

Newsletter



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A warm welcome back to our school session 2022/23.....and so another school year begins. It is lovely to see everyone back, healthy and well, and looking refreshed after the Summer Holidays.

Welcome to our new Primary 1, who have settled in well and have become very much an active part of the Primary school already.

This session sees no significant change to staffing and our Early Years and School roll remain healthy.

Hopefully the disruption caused by Covid is now behind us and we can move on from what has been 3 very trying years.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns regarding your child's education. School is about working in partnership.

Yvonne Templeton

Head Teacher

SNACKS AND DRINKS

We will continue to provide a healthy snack each day for your child, at a cost of £1 per week. If your child does not wish to partake in this and brings his or her own snack, I would remind parents that this too has to be healthy. Please avoid sweets and chocolate for play time as these have very little nutritional value for our young people and should be kept for a treat at home. I would also discourage parents from sending in any fizzy drinks. Water and milk are available to children at all times.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have returned to school uniform but please keep this simple, affordable and comfortable for your children.....and remember to write your child's name on his or her clothing. School bags are not required as all correspondence will be electronic, with the exception of reading books, which will be sent home with children in plastic wallets.

The school are also willing to take old but good school uniform clothing for a "Swap Shop".

LEARNING JOURNALS

This session we are piloting "Learning Journals" as a means of keeping you up to date with your child's progress. Learning Journals is an app which you can download onto your mobile phone or tablet. Your child, and his/her class teacher, will routinely post updates on their activities and learning. You are also able to post home learning and contribute supportive comments. Look out for some Parent Information Sessions coming out to you soon about learning Journals, to which everyone is invited to attend.

FOREST KINDERGARTEN

Our school has always promoted outdoor learning as a way of life for our children and young people. This will continue this session through a variety of planned activities for the primary school and a Forest Kindergarten approach for Early Years. Forest Kindergarten is an approach which takes place in local woodlands or greenspaces and is based on child-centred learning through play. It offers young children the opportunity to visit the same natural outdoor space, throughout the year, on a regular basis. This session our Early Years Forest Kindergarten sessions will take place on a Thursday and we will visit Kirkhill Gardens as kindly permitted by Mr and Mrs Skiba. Look out for further information coming your way.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

A significant part of our children's learning, this session, will revisit the work previously covered on the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child or the UNCRC. Our school is currently sitting with our Silver Award in Rights Respecting School award and we hope to achieve our Gold Award by the end of June 2023. In order to achieve our Gold award children and community must demonstrate a commitment to supporting Children's Rights and also children need to demonstrate taking action which we hope to do through the reinstatement of our Community Action Groups. We will keep you posted throughout the session about how we are getting on.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Our next PC meeting will take place on Tuesday, 6th September at 3.15 pm in Colmonell Primary School. Everyone is welcome to attend. Children can stay behind in school and play.

