



Team Torryburn

A Community Growing and Learning Together



We Value –

Kindness,
Honesty,
& Hardworking



We aim to be –

Ready,
Respectful &
Safe

Torryburn Primary School Newsletter – October 2022

Hello everyone – here is our first newsletter of Term 2! Everyone is back and settled for what is going to be a very busy term of learning. With restrictions now almost gone it is great to see sporting events back up and running, in school visits from specialists and also trips being planned to enhance and support learning in school.

House Names

The votes are in and we now have our four confirmed house names. Pupils have been allocated into houses and the House Leaders are keen to get house points and assemblies up and running.

Tinian House	Preston House	Torry House	Craigflower House
Sara (Captain)	Keira (Captain)	Lilly (Captain)	Kiann (Captain)
Jayden (Vice)	Tyler (Vice)	Zak (Vice)	Amelia (Vice)

Shared Starts & Finishes P1- P7

We can't wait to welcome everyone in to share in their child's learning in class this term on –

- Thursday 10th November 2.20pm -2.50pm – Writing focus
- Friday 9th December 9.10am – 9.40am – Numeracy focus

Wider Achievements

Each week at Together Time (Assembly) we will have opportunities for everyone to share their achievements from out of school. If your child has an achievement please encourage them to share it with us in school. Our school leaders will be visiting classes on Thursdays to find out what has been achieved that week. We will celebrate achievements at assembly and add them to our Wider Achievement display. Celebrating Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors.

Family Room

We are busy in school creating our family room. This will be a multipurpose room for everyone to use for family learning. Within the next couple of weeks this room will be available for family use from 3pm on Mondays to Thursdays – you and your child can use this space to learn together and complete homework tasks. The room will be resourced with learning materials and IT. The kettle will also be there if you fancy a cuppa. We'll let you know on Seesaw when this room is ready for action 😊

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is on every day at a cost of 20p per day from 8.30am. Breakfast club staff start at 8.30am so we can't allow entry to pupils before this time.

Sports Kits Sponsor

Now we are attending sporting events again we are looking to get some new sports kits for our pupils. Our current kits are in poor condition and we have no full sets. If you know of any local businesses who may like to sponsor us and support us in getting new sports kits please email torryburnps.enquires@fife.gov.uk.

Being Calm and Connected as a Busy Parent

We are pleased to be able to offer our families with children in Primary 1 – Primary 3 this exciting opportunity to come along and learn together about strategies and approaches to being Calm and Connected as a Busy Parent.

Morag Docherty (our school educational psychologist) along with Claire Forrest (our Primary 1/2 teacher) would love for you to come along. There will be time to have a blether and a cuppa. There will be two sessions and these will be held in our family room.

- Part 1 will be on Tuesday 6th December from 1.30-3.00pm.
- Part 2 will be on Tuesday 7th February from 1.30-3.00pm.

If you would be interested in coming along please click the link <https://forms.office.com/r/Dj1gtwUKKt>

Poppies

We are selling poppies for a donation at the school office until 11 November.

P1-P3 Book Bag Gifting Event

Please join us for our Book Bag gifting event for all P1-P3 Pupils at 2.15pm on Thursday 17 November. We will have lots of fun exploring the contents of the P1 Book Bug Bag and the P2/3 Read, Write Count Bags.

Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper day on Thursday 8 December. Pupils can wear their Christmas jumper to school on that day (and every day up until the end of term). We will be collecting donations on the day for Save the Children. If you have any Christmas jumpers at home that no longer fit, please hand them in to the school as we will re-issue these to pupils.

In School Panto – Oh no it isn't! Oh yes, it is!

This year we have booked an in-school Pantomime performance for all pupils. This will be Ye Canny Shove Yer Granny.

Student Teachers

We currently have Miss Ducie in Primary 4/5 and also Miss Crossan in P1/2 this term.

Pick-up and Drop-offs – Staying Safe

I continue to receive concerns from parents and community members regarding safety issues at pick-up and drop-off times. Can everyone please take extra care when parking at or near the school. **Please only park within marked bays.** We would encourage, where possible, to park and stride – parking away from school and walking along to pick-up or drop-off your child. Please be mindful of our neighbours and ensure that there is access to their drives and properties.

Absences

Please remember to contact the school office if your child is going to be absent from school. Unknown absences are a big concern and also become time consuming for our office staff. Please inform us as close to 9am as possible phoning 01383 602437, using the Parent Portal or emailing torryburnps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk.

Please also let us know if you change your phone number so we can update our records.

Attendance

We continue to monitor pupil attendance weekly and promote "Attend to Achieve". If you have concerns regarding your child's attendance or require support please let us know.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 9 Nov – Primary 4/5 to Culross PS Mandarin Confucius Classroom Trip

Thursday 10 Nov – Shared finish P1-7 at 2.20pm

Thursday 17 Nov – P1/2 and P2/3 Bookbag Gifting – Parents welcome 2.15pm

Friday 18 Nov – Inset Day – School closed to pupils

Tuesday 6 Dec – Being Calm and Connected as a Busy Parent 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Thursday 8 Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 9 Dec – Shared Start – Numeracy Focus – 9.10am

Monday 12 – Panto for pupils (In School) Ye Canny Shove Yer Granny am

Wednesday 14 Dec – Christmas Lunch (Menu to follow)

Friday 16 Dec – Nativity performance for families am

Monday 19 Dec – Burns/Scots Poetry home to learn over the holidays

Wednesday 21 Dec – Last Day of Term – Dress down and Movie Day

Thursday 5 January – Back to School

School Holiday Dates (all dates are inclusive)

- ✓ **Inset Day** – Friday 18 November
- ✓ **Christmas Hols** - Thursday 22 December – Wednesday 4 January
- ✓ **February Break** - Wednesday 15 February (Inset) – Friday 17 February
- ✓ **Easter Hols** - Friday 31 March – Friday 14 April
- ✓ **May Hols** - Monday 1 May
- ✓ **June Hols** - Monday 5 June
- ✓ **Inset Day** – Tuesday 6 June
- ✓ **Summer Hols** - Monday 3 July – Tuesday 15 August

Ways to contact us –

Phone – 01383 602437

Email – torryburnps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk

Seesaw – send us a message

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