



August Newsletter



Welcome back to all of our fantastic pupils at Mount Carmel Primary School. It has been lovely to see all of our children back and looking so well. They look so mature in their full school uniform and it has been lovely to see so many pupils wearing shirts and ties too. We ask you to continue to support children to wear full school uniform daily.

Primary 1

Our Primary 1 children have had a lovely start to the term. It was lovely to see parents/carers with their children and they had the opportunity to take some photographs in class. Thank you to Lesley McLaughlin a former school parent who kindly provided the balloon arch for this special occasion. Thank you for your kindness and generosity Lesley, we wish you well in your new balloon venture.



Uniform

Please remember to make sure that all of items of uniform have been labelled including jackets. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to return lost items if these have not been labelled. Please remember that we also have many additional items in our uniform exchange. These are free and available all days that the school building is open.

PE

Please see the information below detailing when each class will take part in PE activities. Please send children to school with appropriate PE kit this can include a school polo shirt or blue t-shirt, black shorts/leggings/track suit bottoms and suitable trainers. These items should be left in school in a bag for children to access. Please remember that no jewellery

should be worn on PE days, including earrings. If your child is not taking part in PE due to medical reasons please contact the school. It is expected that all children will take part in PE tasks, if a child has forgotten items we shall aim to provide suitable items for them to borrow.

P1 - Monday and Friday

P2 - Tuesday and Thursday

P3 - Monday and Thursday

P4 - Wednesday and Friday

P5 - Tuesday and Thursday

P6 - Tuesday and Thursday

P7 - Tuesday and Thursday

Pupil Absence

If a child is going to be absent from school please contact the school by 9:15am providing details of the reason for absence. It is parents/carers responsibility to make the school aware of this, if no information is provided regarding absence then the school follows East Ayrshire guidelines.

Annual Data Forms

Annual Data Forms will be sent home in the coming days. We ask that you complete these fully and return to school promptly. Thank you for your support with this.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

We are pleased to announce that 'Meet the Teacher Sessions' have been organised to take place this term. Please see the dates below and follow the link to complete a form providing information on who will be attending. We ask that only one adult attends this per child. This is an opportunity for the class teacher to talk to you about different items taking place in the class. This will include information about Homework, Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing, RE and pupil expectations. Please be aware that this is not a parent/carer appointment to discuss a child's progress, this is an opportunity to meet the teacher and receive some school information. The children will not be in the class during this activity.

Monday 5th September – Primary 3

Tuesday 6th September – Primary 1

Wednesday 7th September – Primary 2

Thursday 8th September – Primary 7

Monday 12th September – Primary 6

Tuesday 13th September – Primary 4

Wednesday 14th September – Primary 5

[Form to be completed](#)

Parent Council

As a parent/carer you are a member of the Parent Forum and as such are invited to participate in Parent Council Meetings. Please see the list below for dates of proposed meetings. These take place at 7pm. Further details can be found on the FOMC Facebook page.

6th September 2022 General Parent Forum and PC AGM

4th October 2022 Ordinary General Meeting

22nd November 2022 Ordinary General Meeting

17th January 2023 Ordinary General Meeting

7th March 2023 Ordinary General Meeting

9th May 2023 Ordinary General Meeting

20th June 2023 Ordinary General Meeting

Breakfast Club/School Lunches/Snacks

As you are aware our Breakfast Club will return on Monday 22nd August. Parent/carers have been informed if their child has a space or if they are on the waiting list for accessing this. A reminder that this comes at the cost of £1 per day payable via ParentPay, unless a Free School Meal Entitlement Form has been completed – [please follow this link to the form.](#)

Pupils in Primary 1-5 can continue to access a free school lunch. [Please follow this link to lunch menus.](#) Please discuss lunch choices with children before they come to school so that lunches can be easily ordered in the morning.

We are a nut free school, please do not send your child with items to school which may contain nuts as we have a child with a severe nut allergy. As a Health Promoting School please continue to consider carefully the snacks that are being sent to school. Fruit, breakfast bars, vegetables or a small packet of crisps is acceptable. Please do not send large packs of crisps or large chocolate bars to school. Sweets should be an occasional treat, not a daily snack. Please continue to send water bottles to school, these should not contain juice or flavoured water.

Staffing

We welcome Miss Maitland to our school team and the return of Mrs Strachan. Welcome to the Mount Carmel family.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Fr Martin continues to support our school and pupils as we all continue on our faith journey. Fr Martin has requested any pupils who would wish to be an altar server to see him after Mass. Saint Vincent De Paul provide an excellent support for our school. If you or your family wish to access this please contact the school confidentially.

School App and School blog

All of our school information is available via the school app and blog. Please follow the links for these items:

[School Blog](#)

Please use the QR code to download our school app for the most recent information as well as calendar and lunch details.



School App for Parents

Please download **School App for Parents** that lets you see news, dates and receive important messages.

Scan the QR Code or search for **School App for Parents** in the Google Play or Apple App Store. When you have downloaded the app please search for our school name to see our dates, news and receive messages.

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The poster features a large QR code on the left and two smartphones on the right displaying the app's interface. The app shows sections for 'Upcoming Events', 'Homework Club', 'Lunch Menu', and 'Homework Club'. The background is blue with white text.

School Improvement Plan

Please see the attached Family Friendly School Improvement Plan.

We are delighted to be back to school with our growing Mount Carmel Family. Please continue to keep all of our children in your thoughts and prayers as we follow in Gods path.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fergusson

Head Teacher