

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all of our families and a very warm welcome back to West Kilbride Primary School. I hope you all had a lovely festive season. As always, we have a lot happening in school this term which you will see reflected in our updated annual calendar. We also have additional after-school clubs beginning this term including football, netball and golf.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Jacqui Park, our new Depute Head Teacher, to the team. Mrs Park is keen to get started and will have pastoral responsibility for P1-3 moving forward. Unfortunately, Mrs Rolfe is currently absent and so I would ask that parents direct queries to the main office in the first instance and Mrs Park or I will respond as quickly as we can.

As you will know, unfortunately we have limited changing spaces for P.E within the school. Other than our P7 pupils who change within their toilet area, current arrangements support the children to change in class in gender groups and most of the children are comfortable with this system. However, should your child prefer, they can come to school in their gym clothes on their P.E days to negate any need for changing. Please note, clean indoor shoes should still be brought for use in the gym hall. Our P.E uniform consists of shorts/leggings/jogging trousers, t-shirt and either plimsolls or indoor trainers.



This term we are keen to begin improving our outdoor area to support planting, growing and loose parts play. We would welcome donations of old kitchen utensils, pots and pans. Old pipes, cable drums, wood and artificial grass would also be appreciated. We have been reaching out to local businesses to support us to build new mud kitchens for use in the playground - if you or someone you know is skilled with a hammer and saw, we would be grateful of the help so please get in touch. We have recently purchased cooking stations to support pupils to develop their skills within Food Technology. Our long-term aim is for pupils to grow and cook their own food.

There have been reports of pupils using the car park as a short-cut on their way to and from school and would urge you to remind pupils to use the main entranceways to support them to get to school safely. This need for enhanced safety also applies to no parking zones - please refrain from using these areas as a drop-off/pick-up point as it obscures visibility and promotes unsafe road crossing. Our JRSO group will be working on a campaign to support this during the term.



As a Local Authority, North Ayrshire Council are committed to supporting our children and their families to achieve excellent attendance and, as such, ask schools to work proactively on maintaining or improving attendance. If your child is experiencing a barrier to attending school, please get in touch with the office and we will do our best to support offer support.

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on Monday 22nd January 2024 from 7-9pm. We are awaiting confirmation of the venue, which will be announced on the Parent Council Facebook page in due course. We welcome all attendees.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Carson

Head Teacher