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Dear families,

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer holiday and feeling fully recharged for another great year of learning at Ruthvenfield. It has been wonderful to welcome our new P1 pupils and families to Ruthvenfield this week. A huge thank you to our P7 buddies for helping them to settle in. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our other new families too.

Staffing News

Miss Ellie Johnson has joined our team and will be teaching P3/4 Monday to Thursday. She will be in the playground after school every day next week and would love for parents/families to come and say hello/introduce yourselves. Mrs Ritchie will continue to work at Ruthvenfield on Thursdays and Fridays, teaching P1/2 on Thursdays and P5-7 on Fridays. Mrs Bennett will continue to teach drama classes on a Monday afternoon. Mrs Susan Black will be our Pupil Support Teacher, working across St Johns, Ruthvenfield and St Ninians.

Communication – Website, Twitter, Seesaw



We are in the process of updating our online school calendar and this will soon be available on our school website at www.ruthvenfield.org.uk. The school standards and quality report, distributed at the end of last term, will also be made available to view on our website along with our school improvement plan for 2019/20. The school's Twitter account is [@ruthvenfield](https://twitter.com/ruthvenfield). Please follow us to receive tweets or have a look at the twitter feed on our website.

Seesaw (digital profiles)

Class teachers will soon be sending home a Parental Agreement Form which you will be required to sign and return before you are able to access your child's Seesaw account. This is a pupil led digital profile which allows your child to share their learning and targets with you throughout the year.

School Timings

This session our lunch times remain at 12.20-1.20 pm each day and break times are 10.40-11.00am.

School Uniform and gym kit

Please ensure that full school uniform (Ruthvenfield school colours) is worn with smart black shoes (no trainers, thank you). Clearly labelling all clothing is extremely helpful. Class teachers will inform you of class gym days.

Cashless School – Parent Pay

With effect from 21st August, the school is now cashless. Please make any school lunch payments through Parent Pay. Our new families have received a letter to enable them to log into Parent Pay. Please contact Mrs Falconer in the school office if you require any advice.

Primary 1 Photos

There will be a P1 photograph taken on **Monday 26th August by the Dundee Evening Telegraph at 11am** and on **Thursday 29th August** by the Perthshire Advertiser.

Our House System

This session we will be reallocating pupils into new Houses. It is necessary to do this every few years to ensure equal numbers within houses and across stages. It is also helpful to have P1 and P7 Buddies in the same House. Pupils will find out their new houses at assembly next week.

The elections for leadership roles within school will take place within the next few weeks and the process of teambuilding will begin in the near future.

This session, we will continue seating arrangements for lunch service in houses on a Monday to Thursday. This is an important element of ethos building within our House system. In addition to this and in response to Learning Council feedback, on a Friday pupils may sit out with their houses.

Afterschool Clubs

Ruthvenfield is in the privileged position of being able to offer a number of afterschool club activities to support pupils' health and wellbeing. These clubs are primarily organised and run by parent volunteers and would not be possible without their support and dedication. If you can spare some time to help out at a club it would be greatly appreciated or please let us know if you have any ideas about a new club that you would like to start. I look forward to letting you know which clubs we can offer this year in the near future.

Running Club (for all ages)

Running club will resume next Wednesday (28th August) after school from 3:20-4:20pm. New members are always welcome. Please pick up a permission slip from the school office.



P1-4 Football Club

The P1-4 football club will resume next Friday (30th August) after school from 3:20-4:20pm. Once again, new members are always welcome. Please pick up a permission slip from the school office.



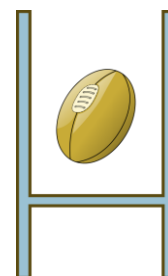
Climbing Club

The children would love climbing club to get back up and running. If you would be willing to be involved in this then please contact the school office or pop in and let us know. We have a climbing wall in the gym hall which is used for climbing club. A representative from Perth Climbing Club would happily come in to school to train any volunteers.



Rugby

Perth Rugby Club (PRC) will be working with Ruthvenfield Primary School again this year. We will issue details to particular year groups when dates are finalised.



Sponsored Family Fun Run at Huntingtower Hotel



Our Family Fun Run at the end of last term has already raised an outstanding sum of £853.50. Thank you very much for all of your support with this. If there are any outstanding donations then these can still be added through ParentPay. Thank you. We plan to put funds raised towards school improvements focussed on **Outdoor Learning training and equipment** during session 2019/20.

Flu Vaccination Forms

Flu vaccination forms are being sent home with your child tonight. Please return these by **Friday 6th September**.

Please see the following page for Term 1 diary dates.

Looking forward to a great 2019/20 session.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sarah Burke
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Term 1 Diary Dates so far

August - Class charters agreed in each classroom

Wed 28th Aug - #BeNiceBus (anti-bullying workshops for all classes)

Wed 4th Sept am – P5-7 Perth Theatre Trip (workshop)

Fri 6th Sept pm - Rugby p1/2 and p3/4

Mon 9th Sept @ 7pm– Parent Council AGM, Glover Arms

Tues 10th Sept or Tues 17th Sept (date TBC) – Balfour Beatty Engineering workshops

Sept TBC (10th, 11th or 12th) Golf: Solheim Cup P5 pupils attending

Wed 2nd Oct - NSPCC workshops all day (all classes)

Fri 4th Oct - additional Inset day for staff (children not in school)

Mon 7th Oct - PKC holidays

Mon 21st Oct – Term 2 begins