

**Fisherton Primary School
& Early Years Centre
Term 1 September 2019**



Welcome back to everyone!

We are delighted to be at school with all our young people again. We are very proud of the resilience that they have shown as they have settled back into the school routine quickly and have coped well with the adaptations due to COVID-19. It has been great to see our pupils settling so smoothly into classes and showing already all of the positive attitudes, manners, smiles and determination to succeed that were so evident and encouraging last year. Our new children in the Early Years Centre and Primary 1 are settling really well. This session we will be using the Seesaw app to stay connected to parents. You can message the class teacher directly through this platform. Please sign up to the app if you have not already done so.



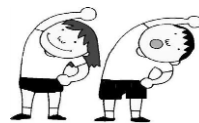
School Uniforms

It is lovely to see the children in their new uniform at the start of the school session. Thank you very much to our parents who have ensured our young people are smartly presented, wearing the Fisherton uniform with pride.



Child Protection

Our staff have now undertaken their annual Child Protection training. Everyone has a responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in our communities. Should any parent or family member be concerned about the wellbeing of any child, this should be reported immediately to Mrs Campbell, our Head Teacher, who is the school's Child Protection Co-ordinator.



PE Kits

In order to participate fully and safely, all pupils must have the correct PE kit. This should include outdoor gym shoes or trainers, shorts and a t-shirt. As our PE is currently taking place outdoors. We would ask that a pair of jogging trousers, warm jacket and outdoor trainers are brought to school for this purpose on PE days. For health & safety reasons, all jewellery should be removed for gym and long hair tied back.

Staffing News

We said goodbye to Mrs McLennan last session, however we were recently devastated to hear that she has passed away. Mrs McLennan wrote a book entitled, '**A Life on the Ocean Wave**'. This book was inspired by her commutes to our wee school by the sea. She will be greatly missed and we will all remember her fondly.

As you know Mrs Hamilton has handed in her resignation from the role of 0.5 Principal Teacher at Fisherton Primary School. Her job was advertised and I am delighted to announce that the successful candidate was Allison Eaglesham. Allison is currently a class teacher at Maidens Primary School. She will remain at Maidens for 0.5 commitment and will join Fisherton as Principal Teacher for 0.5 commitment. Allison has over seventeen years teaching experience and she is thrilled to be joining Fisherton Primary. She will begin her post following the October holiday.



Health & Safety - Medication

Please note that children should **NOT** be sent to school with medication in schoolbags. Any requests for children to take medication at school should be discussed with Mrs Stevenson or Mrs Hill via the school office. The necessary paperwork must be completed.

School Meals

Prices for school lunch for the academic year 2020/21 will be £2.15 in primary schools for a two-course lunch or meal deal. Plus, 25p for Milk. In schools there is a three-week menu cycle. There are no alternatives to the menu available but Special diets are available on request and can be provided in all schools. P1-3 are entitled to a free lunch as well as Nursery children however, Nursery children have a set menu. Depending on your financial circumstances, you may still be entitled to free school meals for your child beyond Primary 3. If you feel this is the case please contact the school for the relevant application form.

Menus and further information can be found on <https://www.southayrshire.gov.uk/schools/meals/>

Drinking Water at School



Fisherton Primary fully supports the Scottish Government's guidance around Healthy eating in schools. We therefore encourage all parents to provide a water bottle as all children have access to drinking water throughout the school day. Some children choose not to drink during class time which is a personal choice and will not be monitored by class teachers.

Choking Guidance for Early Years children

All snacks and lunches should be provided in accordance with the [Good practice guidance: prevention and management of choking episodes in babies and children](#) (December 2019). All staff should ensure they are familiar with these guidelines. **Raw carrots and popcorn should NOT be provided, Small fruit and vegetables like cherry tomatoes, grapes and blackberries should be quartered (length ways) and large fruits cut into slices rather than chunks. This guidance also applies to packed lunches from home.**

Communication

Communication is key to an effective partnership between school and home, and I am grateful to the large number of parents who support this. Where you have a query about your child's learning or behaviour, in the first instance the link would be with the class teacher. However, should you wish to speak to the HT or Principal teacher then please feel free to make an appointment via the school office.

If your child is going to be absent we would appreciate if you could let the school know by calling 01292 612049

In the event of your child becoming ill, or having an accident at school or Nursery, we will contact you or your emergency numbers immediately. Please ensure we have your most recent contact numbers, and let us know ASAP if they change throughout the year.

Harvest Donations

We will not be holding a Harvest Assembly in school this year however we are looking for donations to make up hampers which will be distributed to the elderly residents within our community. If you would like to nominate someone for a Harvest Hamper please contact the school office. If you would like to donate items for the hampers please hand them into school by Friday the 25th September.

Arrangements for entering the school

To adhere to government guidelines regarding social distancing to minimise the risk of infection to staff, parents/carers and pupils, South Ayrshire Council have asked that we implement the following measures:

- Parents/carers are strongly encouraged to **drop children off at the school gates at 9am and not enter the playground.** Drop off and pick up is limited to 1 adult per family.
- **Parents/carers should not enter the school building unless by prior appointment.**
- Visitors are not permitted to the school unless essential and with prior appointment.
- **Parents are not permitted to park within the school car park**
- **Pupils should not arrive at school earlier than 9am** unless advised to do so for staggering purposes or via school transport.
- Pupils will apply hand gel when entering the school



Dates for your Diary

DATE	DETAILS
Friday 18 th September	Holiday, school closed
Monday 21 st September	Holiday, school closed
Friday 25 th September	Last day for Harvest donations
Monday 28 th September	Maths Week Scotland begins
1 st October	Cyber Security Month begins. Staff will undertake training and raise awareness in classes.
Monday 5 th October	Harvest Hampers distributed this week.
Friday 9 th October	Close for October break.
Wed 21 st October	Pupils return to school
Thurs 22 nd October	Miss Eaglesham will begin as Principal Teacher at Fisherton Primary School
Thursday 29 th October	Parents night - telephone calls with class teacher
Friday 30 th November	Hallowe'en Day- come to school dressed up
Monday 2 nd November	Flu Immunisations