



TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome to the 2025-2026 academic year. We are all delighted to be back at school and the children have been keen to share their stories of summer.

Unfortunately, Mrs Angela Reid, Principal Teacher, will be leaving us for pastures new in a week or two- we will be very sad to see her go but wish her well in her new post. As a result, Mrs Lauren Grant will now fulfil her Principal Teacher post on a full-time basis, alongside Class Teacher responsibility for P7G. Mrs Dunagan will also be leaving us next week to prepare for the arrival of Baby Dunagan and we are very much looking forward to having a new junior team member at WKPS. Mrs Montgomery, PSA, has reduced her working hours and so we currently have a 4hr Pupil Support Assistant vacancy. Mrs Lewis remains absent due to ill health and we wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her return. In the meantime, P4L are being very well supported by Mrs Jennifer Diamond, who will remain with us for the duration of Mrs Lewis' absence.



As always, we continue to promote outdoor learning and the hope is that this year, pupils will learn outdoors more than ever! As we know, the Scottish weather can have a mind of its own and pupils will continue to enjoy the outdoors, even in inclement weather. We ask that parents provide suitable outdoor clothing (ideally, waterproof) and footwear such as outdoor boots or wellies, where possible. If these could be kept in school, pupils will be able to access outdoor spaces across the week. However, thanks to our Parent Council, we do have a limited supply of waterproofs in school to support all pupils to be able to take part.



Pupils also engage in both indoor and outdoor P.E lessons across the week and are able to wear P.E kit to school on these days. Our P.E uniform permits black or grey jogging trousers, leggings or shorts, alongside a school t-shirt and sweatshirt/cardigan with appropriate footwear such as trainers for outdoor use or plimsolls/clean trainers for indoor use. We continue to see pupils wearing hooded tops, which are not permitted for health and safety reasons and would appreciate your support to minimise this.

If you are experiencing financial hardship and would like support to provide any aspect of school resources, the Parent Council maintain our Pre-loved Uniform Shop. Alternatively, please reach out to me directly and we will be happy to provide individual support.

Parking continues to be an issue on the main roadways near the school, particularly at drop-off and collection times, with many parents/carers parking illegally or parking within the staff car park. We ask that parents consider safety as their main priority when accessing parking.



We continue to promote the development of positive behaviours in school and have implemented new procedures to support pupils to enter, exit and move around the school building respectfully. We would appreciate your support in managing the new line systems, particularly at the start of the school day. Having infant parents gather behind the planters will support us in maintaining our safeguarding procedures and give Class Teachers a clear line of sight to waiting parents/carers.



The support of parents/carers is vital to the success of our school and as always, we are keen to bring in parent helpers to work with our pupils across the week. If you could spare an hour or two to help, we ask that you contact the school office. Your support is very much appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Carson

Head Teacher