



Maxwellton Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 20th August 2021

Welcome Back!

We would like to wish all our families a warm welcome and return to school. We trust everyone had a restful summer and enjoyed all the sunshine!



It was a delight to see our children back in school this week and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for supporting the school with school uniform. The children look amazing and so very smart in our uniform. Thank you to each of our families. We believe school uniform is important for safety, equity and for demonstrating a pride in our school. Well done everyone! We look amazing in our red!

An Amazing Start!

I would also like to congratulate all of our pupils on the way that they have returned to school. The school has been extremely settled and it has been a delightful start with pupils displaying a wonderful standard of behaviour and manners. Well done everyone and thank you for great behaviour and wonderful manners. Let's keep it up!

Staffing Update

We warmly welcome some new staff to Maxwellton this year. Mrs Fiona Taylor joins us as our additionality teacher. Miss Gwen Brownlee joins our support staff team and we welcome Anita MacDonald to our nursery.

Below is an overview of our staffing.

For each stage this states the class teacher, the member of support staff working within the room and the staff member delivering CCC to this class. CCC is when a teacher receives their non class contact time and another teacher covers the class whilst this is taking place.

Primary 1 – Mrs McKenna & Mrs Taylor (Thursdays)

CCC delivered by Mrs Taylor

Support staff – Mrs Thomson & Ms Bridges

Primary 2 – Mrs Meek

CCC delivered by Ms Begg

Support Staff – Mrs Graham

Primary 3 – Ms Short

CCC delivered by Ms Begg

Support Staff – Ms Bridges & Ms Turner

Primary 4 – Mrs Goodwin

CCC delivered by Miss Taylor

Support Staff - TBC

Primary 5 – Mrs Carleton & Mrs Findlay (Monday)

CCC delivered by Ms Begg

Support Staff - Mrs Howie & Mrs McKendrick

Primary 6 - Mrs Lipp

CCC delivered by Ms Begg

Support Staff – Miss Goldie

Primary 7 - Mrs Marno

CCC delivered by Ms Begg

Support Staff – Miss Brownlee & Miss Kerr



Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is up and running and opens from 8.15am until 8.45am. All children that have returned a slip for Breakfast Club are able to begin immediately.

Children will have their breakfast and then at 8.45am will then go out to the playground (P4-P7) to join their peers or will go directly to their classroom (P1-P3).

Please note that Breakfast Club is entered from the cafeteria door in the morning. (For our new parents - this is the same door that P1 exit from at the end of the day)

Staff will be there to greet all children on arrival.

PE Days

Every child should have received a letter home in their bag this week regarding their PE days. This letter was also emailed out to all our parents and carers.



As a reminder please see below...

Primary 1 – Tuesdays & Thursdays

Primary 2 – Mondays & Wednesdays

Primary 3 – Wednesdays & Thursdays

Primary 4 – Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Primary 5 – Mondays & Thursdays

Primary 6 – Wednesdays & Fridays

Primary 7 – Mondays & Thursdays

Children are allowed to come to school dressed in PE kit on their PE days. PE kit consists of white polo shirt, black leggings or joggers or shorts and trainers suitable for physical activity.

Nut Free School

Just a reminder to all parents and carers that Maxwellton Primary School & ELC is a nut free school and nursery. Please can parents and carers ensure that snacks and lunches provided for children are nut free. We have several children within our school that have nut allergies and by ensuring that we provide nut free snacks, we all work together to ensure the safety of everyone at Maxwellton.



Flu Vaccination

The flu vaccination programme will be carried out in Maxwellton on **Thursday 21st October**. Full vaccination letters have been issued to parents already. Last year we were congratulated on our uptake of this with 92% of our school pupils being vaccinated. We hope to encourage a high uptake of this vaccination as possible to keep us all safe during the flu season. Please return all flu vaccination letters to our school office.

Annual Data Checks

At this time of year our annual data checks are sent home for all parents and carers to check over the emergency contact details and information we hold for you and your child. It is of vital importance that we have up to date contact telephone numbers for all of our parents and that we are very clear who we should contact if we are unable to obtain contact with a parent. Can we please ask that you check over these as thoroughly as possible and update us of any changes in details or addresses.

Can we remind parents that the data check also has to be signed.

We would appreciate a very prompt return with these and we thank our parents that have returned these already.

New Menu

Just a reminder to all our families that the new lunch menu starts on Monday. This has been issued to all of our children already. Please can you discuss the daily menu options with your child in advance of them coming to school as this makes sure all children know what is on offer for lunch.

You can find a copy of the new menu at the link below

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/primary-menu>



Music Tuition

This year in Maxwellton we have managed to secure music tuition for P6 & P7 pupils in guitar, woodwind and percussion. We are delighted that our offer of music tuition is growing within our school. P6 & P7 pupils are coming home today with a letter all about music tuition and a return slip to indicate if they would be interested in learning to play an instrument. Music tuition is currently free within schools for session 2021-22 so there is no cost to music tuition. If pupils would like to participate and learn an instrument then we ask that all music tuition slips are returned by **Friday 27th August** at the latest.

Depending on numbers there may be a possibility that we may also be able to extend this invitation to P5 pupils but we will keep you posted regarding the numbers of pupils that show an interest in this.

Email

As a school we regularly communicate with our parents via email, sending out important letters and information through email. Can we ask all parents and carers to ensure that the school has an up to date email address for you so that you are kept well informed of all school news and information.

Homework

Homework will be starting back on Monday although we know P1 have had homework already!

Each class teacher will issue the homework and it will be explained to our children in advance. Please check the bags on Monday evening for the homework routine starting back!

