

Newsletter

August 2013



Dear Parent / Carer

On behalf of all members of staff at Errol Primary School I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to school for our pupils in P2 - P7 and a special welcome to our new Primary 1 pupils, new pupils from other schools and Nursery children.

After my 1st full week at the school I thought it would be a good opportunity to introduce myself and give you a bit of background information early in the term. I have been a teacher for over 17 years and have taught at a number of schools. I completed my initial teacher training in Aberdeen and then moved to the London Borough of Redbridge where I taught at South Park Junior School. I taught there for 4 years, teaching from P4 to P7. I then moved to New Zealand where I taught at Homai Primary School in Manurewa, South Auckland. During this time I had a variety of roles including class teacher and ICT director, responsible for developing the use of technology across the school. I then moved to May Road School in Auckland City this time as a Senior Teacher. I eventually ended up out of class teaching ICT at all stages as well as a variety of other subjects.

After eight years in New Zealand I returned to Scotland with my family and was appointed as Principal Teacher at Forgandenny Primary School in Perth and Kinross. After two years as Principal teacher I was appointed as Headteacher where I remained until June 2013.

I am very excited to be working at Errol Primary School and am looking forward to getting to know and meeting as many people associated with the school as soon as possible.

Kind regards,
Graham Donnachie, Acting Headteacher



August

Wednesday 28th - School Photographs—Class Pictures
Individual for P1 & P7 only

Saturday 31st - Errol Flower Show

September

Monday 2nd - Meet the teacher and parent council BBQ

October

Tuesday 1st - Parent Council Meeting and AGM

Friday 11th October - End of Term

Monday 28th October—School Returns after October break

November

12-13th - Parent Interviews

14--15th—INSET—School Closed for children

December

Saturday 7th - Parent Council Christmas Fayre



You may wish to view our newsletter on the school website - the quality is far better & photos and images are much clearer.

We are aiming to keep the school website up to date with as much information as possible so please check it regularly if you can.

www.errol.pkc.sch.uk

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There have been a few changes over the summer on the school and hopefully there will be no further changes to the classes over the coming months. Errol welcomes Miss Gillian Creedican in P6, Miss Gillian Wishart, P1-2, and Mr Paul Cunningham and a Support for Learning Assistant. We also say farewell to Miss Rona Dingwall who has been with P1-2 and we wish her all the very best.

Headteacher	Mr Donnachie	Principal Teacher	Mrs Haggart
Nursery	Mrs J Shore	P1	Miss E Lawrie
P1-2	Miss G Wishart	P2	Miss S Cameron
P3	Miss C Annand	P4	Miss S Black
P5	Miss J Leslie	P6	Miss G Creedican
P7	Mrs S Morrison	Pupil Support Teacher	Mrs Lockhart
Drama Specialist	Mrs Ogg	PE Specialist	Mr Miller
RCCT	Mrs McBride	School Secretary	Mrs Davies
Classroom Assistant	Mrs Wallace	Auxiliary	Mrs Boal
Support for Learning	Mr Cunningham	Mrs Hodge	Mrs Clark
Support for learning	Mrs Thomson	Early Childhood Practitioners - Nursery	Mrs Ross
Early Childhood Practitioners - Nursery	Mrs Budge	Mrs Aitchison	Mrs Harte
Janitor	Mr Buist	Probationer teacher cover	Mrs Topen
School Crossing	Mrs Murray	School Kitchen	Mrs Merralls
School Kitchen	Ms Lavery	School Kitchen	Ms Brimacombe



Medical Conditions

Should your child have a medical condition which may require essential treatment or emergency administration of medication, the following arrangements exist: (New guidance from NHS Tayside)

- A Parental Request form **MUST** be completed for either medication administration by staff or to be self-administered.
- The school will hold medication, under secure conditions, clearly marked for use for your child.
- Parents are responsible for handing it in to a member of staff. You should not send it in with your child. You are also responsible for ensuring we have up to date medication.
- Routine medication should be administered by parents at home. It will not be given during school hours.
- Any child who requires an inhaler must have 1 in school and 1 in their school bag as per NHS Tayside guidelines
- Parents should ensure that their child's routine medication is prescribed in dose frequencies which enables it to be taken outwith school time (unless prescription states a specific time for medication to be administered for diagnostic purposes).

Reminders

- We expect children to be in school and ready to line up at 9.00am. If pupils are late they must report to the office.
- Please phone the school by 9:30am if your child is absent and send a note in when your child returns
- You will appreciate teachers are busy first thing in the morning as they are preparing for class. Should you need to speak to them, a note in the school bag or in the homework diary is usually sufficient unless the matter is urgent. They will endeavour to respond promptly. An appointment can be arranged through the school office.
- In the interest of pupil safety and easy access to school, please park considerately.
- If your child is a home lunch please remind them to re-enter the school via the side gate , even on wet days.
- Lunches are £1.90. Where possible payment should be made on Monday for the week's lunches.
- Remember and bring full water bottle and homework pack everyday.
- Please make sure your child knows where they are going after school if you think they won't remember please pop a note in the homework



After School clubs

We hope to offer a variety of school clubs this term and a letters will be going out shortly for pupils to sign up to a club.



Meet the Teacher Afternoon and Parent Council BBQ

There will be an opportunity for parents to 'meet the teacher' after school on **Monday 2nd September** at an informal drop in. This is an opportunity to meet a new face and say hello. Following the afternoon there will be a BBQ hosted by the parent council as well as a variety of games and activities for the children. Activities include face painting, bouncy castles and a tombola.

Hopefully you will be able to come along and we'll see you on the day.

Annual Data Check

Forms will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. Please can you check all the information is correct and return to school as soon as possible.

School Uniform.

I'm sure you'll agree the children look great in their new school uniform and that the badge looks great.

Please remember

- Clearly label all school uniform
- PE kit should be kept in school at all times
- Jewellery and nail varnish are not part of our school uniform



The parent council met for their 1st meeting of the school year to plan up and coming events including the BBQ next week. They have agreed to make a contribution to subsidise the amount we pay for bus transportation to the Christmas Panto in Perth. The cost of booking buses has risen considerably over the past few years which means we will be asking for a small contribution to make up the shortfall from the parent council contribution. Details to follow nearer the time.

Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 28th August** taking class pictures and individual pictures of our P1 and P7 children.

