



Inchinnan Primary School

September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the September Newsletter. Already we have lots going on in and around the school, especially with all our out of school clubs having started.

It's amazing how many clubs we have in such a small school, my colleagues are very jealous of the fact that every member of staff willingly takes on an out of school club, as they don't experience this.

P7/6 Assembly

Many thanks to P7/6 for a wonderful first class assembly this academic year. P7/6 used various curriculum areas such as art, drama and music to tell us about their class novel 'Varjak Paw' by S F Said and what they had learnt from it.

It was lovely to have so many parents/grandparents/friends of P7/6 join us. It is not always possible to have people join us in school for such occasions so it is lovely when we can and the children are so well supported. Thank you.

Science Trips

P7/6, P6/5 and P4/5 all enjoyed a recent day out at Glasgow Science Centre sponsored by Scottish Power. Bright Sparks was a free special event giving pupils the opportunity to take part in hands-on energy themed workshops.

SeeSaw

We are continuing to use SeeSaw to share and communicate with our families. Your child will post to SeeSaw to share their learning. Pupils and teachers will use this app to photograph their most recent and best work. The purpose is to facilitate a high quality learning conversation between you and your child. There is no requirement to like or comment on the photographs. Please sign up to create your account once you receive the Scan Code letter from your child's teacher.

Ongoing Works

The internal painting of the school continues with the pupils toilets being started during the September weekend. All works should be completed during the October holidays.

Our 104 Solar panels are now up and running. We hope to have an input soon at assembly to discuss their workings and energy generated as a result.

Website

A quick and easy way to keep up to date with news within our school is to sign up for our email updates on our website. The system resets during the summer holidays, so even if you have subscribed before, you still need to re-subscribe for this year. More than one family member can subscribe for updates. So far we only have 8 parents subscribed.

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) - Update

As you will be aware, the Scottish Government has invested in all Scottish schools through PEF. Allocations are based on the number of pupils from P1 to S3 who are eligible and registered for free school meals, using the latest available data.

PEF is allocated directly to schools and targeted at closing the poverty related attainment gap. It focuses on improvement activity in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.

Last year's Parent Questionnaire stated that 93% of parents felt that PEF had made a difference to their child. As a result of this, session 2018-19 spending will again be aimed at similar areas e.g. Nessy Spelling & Reading as well as Sumdog ICT software. On top of this, we have bought in Clicker 7 software aimed at supporting children with their writing activities.

We have also used this to buy two new, state of the art interactive boards and staff training to support this technology.

The Parent Council has generously offered to fund a new board and the school will be purchasing one which means that every class will now have access to this wonderful technology.



Staffing

As many of you will already know, Mrs Patton our Classroom Assistant, is off on long term absence as she continues her battle with breast cancer. Mrs Patton was delighted and thanks everyone for the beautiful flowers she received recently from the Parent Council and Pupils. Mrs Patton is greatly missed, especially by the children during play/lunchtimes. We wish her well and a very speedy recovery.

Ms McGill in the school office has been transferred to another school, which currently leaves us short staffed in the office. Can you please bear this in mind when contacting the school, as any messages that need to be passed on leave the school office empty with no one to open the door or answer the phone. Many thanks for your patience at this time.

Celebrating Success

I am delighted to share with you the following good news...

Abby Hayes & Ethan Allison - received medal for playing in Glasgow boy's football tournament.

Zara O'Hare - awarded a trophy and plate from Inverness Highland Dancing competition.

Matilda McLelland - achieved nearly all of Dolphins swimming criteria.

Renee Johnstone - 3rd in World and 4th in Scotland, during Cowal Highland gathering.

Jay Derrick - has written 5 story books, during his own time, for others to read.

Zara O'Hare - achieved 4 championship points at Cowal Highland gathering.

Ethan Allison - awarded medal for participation in 08's football tournament.

Chloe Miller and Louis Johnstone - received medals for participation at football events.

Louis Johnstone - Strikerz 'Star of the Week'

Emma Donnelly - achieved Starfish swimming award, moved to Seals.

Archie Johnstone - Strikerz 'Star of the Week'.

Carli Johnstone - achieved 2 -1st, a 2nd and a 7th as well as 1st overall at a recent Highland Dancing comp.

Lucy O'Brien and Kiara Kelly - undertook 5K challenge for 'Use Your Sense', guide dogs.

Many congratulations to all our talented Children, we are all very proud of you!



Parking - Safety

Our neighbours at LittleInch Care Home have asked us to remind parents that their car park is a private parking area for residents, staff and visitors. They also require the entrance area to be free, allowing access to the car park, for all vehicles including ambulances.

We always encourage our children to walk to school or 'park and stride' by parking at the playing fields and crossing with the lollipop man, or parking at the Bowling club or church and walking from there.

Again, your support with this would be much appreciated.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 12th November 2018.

All welcome

Diary Dates - September

Monday 1st October

- 11.30am Citizenship Groups for all
- 6pm Parent Council

Friday 5th October

- 9am School / Parent Council meeting re traffic
- Flu Vaccinations for pupils

Monday 8th October

- 6pm 'Maths is Fun' family games night

Thursday 11th October

- 11am Harvest Service at Inchinnan Parish Church

Friday 12th October

- Pupil Council 'Wear it Pink Day', donations to Breast Cancer
- 2.30pm Stop for October holidays

School Closed

**Monday 15th October to
Tuesday 23rd October**

Monday 22nd October

- In Service

Sunday 28th October

- Parent Council Halloween Disco

Key Dates - Session 2018 - 19

- Harvest Service - 11am Thursday 11th October
- Scottish Afternoon - 1.30pm Wednesday 28th November
- P1-3 Christmas Nativity - 11am Thursday 20th December
- Easter Service - 11am Thursday 28th March
- Valedictory Service - Wednesday 26th June

As always, we value your thoughts and opinions and welcome comments you may have regarding any issues or concern no matter how small.

Please feel free to drop in for a quick chat, email the school on

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or, for a longer discussion, make an appointment through the school office on 0141 812 1268.

Kind regards

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