



Tollbrae Primary School and Nursery Class



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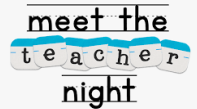
August Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Friends of Tollbrae,

It was so lovely to welcome our children back to Tollbrae Primary this session. We hope you all had a great summer and took some time to relax. Our children have all come back refreshed and seem happy and settled in their new classes.

Meet The Teacher Night

We are delighted to be able to invite you to our Meet The Teacher event next Wednesday 30th August. Please drop in any time between 3.15pm and 4.30pm and your child will give you a tour of their classroom. We will let the children out of their usual exits, give them time to match up with parents/visitors then open up the doors again and let you in to your child's classroom to meet their new teacher and explore the room. We hope to see you then.



Pupil Absence Management

Please telephone the school office between 8.30 and 9.00am, if your child is going to be absent. This allows staff to use the correct code at registration and cuts down the amount of emergency text messages sent to parents unnecessarily. (Please note, the school cannot receive text messages, only send them).

Breakfast Club



St. Edward's and Tollbrae Primaries continue to host a Breakfast Club every morning. Children can enter through front doors from 8.15am onwards. The children are able to enjoy a filling breakfast and some social time. They then have some time to play in the playground from 8.45am. Our Breakfast Club is free for children in P1-5. For children in P6 and 7 who are not in receipt of free school meals, there is still a cost of £1.

School Lunches cost £3.10. Children from P1-5 (and free meal entitlement) are also entitled to a free school lunch. If your child is in P6 and 7, please ensure their lunch money card is topped up regularly.

Primary One

We are delighted with how well our Primary One children have settled into their new classes. Our P7 buddies have been a super support in helping them get into a routine, supporting our new children in classes, playground and the lunch hall. The children are quickly learning our rules and routines. All children in P1 who managed a school visit before the holidays were given a present of a purple homework bag with P1 Information Booklets and Tollbrae Ted inside. Anyone who did not receive a purple homework bag, please call the school office. Homework and letters will go home in these bags, so please check them every night. If there are any letters or other correspondence you would like our P1 teachers to see, please put them in the homework bags as they are checked regularly.

Primary 1 Opening Up Learning

This year we would like to invite our new parents to our opening up learning event on Friday 8th September from 1.30-2.30pm in our school hall. It will be an interactive event so your child will join you for some fun learning together. We hope you will find the event useful and give you some tips for supporting your child at home throughout their first year at school.

Another fond farewell

Tam, our wonderful School Crossing Patroller is beginning his well-earned retirement on 15th September. To say 'Thank You' for his years of service come rain or shine, we are having a collection to give him a gift from the school. If any families would like to make a small donation, please hand in to the school office.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

It is that time of year again, where our P7 pupils are starting to plan our annual Coffee Morning in a bid to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support. This year, we will be collaborating with the P7 pupils from St Edwards. Our Coffee morning will take place on Thursday 28th September. We would greatly appreciate any donations of shop bought or homemade cakes and biscuits for this event on the day before (Wednesday 27th September). Can you please ensure your pupil's name and stage are on any tins or tupperware so that these can be safely returned to you after the event. As usual, all of our school community are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.



Class Bands



We are very lucky to have been accepted for two programmes of specialist whole class music provision this year. In Base 11, two teachers will attend on Wednesday afternoons to teach the pupils how to play a woodwind or brass instrument. Pupils can bring their instruments home to practice

Base 12 will have teachers attend on a Friday morning and they will be trying their hand at a range of different instruments including guitar, bass guitar and keyboards. We will keep you posted with our experiences in future newsletters!



P.E.



