

Education Resources
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Term 1 Newsletter



Welcome back for session 2023-2024. The children have all settled well into their new classes and are already working extremely hard. We have a few events planned for this term and details of these are included in this letter. Please also remember that you can phone into the school at any time should you have any queries or concerns. Our door is always open and we'd be glad to see you.

Mrs Bradford

Parent Council

The AGM is being held on Tuesday 26th September at 7pm in the school. As soon as the members are elected, we will let you know. Minutes for Parent Council meetings will be shared on the School App. Please feel free to join us – it's a great team and they certainly have positive impact upon the service we provide for our children.

Outdoor Learning

We are planning to use our outdoor spaces on a regular basis for learning. Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for our changeable weather every day. There are coats & jumpers available on our pre-loved rails if required.

Parking



A gentle reminder that the entrance to the school is very busy with children arriving and leaving at the beginning and end of the school day. If you are dropping your child at school by car, can you please be mindful of our neighbours and avoid blocking driveways – even if it is for a short period of time. **Can you also avoid driving into White Craw Court as this then means you are required to reverse when you are leaving and this poses a significant threat to the children arriving on foot.** There are occasions at the end of the day when we have not managed to close the school gate – this does not mean the car park can be used as a turning point. The children are not used to there being moving vehicles in the car park at the end of the day and are not used to looking out for them. Thank you.

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Meet the Teacher

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents/carers to come along and meet your child's teacher and visit their classroom on Tuesday 19th September. This event will take place at 3pm. Please collect your child as normal and make your way to the gym hall where there will be information on various aspects of our school. followed by a visit to the class. If you cannot make the event, your child will travel home in the usual manner on that day. The children love sharing their school experience with you and it would be lovely to see you all there.



Lockerbie Manor

The P6s and P7s are all getting excited about their trip in October. An information evening is being held in the gym hall on Thursday 14th September at 6.15pm for all parents of children going.

Pupil Progress Meetings

You will be invited to speak to your child's teacher on the evening of Thursday 12th October to discuss their progress. These will all be face to face meetings held in the school. Please note, there will not be opportunity to look at your child's work during this evening, but we will run another series of Coffee Afternoons during week beginning 2nd October when your child will talk you through all they have been learning. More information will follow nearer the time.

Pupil Equity Funding – Participatory Budget

We will shortly be seeking your views on how we should spend a portion of our Pupil Equity Fund this year. We have £1715 allocated to this. The consultation will start with the children and we will share their ideas with you and give you the opportunity to vote for how you think the money should be spent. This budget is allocated to the school each year to allow us to minimise the detrimental impact poverty can have on a child's learning and ensure all children have equal opportunity of a variety of experiences.

Standards and Quality Report and School Improvement Plan

Following the results of our end of year consultations, we have devised our Standards and Quality Report, this details our achievements from last year, and an Improvement Plan which highlights our priorities for this year. A copy of the improvement plan is included at the end of this newsletter and the S&Q will be available on the website, within the next few weeks. If you have any comments or questions about this, please contact Mrs Bradford who would be pleased to discuss this with you.

House Captains

Well done to this year's House Captains. They had to prepare a speech to share with the whole school in order to convince the other pupils to vote for them. They are:

Rebekah Greenan – Somerville

Lilly Douglas– Medwyn

Emily Gold – Langwhang

Callum McCarron – Couthally

Look out for some exciting House Events in the coming year.

Other Committees

Children will have the opportunity to be part of a number of other committees. This will allow them the opportunity to lead learning and improvement throughout the school.

These include:

Sports Committee

Pupil Council

Digital Leaders

Eco Committee

Young Leaders of Learning

It is our aim that all children feel they have the opportunity to share ideas and influence the life of the school.

Playground Security

The safety of your children is always extremely important. In order to support us with this can you please bear in mind the following:

- No parents are permitted in the playground between 9am and 3pm.
- Only P1 parents are permitted into the playground to collect children from their class.
- All other children should be met at the school gate if being collected.
- Please **do not** enter the playground before the 3pm bell has gone.

Thank you

Sharing Our Learning on 'X'

It was brought to our attention that there was an issue with some of the followers we had on X(Twitter). As a result, we have changed the settings on all the accounts. Nobody will be able to follow any of the school accounts or see what is posted without being accepted by us. Please let us know if you want to follow us but you aren't easily identifiable through your username. This also means that none of our posts can be reposted by the school account. Please ensure you are following the correct members of staff to see all the exciting learning that happens in our school and nursery. There is a staff list below that includes who you need to follow for each class.

Session 2023-2024 - Staff List

Class/Role	Teacher	Support Assistant
HT	Jennifer Bradford @MrsB_CarnwathPS	
PT/CCC	Sharon Alexander @MrsA_CarnwathPS	
SSA Team Leader		Gail Ramsay @GailRamsay10
P1	Lisa Walker @MrsWalkerCPS	Karen Shearer @MrsShearerCPS
P1/2	Maigan Reid @MissReidCPS	Helen Cochrane @MrscochraneCPS
P2/3	Anne Coubrough @MrsCoub_CPS/Kirsty Bailie @MrsBailieCPS	Elizabeth Scott
P4/5	Anne Smart @MrsSmartCPS/Lynn McLeod Kerr @MrsMcL_KerrCPS	Elizabeth Scott
P5/6	Sharon Goodwin @MrsGoodwinCPS	Tracy Porteous
P6/7	Morgan Franchitti @MrsFranchitti7	Bella Black
CCC	Linzi Struthers @MrsStruthersCPS	

Nursery

Role	Name
Team Leader	Lesley Stewart @MissStewartCPS
EY Practitioners	Rosemary Buchanan @Mrsbuchanan15
	Lesley Cairns @MrsCairnsCPS
	Kat Lawrie @mrs_lawrie_CPS
	Barbara Slater @MrsSlaterCPS
	Kate Stuart @MrsStuartCPS
	Nicola White @misswhite1cps
EY Support Worker	Rachel Gorman

Facilities

Role	Name
Janitor	Fiona Clyde
	Billy Watson
Cook in Charge	Kirsty Brownlie
Cleaners	Lyndsay Dudds
	Jenni Arthur
Kitchen/Cleaner	Sharon White
Kitchen	Tracey Jefferson

Dates for your Diary	
Wednesday 16 th August	Pupils return for Term 1
Tuesday 22 nd August	P6 Swimming
Tuesday 29 th August	P6 Swimming
Tuesday 5 th September	P6 Swimming
Tuesday 12 th September	P6 Swimming
Thursday 14 th September	Lockerbie Manor Information Evening (6.15pm)
Tuesday 19 th September	P6 Swimming
Tuesday 19 th September	Meet the Teacher (3-3.45pm)
Friday 22 nd September & Monday 25 th September	September Holiday Weekend
Tuesday 26 th September	P6 Swimming
Tuesday 26 th September	Parent Council AGM – all welcome (7pm)
Monday 2 nd , Tuesday 3 rd and Thursday 5 th October	Afternoon Teas
Tuesday 3 rd October	P6 Swimming
Thursday 5 th October	Themed Lunch (menu to follow)
Tuesday 10 th October	P6 Swimming
Thursday 12 th October	Pupil Progress Meetings (school and nursery)
Friday 13 th October	School finishes for October Break (3pm)
Monday 23 rd October	Pupils return for Term 2 P6&7 pupils leave for Lockerbie Manor

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Our School Improvement Priorities 2023 2024

