



**WELCOME  
BACK**

**Together we will shine!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope all of our children and families had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. We have been delighted with how well the children, returning and new, have settled into their classes and are looking forward to a busy term and year ahead!

### Staffing

We would like to welcome Miss Anderson, Ms Quinn and Miss Reid to our teaching team and wish Miss Gallagher, Mrs Mathieson and Miss McManus every success in their new schools. We especially want to congratulate Miss Mercer on becoming Mrs Mills over the summer!

### The Senior Leadership Team for this year are:

#### School

Mrs Lesley McPhee (Head Teacher);  
Mrs Lynne Bradshaw (Depute Head Teacher);  
Mr Alan Miller (Acting Depute Head Teacher);  
Mr John Rodgers (Principal Teacher); and  
Mr Alexander Rutherford (Acting Principal Teacher).

#### Nursery

Mrs Lesley McPhee (Head Teacher);  
Mrs Lynne Bradshaw (Depute Head Teacher);  
Mrs Deborah Harty (Principal Lead - Nursery);  
Mrs Jo-Anne McMaster (Principal Lead - Nursery); and  
Miss Charlene Hyndman (Lead Practitioner - Nursery).

## Communication

We communicate with our school community using a range of media. In particular, please regularly review your texts/emails which will be sent to you via Groupcall and/or your Expressions App.

Should you wish, you can contact the school via email on [enquiries-at-eastfield@northlan.org.uk](mailto:enquiries-at-eastfield@northlan.org.uk) (please do **not** use staff personal/Glow email addresses) and these will be replied to during office hours and within the terms of our Communication Policy.

If you require assistance accessing any of our communication channels/platforms, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

## Pastoral Support

If you require to discuss any aspect of your child(ren)'s education or wellbeing, please contact their class teacher(s) in the first instance. Should any situation require a more significant level of pastoral care and pupil support, the class teacher(s) will seek to involve an appropriate member of the Senior Leadership Team.

## Drop Off and Pick Up

Please drop your children off and pick them up from the designated points, continuing to follow the one-way system in operation around the school.

To help us support the health, wellbeing and safety of all children, all adults should remain **outwith the school gates** and we would respectfully ask adults not to congregate in groups at or near to the school gates or playground as this slows down access to the designated areas and causes delays for other parents/carers/adults collecting their child(ren). Please keep dogs on leads and under control around the school.

## Car Parking

Please note that the school car park is for **staff only at all times during the day, before and after school (including Breakfast Club)**. Please do not enter the car park or use the car park as a drop off or turning point as this is not safe and can be dangerous and negatively impact the safety of children using the school bus or our nursery garden (8am to 6pm). Car parking is available across the road at "The Smiddy" and a crossing patrol is there to ensure that children (and adults) can cross the road safely.

## Uniform

All children should come to school each day wearing school uniform and weather appropriate clothing, e.g. a rain jacket. School ties can be purchased from the school office and all other articles are available from Scotcrest either online or in their shop in Airdrie. Uniforms are also available from Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Care on [www.cumbernauldkilsythcare.org.uk](http://www.cumbernauldkilsythcare.org.uk). Please label all clothing with your child(ren)'s name(s).

## Personal Belongings

Children should not bring toys, collectors' cards or footballs to school. This eliminates the possibility of items with a sentimental or personal value being lost or damaged or becoming a distraction to learning.

## Class Teams/Learning Journeys/Homework

We are currently creating new class teams on Microsoft Teams and will confirm when these have been finalised. Our new children will also be provided with their login details. If any returning child has lost or forgotten their login details, these can be obtained from Class Teachers.

Your child(ren)'s class teacher(s) will shortly be uploading, via Teams, the Learning Journey, for this term. This will include upcoming aspects of learning in literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing and interdisciplinary learning through themes. Please discuss this with your child(ren).

Monthly homework grids will be posted by class teachers on class Teams pages. Children may submit their homework either via Teams or using a Homework Jotter (which can be requested from their Class Teacher).

## Support for Families

We are acutely aware of the pressures that the current economic climate may place on our school community. All children from P1 to P5 are entitled to a Free School Meal each school day. Clothing Grants are also available and details regarding these can be found on the NLC website, with the school office available to provide advice too. If you qualify for Free School Meals or Clothing Grants, please remember to apply for these supports as these applications also influence the level of financial support the school receives from the Scottish Government and NLC, e.g. our Pupil Equity Fund allocation. Please also note that the NLC Financial Inclusion Team are available to assist families and can be contacted via email ([fit@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:fit@northlan.gov.uk)) or telephone (01698332551).

