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Newsletter– August 2017 Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to session 2017-18!

We are delighted to see everyone back from the summer holiday and ready for an exciting year ahead. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday time together and have many happy memories to treasure.

It is so nice to see the children settling into their new classes and becoming used to the routine of school again. The children have turned out very smartly so thank you for your help in following our uniform policy and ensuring the children wear school uniform.

At the start of every session, there are a few housekeeping arrangements that need to be shared. I hope this update helps with these. If there is anything more you would like to see included, please return the tear off slip so it can be added in next time.

You may have spotted the lovely welcome banner at the main entrance to the school. We are very grateful to a talented parent in our school for making this for us. If you haven't had a chance to see it yet, it is worth doing so.

Access arrangements

As you will be aware the children are entering and exiting the school via four different exits. A few things will make this easier for everyone:

- Please stand clear of the lines in the morning and the doors at the end of the day
- Please pass any messages to the office to enable class teachers to take lines in quickly in the morning
- Let your child know where you will stand so he/she can find you upon exit
- Remind your child to come back to the office if you are not there
- If you are likely to run late, please call the school office so we can let your child know
- Please allow the P1 and P2 children to enter and exit the main door before coming into the school building.

Thank you for your cooperation.

As planned we have two of St Denis' Primary School classes (P5 and P6/5) in our building until April 2018. The children will be able to play together at break and lunchtime and we can look forward to some joint learning. There are two members of St Denis' Primary to help with supervision at lunch and in the playground. So far this is working well.

Annual Data Checks

These forms will be sent home shortly. Please take the time to update us on any new contact details, changes in medical history etc. It is important that we have the latest information. Thank you.

Keeping in touch

If you have information to pass on please send in a note for the class teacher or contact the school office.

If your child is unwell and will be absent from school, please contact the absence line on **0141 287 0039** and send a note into school on his/her return. Thank you.

Snacks

Every school in Scotland has to be a health promoting school. As such can I please ask that the children come to school with healthy drinks, snacks and packed lunches? There are a number of children who have come to school with lollipops and run about in the playground with them in their mouths. It is important these are not brought to school for health and safety reasons. Similarly, we are a nut free zone as we have children in the school who are allergic to nuts. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Breaktime

Given our unpredictable weather, please send children to school dressed to go outside for breaks and lunch. We have a small stock of school jackets which children can borrow but it is best for children to have their own.

The trim trail will not be in use if the weather is wet as the equipment can be slippery.

We lock the gates at break and lunchtime to secure the playground. The Whitehill gate at Onslow drive is not locked and Jessie the janitor stands there. If you are collecting children from the school during break/lunchtime, we would appreciate it if you could use this gate.

Class updates

Teachers will be sending out class newsletters shortly with more details. This will include information on PE days, class work, homework etc. In these first couple of weeks, the children are learning more about our school values and in Social Studies the whole school will be learning about an aspect of 'People place and environment'.

Child Protection Coordinator

If you have any concerns Mrs Thomson is the Child Protection Coordinator so feel free to speak to her. Mr Fleming is the Depute Child Protection Coordinator who will be responsible in the absence of the Head Teacher.

Depute Head

Mr Fleming has taken up the role of Depute Head Teacher this month having been with us in Golfhill since last September. He will be the person in school with responsibility for Additional Support Needs and will be the link for staff, children and parents/carers in relation to this.

School Improvement Update

All teaching staff were introduced to PATHS on the in-service day in August. This is a whole school, emotional literacy approach that we are introducing this session that will help the children understand feelings and how these link with actions and how to regulate them. As a start we will be thinking about giving compliments to each other based on the way we look, what we have or the way we behave or what we do. This work is supported by Barnardos and we will have a coach in school to help us implement the approach. You will receive some more information on this as the term progresses.

Glasgow's Improvement Challenge continues and this session we will be thinking more about writing. Mr Mackin will be trained in this and share with staff and children. This training begins on 16 August.

Upcoming events/Dates to note

- 21 August - PEEK Theatre working with P7/6 for 4 weeks
- 21 August - Student begins with Primary 4
- 21 August – swimming begins for P5 pupils
- 21 August –Sense over Sectarianism joint work for P6 pupils with St Denis and Golfhill. Children will walk to St Denis Primary School and be back in time for lunch. This work lasts for 3 weeks.
- 22 August - Music with Mrs Murray begins for P2
- 22 August - P5-7 walking to Emirates Arena for Badminton World Championships all day event. Children to wear polo shirt/school jumper and jogging bottoms. Take a packed lunch. Helpers required – please let the office know if you can help.
- 29 August - Music with Mrs Murray begins for P1
- 31 August - P1 taster lunch – 11.20am Parent/carer invited to join us to help their child/see the food on offer at the Fuel Zone
- 31 August SU lunchtime group for P5-7 begins with Fiona and Mark
- 4 September P1 children in school all day
- Week beginning 4 September Evening Times P1 photograph
- 11 September Determined to Dance begins – P4 and P4/3
- 14 September 3.30 – 6pm Parents' Night- held in Whitehill Secondary School
- 19 September 5 – 7.30 pm Parents' Night- held in Whitehill Secondary School
- 21 September non-uniform day £1 donation towards school fund
- 22 and 25 September holiday
- 10 October – school photographer in (individual pictures or family groups – letter to follow)
- 13 October – in-service day – (staff only)



Please tear off and return to school. Thank you!
Here are some things I think it would be good to include in the newsletter: