



Eastfield Primary School & Nursery Newsletter



Spring /Summer Newsletter '16



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Dear Parent/Carer,

"It's a Boy!"

I am delighted to announce that the Di Nardo Family welcomed a beautiful baby boy on 31st May 2016. We wish them well as they take time to get to know their new little bundle of joy!

Acting Senior Management Support

We would like to welcome Mrs Fiona Easton who will take up post as Acting Depute Head Teacher from 6th June, while I support the cover of Mrs Di Nardo during her period of maternity leave. Mrs Easton will support additional support for learning across the school and nursery class as well as leading and managing several aspects of the school improvement plan. Through careful planning and consideration of managerial remits, the interim support structure outlined above will ensure minimal disruption to classes and the school's operational approach. Parents/Carers should continue to engage with the school via existing communication channels and a member of the management team will support you with your enquiries.

Enterprise Spotlight -Fairtrade Fortnight & Kileva Week

Thank you for all your support during our recent Enterprise Initiatives. Both enterprise weeks were a huge success and helped set pupils' learning within the context of global citizenship and skills development. The Enterprise committee, together with Mrs Lam, are currently working on a news update to share the success of these events. ☺

Social Enterprise Status

It is my pleasure to announce that Eastfield Primary has qualified for Social Enterprise Status. Our Primary Five pupils created a sustainable social enterprise company which supports both Fairtrade farmers and Strathcarron Hospice. Their company "Bake My Day" will sell cakes annually and all profits raised will go to support the valuable work of the Hospice. This enterprising opportunity will equip our pupils with skills for learning, life and work and will allow them to apply their skills in a rich "Real life" context. Pupils from the company have been invited to Showcase their business plan at an awards ceremony in Edinburgh on June 16th and receive their award from Mr John Swinney, Deputy First Minister of Scotland. A huge well done on an outstanding achievement! ☺

World of Work Event (April 2016)

Thank you to our parents/carers and community members who helped support our recent World at Work event. During various events organised throughout the week, pupils had the opportunity to listen to presentations from professionals from a wide variety of work contexts. These ranged from Health Care Professionals, radio broadcasters to refrigeration engineers. It has been a delight to hear how much the pupils enjoyed of the event and how their experiences have helped them consider their future career paths.

In addition to the positive feedback that we have received from our pupils, the event has helped to strengthen the school's links with the community and local businesses. It has also highlighted how skills development at school supports learning for life and work. This is now an established annual event at Eastfield Primary School and it is an experience which we would encourage our parents to become involved in.

School Pitch

I am delighted to announce that the weather is now in favour of us utilising our school pitch. Pupils are encouraged to have access to "pitch shoes" which should be brought in and stored in a plastic/gym bag on their allocated day. ☺

School Bus

SPT Travel have informed the school that parents of pupils travelling to school on the school bus are **not authorised** to mount it in morning. If you have any concerns surrounding this matter please do not hesitate to contact a member of the management team who will share your views with SPT Travel.

Eastfield Primary & Nursery ' Summer Fete' (Saturday 11th June '15)

As highlighted by our Parent Council within their recent news flyer, we are delighted to be holding our annual Summer Fete at Eastfield Primary School on Saturday the 11th of June '16. This event is hoped to raise crucial funds for our school to support with the purchasing of up to date learning and teaching resources, whilst providing an opportunity for our community to get together to have some Summer fun.

A huge thank you to our Parent Council for all their advance support 'behind the scenes' to prepare for this big day.

I also wish to thank them for their support during our recent

Parents' Evening on of April '16, where they shared the crucial role of parent partnerships (via the Parent Council and Parent Forum) with visiting parents/carers. During the evening they also sought parental support for the Fete and I am delighted to inform you that both the school and the Parent Council were delighted by the volume of offers of assistance. **We look forward to our "Dress down and bring some baking (nut free) Day" on Friday 10th June.** ☺



Eastfield Primary School- Car Park

In line with North Lanarkshire Council Policy, Eastfield Primary School and Nursery Class are designated 'No Smoking' areas. This ruling extends to the school grounds, playground and car parking facilities and we would urge all service users to adhere to this policy. As you will be aware, new signage has been erected to support access to parking to all service users and I would ask if you could park within the allocated areas. In the interest of safety, parking around the roundabout, bus bay and disabled spaces is prohibited and we would ask if there are no appropriate spaces to utilise overflow parking facilities across the road at the Smiddy. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Spring & Summer- North Lanarkshire Council Lunch Menus/Online Payment

The North Lanarkshire lunch menus for Spring & Summer have now been distributed to all parents/carers. Should you require a replacement copy please contact the school office that have a small amount of spare copies. Alternatively you will be able access the menu via the NLC website. From Monday 6th June we are now introducing online payments to provide parents/carers with more flexible/convenient methods of payments for school lunches. Paperwork to support registering your child for an online account has been distributed to all pupils and I would urge you to contact the school if you have not yet received this.

