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Todholm Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Class

Dear Parent/Carer

I am absolutely delighted to welcome the Nursery and School children back into their new classes. The children have a very busy start to the term and lots of exciting learning opportunities have been planned for the term ahead. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new Nursery & Primary One children and their families. Our Primary Seven buddies are doing a fantastic job helping to settle the new school children. We have also welcomed four new members of teaching staff - Mrs McCann, Miss Binning, Miss Hughes and Miss Thomson. I am delighted to announce that, following competitive interview, Miss O'Rourke has been appointed to the nursery on a permanent basis.

The class structure for this session is confirmed as follows:

|     |                                  |      |              |
|-----|----------------------------------|------|--------------|
| P1A | Mrs Anderson and Miss Smith      | P4B  | Mrs McCann   |
| P1B | Miss Struthers and Miss McDonald | P5A  | Miss Hughes  |
| P2A | Mrs Bull and Mrs Bell            | P5B  | Mr Henry     |
| P2B | Miss Wilson                      | P6   | Miss Thomson |
| P3A | Miss Wright                      | P7/6 | Miss Binning |
| P3B | Miss Williamson and Mrs Webb     | P7A  | Mrs Lusk     |
| P4A | Miss McKenzie                    | P7B  | Miss McCrear |

Miss Rodger will provide the non class contact time for P1 and P2B.

Mrs Bell will provide the non class contact time for P2A, P3A, P3B, P5A, P5B, P6, P7/6, P7A and P7B.

Mrs Cochrane will provide the non class contact time for P1A.

Mrs Reid will provide the non class contact time for P7A and P7B.

Arrangements for non class contact time will be discussed at Curriculum Workshops.

An Annual Calendar of dates has been provided for your information and convenience. I have included as many key dates as possible and more dates will be added as new events are planned. You will be informed of additional dates by dojo, email or by newsletter. Please note some of these dates may be subject to change. For your convenience the calendar has been colour coded

- 1) Blue – Nursery
- 2) Black – School
- 3) Red – Parent Council

I would ask that you check your child's schoolbag/homework packet every day to ensure that you do not miss important information and to ensure that timeous responses are made. Newsletters will also be uploaded to the website [www.todholm.renfrewshire.sch.uk](http://www.todholm.renfrewshire.sch.uk) for your convenience.

### Nursery Hours

The nursery hours for this session are as follows:

**Morning session:** 8.50 – 12.00 pm

**Afternoon session:** 12.50 – 4.00 pm

A bell will ring at the start of each session. Wraparound hours for Nursery children are also available. Please see Mrs Cochrane if you are interested.

### Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews for this term will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September. This is earlier than usual as we are keen for parents to meet with new class teachers as early as possible and we are also keen to give parents an opportunity to talk about their child with the teacher. For your convenience we are piloting our very own Parents' Evening booking system. This has now gone live and parents are required to log on to <https://todholm.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> in order to select a suitable appointment time. If you are unable to do this from home please contact the school office and a member of staff will be happy to help.

### School Lunches

A copy of the lunch menu is on the school website. The new term started with Week 1. Primary 1 – 3 children will be offered a free school meal if they wish. School lunches are available at a cost of £2.25 per meal. **Parents are asked to ensure that children come to school with the correct lunch money each day.**

**Parents are reminded that applications for free school meals must be made each year. Primary Four children are not eligible for free meals unless parents who are entitled have applied.**

It is really important that parents apply immediately as there will be a charge until applications are processed. Money **cannot** be backdated to the school.

### Snacks at Morning Break

Parents are asked to note that the Snack Bar is intended to provide an alternative snack for children - there is no obligation to visit the Snack Bar and children are welcome to bring their own snack to school.

| Item             | Price |
|------------------|-------|
| Toast and Butter | £0.15 |
| Roll and Butter  | £0.25 |
| Milk             | £0.30 |
| Flavoured Milk   | £0.30 |
| Orange juice     | £0.15 |
| Apple Juice      | £0.15 |
| Fruit            | £0.20 |
| Fruit Tubs       | £0.25 |

### Curriculum Update

#### Health and Wellbeing

We are now embarking on our second year of the PATHS programme and are looking to further embed and develop related practice in school. Katrina McGovern, our PATHS coach is offering an information evening for parents on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, time to be confirmed, to enable parents to learn more about the programme and how it impacts on our school ethos on a daily basis.

This session we will also be launching our new school values:

- Friendship
- Respect
- Aspiration
- Community
- Kindness

These will also be tied into the PATHS approach with related assemblies and pupil awards. Each Monday at assembly a PATHS “thought for the week” will be introduced and explored with the children. It will then be displayed on the PATHS board in the main hallway and incorporated into class lessons to further promote an ethos of kindness, caring and consideration throughout the school. We will also be having a School Values Day in September where all children will work in groups across the stages to further explore the new values and the impact which they will have upon our daily lives in school. A new logo has been designed incorporating our values and will soon be on display in various forms around the school to remind all members of our school community what we stand for in Todholm.

