

Catrine Primary School

Newsletter 1

September 2018



New term – new start – new learning opportunities

All of our pupils have made a really positive start in their new classes, with everyone settled in, working hard and looking very smart in their school uniform

The termly overview for each class is on GLOW – please take a wee look so that you can ask your child what they're learning about in school.



PE – our PE timetable is on GLOW. Please note that all pupils are required to wear shorts (not leggings/ tracksuit bottoms) and gym shoes. In line with EAC H&S policy, all jewellery must be removed. We are not allowed to cover up earrings – pupils must be able to remove earrings independently and won't be allowed to participate in PE if earrings can't be removed.

Lost property – we've already got brand new jumpers and cardigans in our Lost Property boxes! Please write your child's name in all of their belongings for school.

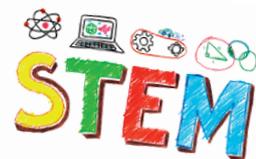
School dinners – it's a treat to see so many pupils enjoying our delicious school dinners every day. Thank you for your patience with the ParentPay issues during the first few weeks, and thanks to Mrs McDicken in our office for helping parents who had difficulty with registering/logging on. Fingers crossed we're all sorted now!

Media Team – Stuart Sharpe and Kerr Gibson in P7 are our Media Team members for this year. They are responsible for working the smartboard during our weekly assemblies and school events.

Open Morning/Afternoon – thanks to everyone who managed to visit us during our recent Open Morning/Afternoon. We had 65 visitors, and we hoped they enjoyed meeting their child's new teacher and having a wee look around their classroom. Remember, we operate an 'Open Door' policy at Catrine PS – please contact the school at any time with any concerns/questions.

Outdoor Learning – we will be continuing with our Outdoor Learning Sessions this year. Our first session – for the whole school – will be on Wednesday 19th September. More details to follow ...

STEM – we are delighted that George Burns, our STEM engineer, will be working with all classes again this year. We appreciate Mr Burns donating his time and expertise in helping our pupils expand their knowledge and understanding of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.



Massage in Schools Programme - Helen Cowan from EAST will be delivering MISP sessions to our P1 pupils from next week (look out for the letter in their bag). She will also be working with other classes over the coming weeks - please see our blog for all the relevant information. If you do not wish your child to take part in these sessions, please contact the school.

Captains and Vice Captains - I'm pleased to introduce our new captains and Vice Captains for this year:

Avalon	Captain	Courtney Mitchell
	Vice Captain	Declan Welsh
Ayrbank	Captain	Cadence Gardiner
	Vice Captain	Aidan Murphy
Marneil	Captain	Khyla Shaw
	Vice Captain	Carley Cuthbert
Whiteflat	Captain	Tyler McPike
	Vice Captain	Paige Coughtrie

We're sure they'll do a wonderful job in setting an example for our younger pupils, and fulfilling their many responsibilities throughout the school year.



Education Scotland report - I was delighted to highlight our Education Scotland report to you on 28th August. I hope you've all managed to have a wee read through it. The report gives us clear directions for the way forward, and highlights the quality work of all staff members in our ECC and PS - I am very proud of the report.