Head Lice

As always we urge you to follow NHS advice and regularly check your child(ren's) hair for the presence of head lice. The NHS have recently updated their advice on the prevention and treatment of lice and eggs and it can be accessed via the following link "<http://www.healthscotland.com/uploads/documents/25-Head%20Lice%20-%20Information%20for%20Parents.pdf>". We thank you for your continued support with this matter.

School Uniform

As we approach Spring and Summer, we are conscious that parents/carers are beginning to consider the purchase of school uniforms for next session. Following parental feedback, requesting the formal endorsement of a consistent school uniform throughout the school, the school and Parent Council would like to highlight the following guidance.



Eastfield's Primary School's policy is that all our pupils are required to wear the school uniform.

The School Uniform consists of:

1. A white school shirt / blouse, and school tie which is visible at all times
2. A white school poloshirt complete with the school badge or alternatively a white poloshirt complete with a school tie
3. Dark grey 'smart' trousers, skirt or pinafore (leggings, jeans, denim and track suits are not acceptable, under any circumstances)
4. Dark grey tights should accompany a skirt or pinafore
5. A navy school jumper or cardigan complete with the school badge or a plain navy jumper or cardigan (No hooded tops)
6. Sensible plain black shoes.



Copies of the school uniform order forms are available from the school office and school website. Orders can be made at any point throughout the session. Further information regarding our school uniform can be found within the uniform section of our website <http://glo.li/1qZ41xS>. Thank you for your continued support.



Monthly Newsletter Comments Slip

Attached to this newsletter is a comments slip that can be used to record ideas or suggestions for further school improvement. Your views and feedback play an essential part in shaping our school improvement agenda and improving the service that we provide to our pupils, parents/carers and wider community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Diary Dates (Spring Newsletter '16)

June '16	Various Class Trips Organised	- Details issued separately
2 nd /3 rd June	Primary 7 (2 Day Visit to Greenfaulds High School)	- Details issued separately
w/b 1 st June '15	Primary 4b Newsletter to be distributed	
w/b 6 th June '15	Health & Sports Week	- Details issued separately
6 th June '15	P1-3 Sports Day	- *Weather Permitting
7 th June '15	P4-7 Sports Day	- *Weather Permitting
10 th June '15	Primary 4b Class Assembly	- See Class Newsletter
11 th June '15	Parent Council:School Fete (Saturday)	- Details issued separate
21 st June '16	Primary 7 Ceilidh, Eastfield PS (7pm- 9pm)	
22 nd June '15	Primary 7 Graduation Assembly, Pupils & Parents (9.30am/1.45pm)	
23 rd June '15	SCHOOL CLOSED - ELECTION (INSET)	
w/e 24 th June '15	Formal Reports issued to Parents	
24 th June '15	'Meet the Teacher' Event for Pupils (Pr 1-7)	- Session 15-16 planning
24 th June '15	'New Teacher Letters Issued to Parents	- Session 15-16 planning
w/b 27 nd June '15	Nursery Graduation Events	- Details issued separately
29 th June '15	Last Day- School Closes for Summer, 1pm Closure	

Please Note- Dates are confirmed at the time of printing and may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Should this occur and if it is deemed necessary then further notification of amended dates and times will be provided. Parents/Carers can also access electronic copies of newsletters via the school website. For further information relating to events planned throughout the year parents/carers can refer to the annual calendar that was distributed to parents/carers in August '15.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lesley McPhee
Acting Head Teacher





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Parent/Carer Comment Slip

Please use this slip to provide us with your views and comments. Your views are valued and appreciated. To find out how your feedback is used to support and inform school improvement, then please review the 'You Said, We Did' display within our school reception and also our comments/ feedback folders.

Name of Parent/Carer
Name of Pupil

Please return completed forms to the school office.
Thank you for your continued support.