

Dunscore Primary Newsletter

28 November 2024

Message from Mr Carter, Head Teacher

Welcome back and welcome to our new families joining our school. It is great to see our pupils return safe, happy and ready to learn. Our new pupils have already settled and are being well looked after by their older peers.

Staff Team at Dunscore

Miss Atkins – Principal Teacher, Mrs Robertson – Class Teacher, Mr Rudd - Class Teacher, Ms Romay – Class Teacher, Mr Law – P.E. Teacher, Mrs Carr – Learning Assistant, Ms Ross – Senior Clerical Assistant, Mr Sloggett – Facilities Assistant and John Carter – Head Teacher.

Class Organisation

The organisation of 3 class groups will run from Monday to Thursday, unless there is staff absence. Friday we will have 2 classes, P1-3 and P4-7.

Monday-Thursday

P1-2 – Miss Atkins

P3-4 – Mr Rudd

P5-7 – Mrs Robertson

Friday

P1-3 – Miss Atkins

P4-7 - Mr Rudd

Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 3rd September 3.10pm-4.10pm.

This is an informal drop in session for you to meet your child's teacher and find out what they will be doing in class.

School Blog

Please keep an eye on our School Blog, our Technicians pupil group will be adding some news and photos throughout the term.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/dunscore/>

School Improvement Priorities

Our school improvement priorities for 2024-2025 are to:

- Update and further develop our planning and progression pathways for numeracy and math's. Embed the last session's progress on our literacy progression pathways, particularly writing, into our planning and assessment formats.
- Further develop and embed digital literacy learning and digital skills across our school.
- Continue to improve communication with parents and increase opportunities for positive parental involvement and engagement in the life and work of the school.

Just2Easy

Most of our parents have now joined the Just2Easy app and will be able to see messages and also photographs about what has been going on in your child's class and also what is happening in school. If you are having trouble logging on or need a new QR Code then please just get in contact with Miss Atkins and she will be happy to help.

Please remember that absence messages or time critical information, e.g. your child is being picked up by someone else, you are running late, they have an appointment, must go through the school office.

Diary

September

4th P4-7 Swimming from 4th Sept – 8th Oct

9th Parent Council Meeting from 6.30pm

17th Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon

23rd P6 Flu Immunisation

P7 Operation Safety

27th P7 Flu Immunisation

17th P4 Swimming from 17th Sep – 3rd Oct

October

9th P7 Transition at WHA

11th Last day of school at 3.05pm

14th Start of October holidays

28th Children return for the start of Term 2 at 8.55am

November

27th Learning Conversations – info to follow at a later date

December

20th Last Day of school at 3.05pm

23rd Start of Christmas holidays

January

6th Staff Training Day

7th Pupils return for start of Term 3 at 8.55am

Parent Council Meeting / AGM

The next Parent Council meeting and AGM will be held on **Monday 9th September** from **6.30pm** in the school. Children are welcome to facilitate attendance, and a link can be sent out to those who wish to attend online. Any agenda items welcome.

Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight we are going to be holding a coffee afternoon on Tuesday 17th September from 2pm. We are going to be baking in school but if you would like to donate anything then please could it be handed in by Monday 16th September. We look forward to seeing you there.

Afterschool Football Club

Mr Martin has very kindly agreed to undertake the Afterschool Football Club again this year. Pupils in this age group will be receiving a letter shortly with the information and permission slips. This will be open to pupils from P4-P7 and will run between 3.10 - 4.10pm on following dates:

- Wednesday 4th September
- Tuesday 10th September
- Wednesday 18th September
- Tuesday 24th September
- Wednesday 2nd October
- Tuesday 8th October

Polite Reminder - Beginning and End of School Day

Could you please ensure your children do not arrive at school before 8.35am as there is no playground supervision before this time. School commences at 8.55am and finishes at 3.05pm.

School Transport

For those whose children use school transport, could you please either inform the school or message the driver if for any reason your child is not being collected or going home on the transport.

School Uniform

Misplaced clothing that is placed in the lost property box which is situated in the main corridor, will be emptied at the end of each term and placed in the Rag Bag Unit at the Church.

Water Bottles

Could all parents please make sure that your child/children are supplied with their own water bottles. There is a water machine in the main corridor for refills. If they have not got a water bottle, we are unable to supply them with plastic cups as we do not keep a supply within the school.

Rights Respecting Schools Silver Accreditation

We have gained our Silver Accreditation for the Rights Respecting School and are now looking forward to beginning our journey to becoming a Gold Rights Respecting School.

Contact Us

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Please note, our office hours are:

Monday to Thursday – 08.45am to 12.50pm and 1.20pm to 3.20pm

Outwith office hours and on Friday's telephone calls will automatically be diverted to Moniaive.