### **Literacy**

We are off to an exciting start this session with every class from Nursery through to Primary 7 studying a picture book. The books were picked with the help of the Pupil Improvement Team and will be a wonderful stimulus for some exciting work! Each class will be creating a sensory walk which means that the children will be completely engulfed in their class story and will feel like they've really experienced it! This is a new approach for us and we are very much looking forward to seeing where it takes us!

### **Numeracy**

We are very excited to be taking part in Maths Week again this year. Last year's week was a huge success and we are working on lots of exciting ideas and activities to make this year even better. The focus of this year's week is Engagement and we would like to engage with our children, our families and the community. Last year we had many parents who came in and spoke to the children about how they use maths in their jobs and we would like to again invite parents in to speak to the children. A letter will be issued to check parent availability.

Throughout the week the children will be taking part in a range of maths and numeracy activities. As parent interviews are that week we will also have activities on in the gym hall for families to come and take part in. There are lots of interesting activities planned and more information will be issued over the coming weeks. We hope that all our parents and carers will support Maths Week and get involved in some of the activities.

### **Pupil Equity Fund: Challenge Leader of Literacy and Numeracy and Inclusion Support Teacher**

Mrs Hall is delighted to continue as Challenge Leader of Literacy and Numeracy this session and already has some exciting plans in place. Mrs Scarff- McInnes has taken on a new role as Inclusion Support Teacher and she too has some very exciting plans. Both teachers intend to build on the sector leading family learning opportunities that were offered last session. As always, we are keen to involve you in your child/children's learning as much as possible over the coming session. We are very lucky at Todholm to have families that engage in their children's learning and we hope to facilitate further opportunities on top of what we already provide. We have a wonderful staff who run many after school sessions to allow this to happen.

### **Active Schools**

You will shortly receive information about the Active Schools Clubs for this term. If your child is selected to attend a club it is expected that they will commit to attending for the entire block. Details of other extracurricular activities run by school staff will be issued separately.

### **Credit Union**

The Credit Union has started up again. Children who are members of the Credit Union are encouraged to bring their money and Credit Union books to school on a Tuesday morning. If any parent would like their child to join the Credit Union please contact the school office.

### **Parental Engagement**

Engagement of parents/carers in their children's education is an extremely high priority for the entire staff at Todholm. In the forthcoming session we are hoping to provide more opportunities for parents to engage in the life of the school. If you are willing and able to volunteer to help out with school activities then please complete and return the parent helper appeal letter. You will be contacted by a member of staff in due course. Curriculum workshops have been organised for the following dates:

|             |                                       |          |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Primary 1   | Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2018   | 1. 15 pm |
| Primary 2   | Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2018  | 1. 15 pm |
| Primary 3&4 | Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 | 9.15 am  |

These workshops will provide you with an opportunity to come along and meet your child's teacher, hear about what your child will be learning and see some of the fantastic resources that have been purchased by the Parent Council to support your children's learning.

### School Uniform

I am absolutely delighted with the standard of school uniform at the start of this new session and I would like to thank parents/carers for ensuring that children come to school each day in school uniform. I expect a high standard of uniform at all times as, by wearing school uniform, it is hoped that children will take a pride in both themselves and their school. Todholm has many visitors to the school and I would like our visitors to continue to be impressed by the high standard of dress, and would ask for your co-operation to maintain this. **Please note that black and navy are not uniform colours.**

Children should also come to school with indoor gym shoes, shorts and polo shirt or t-shirt. **All children are encouraged to keep their kits in school and teachers will send them home at regular intervals to be washed.** Children with long hair are required to tie it back for gym. Earrings are **NOT** permitted at P.E. lessons. If ears are pierced, your child must be able to remove them for gym. In order to avoid children missing P.E. piercings should not be done during term time.

**PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING. For your convenience you can order personalised name tags if you wish.**

[www.MyNametags.com](http://www.MyNametags.com) Please enter school code when ordering online 25209.

### School Attendance/Timekeeping

I wish to encourage both regular attendance and punctuality and request your support in this area. Whilst the majority of children do arrive at school on time each day a small minority are late. Children should be at school in order to start their day promptly at 9.00 am. Please inform the school by letter or telephone if your child is absent, preferably before 9 am, and provide a note on his or her return to school. The increasing trend of pupils being taken out of school for holidays during term time is a major concern for all schools and such absences will normally be unauthorised. Homework will **not** usually be given to children who go on holiday during term time.

### Administration of Medicines

The administration of **PRESCRIBED** medicines during the school day is at the discretion of the Head Teacher. Appropriate forms have to be completed in advance of any medication being administered. Please contact the school if you require any advice or further information.

### Parking

Just a reminder that parents should not park in the Drop Off Zone in the morning and that cars are **not** permitted in the school grounds at 3.00 pm.

### Mobile Phones

As some children have been bringing mobile phones to school, I would ask you to note the following: Mobile phones must remain switched off in school bags during the day. Mobile phones must not be used at any time in school to take photographs or to make phone calls. Please reinforce this information with your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 0141 889 6949 should you require any further information.

I look forward to meeting you at future events and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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