



15th June 2011

Dear Parent / Carer,

As always at this time of year, things are really hectic just now so my apologies for the lack of recent newsletters. Here are some things for you:

Staffing and Classes

Things are complicated this year for a variety of reasons, but I'm close to finalising a class structure and to allocating teachers and rooms to these classes. I hope to be able to let you know details next week. What we do know for certain is that Rooms 1-4 will not be here (see below), that we have a good number of P1s coming in (31 at present) and that we will have nine classes, up one from this year.

Staff Changes

Mrs Ellen Gibson has decided to retire at the end of this session after many years of great service to education in Dundee and, in particular, to St Clement's. Mrs Gibson will be missed and I'm sure you will join the staff, pupils and me in wishing Mrs Gibson all the best for a long and happy retirement. A replacement for Mrs Gibson and for our other vacancies has still to be allocated.

Miss Wares will also be leaving, but only temporarily – she is taking a career break to travel and will be away from us for 2 sessions. Mrs Burns will be joining us from Gowriehill Primary as Support for Learning Teacher. Miss Anderson will be taking over the ENABLE group with Mrs Thompson.

End of Session Reports

These will be given home on Friday. Please remember to check schoolbags.

Late Start to the New School Session

The Scottish Government has agreed to our request for an additional closure day in August, to allow staff to put the finishing touches to the new set-up of the school after the demolition work. That means that school will start again for the children on **Thursday, 18th August** instead of the day before when most schools go back. Don't worry, it's not another holiday for teachers – we'll be hard at work, I promise you.

New School Building

As you know, things start with the demolition of part of the building (Rooms 1-4) in July. This will mean some changes in school access and playgrounds for next session. I'm waiting for finalised drawing plans of how things will look and will put out a separate newsletter once this is done detailing the changes.

Sports

As planned, Sport Day will go ahead this Monday, 20th (weather dependent, of course). A flier is enclosed with details

P5-7 Show – The Whole World in his Hands

Tickets for what promises to be a fabulous show are now on sale from the School Office, price £2. Performances are on Tuesday, 21st at 1.45 and Wednesday, 22nd at 6.30. Please come along to support the children, whether your child is in these classes or not.

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Open House

On the afternoon and evening of the Summer Show, anyone who wishes to say a nostalgic goodbye to Rooms 1-4 is very welcome to come in for a visit. We'd like to you to come to the Show as well!

Prizegiving

Our annual Celebration of Success will be on Monday, 27th June at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

P4 Showcase

P4 have been doing a music project and would like to Showcase their version of 'The Sound of Music' to parents and friends. This will take place at 2.45pm on Thursday, 30th June.

Talent Show Final

Our St Clement's Talent Show Final will be on Tuesday, 28th June at 1.30pm. Again, everyone is welcome and audience participation is obligatory (not on stage, of course).

Closure for the Holidays

Remember that school finishes at **12 noon on Friday, 1st July**, and (as explained above) re-opens to pupils on **Thursday, 18th August**.

Watch out for a New School update soon, and a further newsletter at the end of term. Remember that to get access to current news and happenings, our School Blog (<http://tinyurl.com/666afbz>) and Twitter account (@stclementsps) are regularly updated.

If there is anything you wish to discuss, please call.

Yours sincerely

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