



WE STRIVE TO BE A STRONG & CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY  
WHERE EVERYONE IS; SAFE, HAPPY, INCLUDED & RESPECTED  
BY BUILDING CONFIDENCE & RAISING ACHIEVEMENT  
WE TRULY ARE...MAKING PUPILS SHINE!

## **Morningside Primary School** **January 2020 Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the New Year! The children and staff are all looking forward to a very successful 2020.

### **Attendance and Late coming**

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school, please phone in the morning to let us know the reason for this. We can then ensure the correct reason is recorded on the register and avoid triggering a text message to you due to no notification of absence.

Since our return there continues to be a large number of children who are late for school. The school bell rings at 8.55am and any children who are not in school at this time are marked as late. Unfortunately many of the late arrivals are after classes have completed registration causing disruption to the class and the children's learning.

Also if your child is absent / late for any morning session, please contact the school before 9.30am if they are returning and wish a school lunch. Orders have to be placed at the base by 9.30am and portions are carefully considered, leaving little flexibility for additional meals.

### **Breakfast Club**

May we remind you that breakfast club is every school day morning from 8.15am until 8.45am. Children can only come in to the school grounds before 8.30am if they are attending Breakfast Club, where they must have breakfast and not just come to play the games. Our playground is officially supervised from 8.40am until the bell at 8.55am.

### **Child Protection**

Just a reminder for you all of the following points:

Our Child Protection Coordinator is Mrs. Jennifer Gardiner, Head Teacher. Should any of you have any concerns for children's welfare, these should be reported to Mrs. Gardiner. If Mrs. Gardiner is unavailable, these should be reported to Mrs. White, Principal Teacher.

Our Child Protection Policy is available on our Blog or you can request a copy from the school.

All staff have training on Child Protection policies and procedures on a yearly basis.

We have noticed that Santa was very prolific in gifting new technology to our pupils; in particular smart watches.

As many of these perform the same/similar functions as a phone (messaging, recording etc.) it is advised that these are not brought in to school. Should they have to be brought in to school, the same rules apply as phones: they would be handed in first thing in the morning to the school office to be stored safely and returned at 3pm. Thank you for your assistance with this.

### **Communication**

Messenger 5 (email) is the method of communication that we have been using for the past year. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date and if they change, inform us right away.

Paper copies are very rarely being sent home. If you do not receive a particular communication, please ask at the office. You can also keep up to date with what the children are doing everyday through our school blog and twitter feed.

Keep in touch at: **Website/Blog**

[glowscotland.gov.uk/nl/morningsideblog](http://glowscotland.gov.uk/nl/morningsideblog)

**Twitter Account** @morningsideps

### **Dates for Your Diary**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Rag Bag Collection  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Holiday  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Inset days, school closed to pupils  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Cross Country Trials

Other events will be added as the year goes on and you will be notified of these in due course. All dates are provisional and subject to change.

### **Dress Down Day**

Our next dress down day will be Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Children can make a donation of £1 to wear their own clothes for the day, **no football colours please**. The money raised will go towards our class topic trips.  
We will be having our Scottish poetry celebration that day and children can come to school wearing some tartan if they wish.

### **Parent Council Meeting**

The next meeting of the parent council is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm. All parents, as part of the parent forum, are welcome to attend.

### **REGISTRATION FOR INFANT BEGINNERS TAKING PLACE ON:**

**TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2020: 10.00am – 12noon (by appointment – 10min slots)**  
**and 1.00pm – 3.00pm (by appointment – 10min slots)**

**WEDNESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2020: 2.00pm – 5.00pm (by appointment – 10min slots)**

**THURSDAY, 16 JANUARY 2020: 10.00am – 12noon (by appointment – 10min slots)**

Registration is for children who attain the age of 5 years between 1 March 2020 and 28 February 2021. **Due to difficulties in the past each child's birth certificate and proof of address must be produced for registration.** (Regarding proof of address, a council tax bill would be required as proof of residency or copy of missives/let agreement.)

### **School Trips**

As last year each class will be going on one topic related trip between February and June. This will enable each child to have an enjoyable experience that also enhances their learning. Details will be issued to parents about their child's trip nearer the time.

### **School Uniforms**

A brief update, our current uniform supplier Logos-On, based in Carlisle will no longer be supplying school attire to concentrate on the work wear side of their business.

A decision will be made regarding a new supplier and we will update you as soon as possible. In the meantime BE School wear (based on Mains Street, Wishaw) has taken over Logos-On stock of Morningside items if you require anything in the interim.

### **Compliments, Concerns, Complaints**

If you have any of the above, please make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher, Mrs. White or Mrs. Gardiner. They will be available by appointment only, which can be made by either phoning the school (01698 274938) or by emailing [enquiries@morningside.n-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@morningside.n-lanark.sch.uk). Can I please remind you that all emails should be sent via this email address not to the Head Teacher, Principal Teacher or Class Teachers directly.

If it is regarding classroom work, please make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher, through the office staff, please do not approach teachers directly during preparation time or teaching time.

On many occasions, if it is not regarding class work, our office staff will have the information and advice that you need.

We as a staff want your children to be safe and happy during their time at Morningside Primary and are more than willing to discuss any concerns. It is always best to ask us directly rather than using other forums to air your concerns. We are teaching your children about the safe usage of social media and how our digital footprint cannot be deleted. Please be mindful of your own usage. Your support in this would be greatly appreciated.

Jennifer Gardiner  
Head Teacher

10<sup>th</sup> January 2020