**CUMBRAE PRIMARY & EARLY YEARS CLASS**

**HT Update Term 1**

**AUGUST 2023**

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summer. It has been great to see so many smiley faces around the school and an especially warm welcome to our new Primary 1s.

A huge KPS welcome to all the new P1 children.....and all the new children and families

We can't wait to welcome you into KPS for our first event of the year on Tuesday 5th

We look forward to welcoming you all into the school on Thursday 31st August at 2.30pm when your child can show you their classroom and allow you to meet your new teacher.

Staffing this year is as follows

EYC – Miss Armstrong, Miss Crossan, Miss Harper

P1/2/3 – Mrs Neilson - Mon/ Tues/ Wed & Ms Kelso – Thurs/ Fri

P4/5 – Miss Smith – Tues/ Wed am/ Thurs/ Fri & Ms Kelso – Mon/ Wed pm

P6/7 – Mrs Joyce – Mon/ Tues am/ Wed/ Thurs/ Fri & Ms Kelso – Tues pm

Mrs Buchanan – Support for Learning on a Tuesday

Towards the end of September we will welcome back Mrs Young from her maternity leave. She will be working a Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, working alongside class teachers supporting learners and developing outdoor learning across the school.

We encourage children to bring a pair of gym shoes/ trainers and shorts for PE. These can be kept in school. Children receive at least 2 hours of PE a week but often they have exercise everyday.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school each day which can be refilled at school. If possible could this bottle please have a sports top to prevent spillages.

The school day starts at 9am. The playground is supervised by Mr McKinnie and a classroom assistant from 8.50am. Please could you refrain from sending your children to the playground before 8.50am as the playground is not supervised. If it is light rain children would be expected to wait in the shelter. However, if it is pouring then the school doors will open at 8.50am.

LEARNING & TEACHING

This year our priorities for school improvement are to

* Foster a love for learning
* Make Progress from prior levels of achievement
* Create opportunities for positive outcomes across the curriculum

The diagram attached summarises how we intend to achieve this. If you would like to read more about the school improvement plan it will be available on our school website and North Ayrshire Council website.

Next week we have Alan Dapre, an author visiting us. He will be presenting his novel ‘Grizzly Ben’ at 11am and we invite parents to join us for this event. The book is mainly aimed at age 5 – 9 year olds and we hope to see some of you on the day.

We have also booked our annual pantomime visit to the Beacon Theatre on 13th December which we will all look forward to.

Exciting news announcement is that this year we will be presenting a whole school show after Easter which will be Matilda Junior!

You should be receiving learning updates through Seesaw and in September you will receive your class newsletter outlining their learning for the term. Any questions or queries please email or contact the school office.

Kind regards

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Thurs 31st August | Meet the teacher 2.30pm |
| Mon 4th Sept | Football coaching P1- 4 (1.15pm – 2pm) & P5 – 7 (2pm – 3pm) for 8 weeks |
| Thurs 7th Sept | Alan Dapre author visit 11am |
| Thurs 14th Sept | Mrs Neilson & P6 Road Safety reps to conference in Kilwinning |
| Mon 18th Sept | In-service |
| Tues 3rd Oct | Flu vaccine |
| Thurs 12th Oct | Maura Robbie author visiting P4/5 |
| Fri 13th Oct | Close for holidays |
| Mon 23rd Oct | School reopens |
| Tues 31st Oct | Halloween parties in school |
| Fri 17th Nov | Holiday |
| Mon 20th Nov | Holiday |
| Wed 13th Dec | Pantomime |
| Fri 22nd Dec | Stop school |