



Deerpark Primary School Newsletter

January 2019

We were delighted to welcome everyone back to school on 7 January after our Christmas break. We have a very busy term ahead of us and look forward to all the learning activities that will take place.

Staffing update

It is with mixed feelings that I share this news. I will be leaving Deerpark Primary School in March 2019 to take up a new post nearer to home. I am looking forward to new challenges however, I have been incredibly happy to be part of a wonderful team at Deerpark Primary School over the last 6 years and will be very sad to say goodbye to everyone. Clackmannanshire Council will appoint an Acting Headteacher whilst they recruit a permanent Headteacher. I will keep you up to date with the progress of this and with an exact leaving date.

Ms Elizabeth will be working with Primary 6/7 until June 2019 to allow Mr Patterson to undertake Acting Deputy Headteacher duties. We welcome Ms Elizabeth to the team.

Learning Focus in Term 3

As well as lots of learning in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing, interdisciplinary learning will be as follows for each class this term:

Primary 1M – Weather & Space, People Who Help Us

Primary 1W – The Zoo, People Who Help Us

Primary 2 – Vikings, Weather

Primary 3 – Water, French

Primary 4 – Fun with food, Gartmorn Dam & Green Energy

Primary 5/6 – Kitchen Lab, Cool Clothes

Primary 6/7 – World War 2

Breakfast Club

Deerpark Primary Breakfast Club runs from 8:30 – 8:50am. There is no need to book. Breakfast costs £1.20 per day. Children who attend breakfast club must remain in the school hall after breakfast until 9am to ensure adult supervision from 8:30 until 9am.

Parent Pay

ParentPay went live at school on 14th January 2019. We will be working towards no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, making the school a cash-free environment. Parents who need to continue making payments by cash or cheque may do so for now, please see below for information.

[Making secure payments online using your credit or debit card](#)



ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available.

You will have a secure online account, activated using a unique username and password; you will be prompted to change these, and to keep them safe and secure. If you have more than one child at our school, or children at another ParentPay school, you can create one single account login for all your children regardless of which school they attend.

Making a payment is straightforward and ParentPay holds a payment history for you to view at a later date; no card details are stored in any part of the system. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.

Making payment by cash or cheque

We will continue to accept cash and cheque payments in school for a period of time. Please make cheques out for the correct amount and make payable to Clackmannanshire Council for all school meals, breakfast and milk. Cash and cheque payments are also recorded in your ParentPay online account, giving you a record of all payments you have made to school regardless of which method you use.

You should have received details of your unique ParentPay Account activation code recently. Please contact the school office if you have not yet received this.

We hope you will support us in achieving our goal to become a cashless school. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously, thank you.

Sauchie Cluster Health & Wellbeing Event

Please look out for a link to an online survey on Class dojo regarding this. We are looking for your views on the areas of Health and Wellbeing that you would like us to focus on. The event will take place in March. Additional information will be shared in due course.

Dates for your diary

1 February – Scots Poetry Finals & P4 Class Assembly (2pm)
8 February – Scottish Assembly (2pm)
11 – 15 February – School closed to pupils
22 February – Merit Award assembly
25 & 26 February – Childsmile applications
1 March – P2 Class Assembly (2pm)
11- 13 March – P7 pupils to Dalguise
22 March – Primary 3 Class Assembly (2pm)
27 March – Sharing Learning 6 -7 pm
29 March – Easter Assembly (2pm) & school closes for Easter

Mrs Bernard, Headteacher