## House Captains

As announced at our final Assembly of last session, our new House Captains are as follows:

Auchinbee	Mia Salmond & Joel Whyte
Carrickstone	Kaelyn Morrow & Thomas Pitcairn
Craiglinn	Emilia Hernan & Luke Bradley
Mainhead	Stephanie Thomson & Sonny Richardson

We congratulate these children and look forward to them taking an active part in helping to lead the school. All children within the school will have opportunities to develop their leadership skills. I wish to thank Mrs Steel for leading the application and appointment process.

## Cooking, ICT and Trips

Children will, once again, have a range of opportunities to learn within different environments within the school, including our Cooking Kitchen, ICT Suite, Gym Halls and outdoor spaces. In addition, there will also be opportunities for wider learning outwith the school, for example at Broadwood Sports Stadium, on Class Trips, our Titanic trip (P5) and our residential experiences at Fordell Firs Scout Camp (P6) and Ford Castle (P7).

## Social Enterprise/World of Work

This session, classes will again be involved in setting up and running a Social Enterprise to support our local community. As part of this and our commitment to developing Scotland's young workforce, we are keen to hear from any parents/carers who would be willing to come into school and share with the children what you do in your job, routes to employment, skills and qualifications etc; please contact us using the school email [enquiries-at-eastfield@northlan.org.uk](mailto:enquiries-at-eastfield@northlan.org.uk) if you would be able to support us with this.

## Parent Helpers/PVGs

In order to support the delivery of trips and extra-curricular activities, we are looking to extend our bank of parents/carers who would be willing to attend such events and ensure we have sufficient adult/child supervision ratios. If you would be able to help with this, please email the school ([enquiries-at-eastfield@northlan.org.uk](mailto:enquiries-at-eastfield@northlan.org.uk)) with days/times and we will then look to apply for PVG approval for our volunteers. Once complete, parents/carers can support the school.

## P.E.

P.E. days for each class are as follows:

P1a (Miss Nicholson)	Mon, Wed, Thurs
P1b (Mrs Steel)	Mon, Tues, Thurs
P2 (Miss Anderson)	Tues, Wed, Fri
P2/3 (Miss Reid)	Mon, Wed, Thurs
P3 (Mrs Harkins)	Mon, Wed, Thurs
P4a (Mrs Tierney/Mrs Lam)	Wed, Thurs, Fri
P4b (Mrs Fagan)	Tues, Wed, Thurs
P5a (Ms Quinn/Mrs Lam)	Mon, Wed, Thurs
P5b (Mrs Dickson/Mrs Lam)	Tues, Wed, Thurs
P6 (Mr Rutherford/Miss Calderhead)	Tues, Wed, Fri
P6/7 (Mrs Mills)	Mon, Wed, Thurs
P7 (Miss Wilson)	Mon, Wed, Thurs

Please note that these are subject to change.

On PE days, children should bring their P.E. kit to school and can get changed in our changing rooms. This encourages independence when changing and promotes good personal hygiene practices. Please remember that, in line with NLC policy, no football strips/clothing should be worn.

## Annual Calendar/Dates for the Diary

Our annual calendar will be issued shortly, including key dates for session 23/24. In the meantime, I have attached a list of opportunities for parental engagement throughout the year (please note these are subject to change). We look forward to welcoming you into the school and sharing in your child(ren)'s learning journey.

I trust that the information in this newsletter is useful and extend my best wishes to all of our children and families for a happy, healthy and successful school year.

Kindest regards

Mrs Lesley McPhee

Head Teacher



**Eastfield Primary School**  
**Parental Engagement 2023/2024**

**August**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – P1 Parents/Carers New Classroom Visit

**September**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Teacher (Whole School)

Parent Council AGM (TBC)

**October**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - Showcase of Learning (Whole School)

Parent Council Meeting (TBC)

**November**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Snapshots to Parents/Carers

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Carer Consultations

Parent Council Meeting (TBC)

**December**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Concerts

**January**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – P4a Assembly

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> – P7 Ford Castle Trip Information Evening

**February**

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Snapshots to Parents/Carers

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – P1b Assembly

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – P1a Assembly

Parent Council Meeting (TBC)

## **March**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – P4b Assembly

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – P2 Assembly

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – P5 Titanic Trip Information Evening

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – P3 Assembly

Parent Council Meeting (TBC)

## **April**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – P2/3 Assembly

## **May**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Snapshots to Parents/Carers

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – P5b Assembly

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parent/Carer Consultations

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – New P1 Information Meeting & Lunch

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> – P6 Camping Trip Information Evening

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> – P5a Assembly

Parent Council Meeting (TBC)

## **June**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Reports to Parents/Carers

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Nursery & P7 Graduations & P6 “Stepping Up” Assembly

Sports Day (TBC)