

Torryburn Primary School Newsletter – April 2022

Hello and welcome back to Term 4. The sun has been shining and this is going to be a great term! Everyone has settled back in to school and there is a great buzz about learning in every class. With restrictions easing we hope to see some more changes to the current restrictions we have in place in school – we will keep you up to date with any changes. As soon as we can have you back in to school we will 🕥

Student Teachers

We welcome back Miss Charlotte Brown who will be working with Primary 2/3 until Friday 27 May.

Mrs McCallum

Mrs McCallum's last day will be Wednesday 27 April. If you would like to come along and say goodbye in person to Mrs McCallum she will be in the playground at 3pm.

Sports Day – Friday 6 May

We are very excited to be able to have our Sports Day for the first time in a couple of years. On Friday 6 May we will be having potted sports and class races. The format of the day will be –

- 10am Potted Sports Teams meet and create team posters
- 11am Potted Sports
- From 12.30pm Parents Welcome to come and picnic on the field with their children and stay to watch class races.
- 1.30pm Class Races

Mandarin

This term all of our pupils will continue to learn about Chinese culture and language with Miss Yang on a Tuesday. The focus for the learning this term will be on food.

School Uniform

School uniform can be ordered from <u>https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/</u> School ties are available from the school office at a price of £3.50.

Nursery to Primary 1 Transition

More information will follow this week. We can share that face to face visits will be allowed for pupils and parents – we are so looking forward to this!

Primary 7 to S1 Transition at Queen Anne High School

The following events will take place as part of out P7-S1 transition -

- Virtual Parent/Carer Information Evening Thursday 9 June (More info to follow)
- Virtual class meeting with S1 year head Date TBC
- Pupil visits to Queen Anne High School Thursday 16 and Friday 17 June (Visits will comprise of team building exercises and timetable experiences) We will share transport and lunch arrangements nearer the time.
- Enhanced transition visits will also be arranged for those that will benefit from them.

April		
Wed	27	Mrs McCallum's Last Day
Fri	29	Class Learning Overviews on Seesaw
May		
Mon	2	Holiday
Thu	5	Inset Day – School Closed to Pupils
Fri	6	Torryburn Sports Day
June		
Fri	3	Holiday — Jubilee
Mon	6	Holiday
Tue	7	Sky Arts Week – Arts focus in school
Tue	7	Bike Week for P6 and P7 (more info will follow)
Thu	16	P7 transition visit to QAHS
Fri	17	P7 transition visit to QAHS
Fri	17	End of session reports come home
Thu	30	Last day of school
August		
Wed	17	Pupils return to school

Diary Dates

Parental Engagement Update

In school and nursery, we continue to work towards creating a parental engagement improvement plan for next session. We have a well-established staff group who meet on a weekly basis and a pupil group who, over the past two weeks have added to our long-term vision (Our wish list) building on what our families and staff have said.

Our Wish List...

Families & Staff -

- Time for families to connect with each other
- Genuine partnerships
- Not stand alone but embedded in our planning for learning
- Leads to improved outcomes for our children
- Share approaches, strategies or techniques with parents
- Work with parents in school
- Whole community's learning is important
- Parents involved in target setting
- Regular time to communicate with parents
- Good understanding of what parents need/want
- Consistent approach to using seesaw
- Help parents to support their children in the home

Children's Ideas -

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Our wish list has been shaped by the voices of children, staff and parents. Our parent group has met once last term and we plan to be in touch with everyone who wished to be part of this group over the next two weeks to come along to a meeting in school. At this meeting we will also have some community partners to help us and we will start to build up our plan.

The work that we have done up to this point has helped us to identify four key strands that will make up our **Parental Engagement Strategy** –

- 1. Communication
- 2. Learning at Home
- 3. Activities in School/Nursery
- 4. Community

This has come from all the consultation that we did last term with our children, families and staff. We will keep you up to date on our improvement journey.