



Together we will shine!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope all of our children and families are all keeping well despite the wet weather we are experiencing at the moment. It has been a busy and enjoyable first term in Eastfield!

Showcase of Learning

We had our showcase of learning on Tuesday 10th October and Thursday 12th October. We had a fantastic turnout of parents/carers and a wide range of family members who attended the event for our children. The children were so excited to show off all their learning, models and artwork. During the event we asked parents/carers to leave feedback for the school and I am delighted to say that it was really positive! Thank you to everyone who came along to make this a successful event.

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. This supports both safe and speedy access and egress to and from the school for the children, Separate communication will be sent to detailing the system via Groupcall.

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).

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 unauthorised use which 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. Furthermore, please be mindful of parking in the street as we have had some local residents calling the school to say that their driveway is blocked and they cannot get out.

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.

Parent Council

At the start of this session we had our first Parent Council meeting. The positions of the Parent Council have been voted for and are as follows:

Name	Position
Cherie Peacock and Pamela Gunn	Chair (shared position)
Suzanne Breakell and Caroline Roy	Vice-Chair (shared position)
Claire Ward Clark	Secretary
Frances McLaughlin	Treasurer

We look forward to working in partnership with everyone in the Parent Council to ensure the best possible outcome for all the children at Eastfield Primary School. The Parent Council meetings for this session are as follows and minutes from these meetings will be shared with the wider parent forum;

Dates
23 rd November 2023
24 th January 2024
5 th March 2024
14 th May 2024

Parent Council Halloween Disco

The Parent Council will be running a Halloween disco on Thursday 26th October. P1-P3 is 6pm to 7pm and P4-P7 is 7:30pm-8:30pm.

The cost is £3 at the door which will be collected by the Parent Council.

On the night, all children will enter via the infant playground and through the Primary 2/3 door which leads directly into the hall. When you return to collect your child, again please enter via the P2/3 door and collect your child from the hall and exit via the main door. This is to avoid congestion and support speedy collection times.

Annual Improvement Plan Priorities

This session our improvement priorities are;

School Priority 1	All children are challenged and supported at an appropriate level to raise attainment in writing.
School Priority 2	To increase opportunities for all children that improve mental, social, emotional and physical health throughout 2022/23 session embedding and extending a wide range of nurture, cooking and physical activity opportunities.
School Priority 3	To design and deliver a relevant and engaging curriculum to support and challenge children to further develop skills for learning, life & work.

Sports Scotland - Gold Award

I am absolutely delighted to announce that the school has been awarded the Gold Sports Scotland Award for our contribution in, and offering of sporting events by the school. A huge thanks go to Lee from Active Schools, our partnerships with a wide range of providers and coaches, parents and ultimately the hard work of our children. A special thanks to Mr Miller whose unremitting efforts since 2015 have driven forward a passion for sports culminating in the achievement of this fantastic award. True team work in action!



NLC Enterprise Award

The school is delighted to announce that we have also received the NL Enterprising Schools Award 2023. This was a fantastic opportunity for our learners to develop skills and knowledge and turn their innovative ideas into a reality. Well done to all of our children and a huge "Thank you" to Mr Rutherford who has led and developed enterprise within the school.



Dates for the Diary

Dates	Event
16 th October - 20 th October	Holiday
23 rd October	All children return to school
3 rd November	Snapshot jotters issued
13 th November	In-Set day (pupils off)
16 th November	Parents' Night (information to follow)
28 th November	Greenfaulds High School Evening - P7 (information to follow)
11 th December	Christmas concert (PM)
12 th December	Christmas concert (PM & Evening)
13 th December	Christmas concert (AM)
From 18 th December onwards	Children can wear their Christmas jumpers
21 st December	Christmas Fun Day (Dress down)
22 nd December	School closes for Christmas 2:30pm

I trust that the information in this newsletter is useful and I wish you all a safe and happy October break.

Kindest regards

Mrs Lesley McPhee

Head Teacher