

# Kirkcudbright Primary School



## Newsletter – September 2023



Hello and welcome back to all our families and staff. We hope everyone had a lovely, restful holiday – and still enjoying this spell of sunshine!

We would like to welcome all the new pupils who have joined us, as well as their families. We also have some new members of staff.

- Miss Sally Logan – P2 teacher
- Mrs Kirsty McCulloch – Learning Assistant
- Miss Gemma Storey – Learning Assistant
- Mrs Zoey Turnbull – Early Years Support Assistant in Nursery

It is great to hear the buzz around the school again! Children are already working hard on their learning and are looking forward to the rest of the term.

This term is a busy one!

As well as working in their classrooms, classes will be out and about in the community exploring, sketching, discovering and learning. Our wooded area is being used by classes and is becoming a popular place for outdoor learning by all stages.

Our Drop-in session for parents is coming up next week. It will be an informal “Meet the Teacher” session, with an opportunity to chat and see what your child has been doing. All parents and carers will be welcome to attend. This is scheduled for Tuesday **12<sup>th</sup> September, 3:30-4:30pm**. If you are unable to make this time, but would still like to meet your child’s teacher, please contact the school office to make a time that is mutually agreed.

Staff absences – unfortunately there are times when staff are ill or need to be absent from school. In these circumstances we endeavour to maintain consistency and continuity in your child’s class. We ask that you show understanding to any staff in this position.

As always, the Parent Council will be meeting this term. The Parent Council works hard to raise money for the benefit of pupils at our school. In the past few years they have paid for a castle climber in the playground, helped with the cost of swimming lessons for P1-P3 and subsidised school trips. The Parent Council also gifts the P1s books at the end of the year and P7s with ties for going to Kirkcudbright Academy. More recently the financial support they have given to reduce the costs of the school day for pupils/parents has helped enormously. If you would like more information about the Parent Council, please contact the school office or speak to a member of the current Parent Council.

I know we mention this regularly, but please, please put names on your children’s clothing! Children are renowned for leaving their jumpers lying wherever they take them off and they

go missing. We have loads of unnamed clothing each year that is never claimed and goes to charity shops or the recycling bank. Named items are always returned to the owners. We also have a stock of good, second-hand uniform for anyone who would like to come along and see what is here.

Although we seem to be back to normal after the health risks of the past few years, we would still ask - Please, if your child is unwell, keep them at home. Germs spread easily in school settings.

If you have any questions you can always contact us via the school office – 01557 332610 – or by email to [gw10officekirkcudbri@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw10officekirkcudbri@ea.dumgal.sch.uk).

We look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it next Tuesday!

#### Dates for your diary – Term 1 – 2023/2024

Date 2022	Time	Classes	Description
28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9am	P1	Child Smile Tooth Brushing trial in school
28 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	9:20am	P7	House Captain speeches to classes
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept		All	Class letters and Learning Overviews sent home
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> Sept		All	Hands Up travel survey – Getting to School
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	3:30-4:30pm	All	Meet the Teacher Drop-in. Children welcome! Child Smile staff will also be available
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	pm	P3	After School Club
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	pm	P3	After School Club
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	am	P1 & P7	Dental Inspections
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	am	All	School Photographer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct		All	Visit from Glasgow Science Centre
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	pm	P3	After School Club
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	am	P5	Rugby Festival (Info to come)
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	pm	P3	After School Club
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3:15	All	School closes for October break
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9am	All	Pupils and staff return.

Term 1 – 22nd August – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Term 2 – 30<sup>th</sup> October – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Term 3 – 9<sup>th</sup> January – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

15<sup>th</sup> February – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Term 4 – 8<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024