lawson *Head Teacher*