Bases 1-6 have indoor P.E sessions and Loose Parts Play sessions each week. Bases 7-12 have indoor and outdoor PE sessions each week. Bases 7-12 will also be introduced to Loose Parts Play this session

Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for P.E and has a change of shoes and clothes for indoor P.E. **Jewellery must not be worn for safety reasons.**

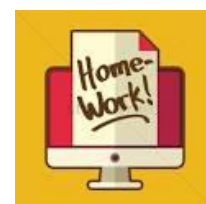
Base 1	P.E -Thursday Loose Parts Play - Monday
Base 2	P.E – Wednesday Loose Parts Play - Tuesday
Base 3	P.E –Thursday Loose Parts Play - Wednesday
Base 4	P.E – Monday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor) Loose Parts Play - Thursday
Base 6	P.E – Monday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor) Loose Parts Play -Thursday
Base 7	P.E – Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)
Base 8	P.E –Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)
Base 9	P.E – Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor)
Base 10	P.E – Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)
Base 11	P.E – Monday (indoor) and Tuesday (outdoor)
Base 12	P.E – Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)

Homework

At Tollbrae, the completion of homework is optional and completed tasks do not need to be handed in to the class teacher. Parents can choose to check over homework themselves or, if they wish, send completed homework tasks into school to share with the teacher.

We recognise that families are busy with lots of other commitments during the week. Children and parents can choose the times that suit them best for completing homework tasks. We would recommend that tasks are completed within seven days of issue to ensure that they are relevant and reflect the learning going on in class at that time. Each class teacher will choose the most appropriate day in the week to give out homework to their own class. This day will be communicated to parents in the Learning Journey that will be sent home each term.

Although tasks and activities will vary according to age and stage, all children will be given three areas of homework to complete each week. If you have any further questions regarding homework at Tollbrae Primary, please feel free to ask your child's class teacher or phone the school office for more information.



Uniform Bank

We have a small uniform bank in the school and children are welcome to take home any sweatshirts or polo shirts we have for a spare. Alternatively, let Mrs. Mosher know what you need and she can try to find. We have various sizes but we always welcome uniforms in good condition to recycle. Should you wish to donate uniforms that your child has outgrown, please hand in at the school office for the attention of Mrs. Mosher.



Can we remind parents to label all property so they can quickly be returned to their owners.

Health Promotion

PE Kits: Participation in physical education is compulsory. The days of your child's P.E lessons are in the table above. Please ensure your child comes with an appropriate change of clothing.

Headlice: Please check children's hair on a regular basis and keep long hair tied back.

Cycling to school: if your child is cycling or bringing a scooter to school, please ensure that they wear a cycling helmet and you have agreed a safe route to travel.



Healthy Snacks



As Tollbrae is a health promoting school, we encourage the children to bring **healthy snacks and drinks** with them to school. Children are only permitted to drink **water** in class. Please send your child with a prefilled water bottle and we have water dispensers in school for the children to refill. Fizzy juice is not allowed. We hope you will continue to support us in this.

We currently have children within our campus with VERY severe allergies. Tollbrae and St Edward's are now nut and lentil free zones. Please help us to maintain the safety of our children and do not send in any products containing nuts or lentils. The children and their families are very grateful for your support with this.

Parking

We would like to remind you to park considerately if using our school carpark. Please use the parking spaces available as parking at the side of the road and beside the buses it is a danger to our pupils and staff.

Please also leave the disabled bays free for our blue badge holder parents, staff and visitors.



Diary Dates

Meet The Teacher	Wed 30 th August	3.15pm – 4.30pm
Parent Council AGM	Wed 30 th August	7pm
School Outing t.b.a P1-3	Wed 20 th September	All day
School Outing Conic Hill P4 -7	Thurs 21 st September	All day
September Weekend	Fri 22 nd - Mon 25 th September	
MacMillan Coffee Morning	Thurs 28 th September	am
October Week	Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th October	
Parent Council Hallowe'en Party	Thurs 26 th October	Time tbc
Hallowe'en Dress Down Day	Fri 27 th October	All day

Holidays



Our school will be closed for **September weekend** this year on **Friday 22nd September** and **Monday 25th September**. Children should return to school on **Tuesday 26th September**.

Our October Week holiday is from **Monday 16th October** until **Friday 20th October**. Children will return to school on **Monday 23rd October**.

As ever, we aim to make your children feel safe, happy and included throughout their time at Tollbrae Primary. Should you have any worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Clare Welsh Headteacher

