



## April 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a super break and are looking forward to the final term this academic year. There are always mixed emotions this term as we prepare to welcome new pupils to the EYC and Primary 1 but are also saying goodbye to our wonderful Primary 7 pupils. Plans for both are well under way.



### **School Uniform**

As many of you will be thinking forward to the new academic year we wanted to send a reminder about school uniform. Children throughout the school are invited to wear a red jumper or cardigan and a red tie. Primary 7 children are asked to wear a shirt and tie, particularly for days they are visiting Prestwick Academy for key events in the school year. Pupils in Primary 6 and 7 sometimes choose a black jumper and we ask that parents wait until then for black jumpers as it allows older children to feel they are preparing for secondary school.

Physical Education is a very important part of our school curriculum. Pupils will be informed at the start of each term what days their P.E. will take place. Their P.E. kit can be stored in school and it can be taken home to be cleaned when required. P.E. shorts, plain red or white t-shirts or polo shirts, and sandshoes should be worn. All jewellery should be removed before taking part and longer hair should be tied up.

**It is very important for safety reasons that children do not wear dangling earrings or false nails to schools.**

### **Staffing and classes for next year**

- Lynsey Hopper was successful at interview for an authority position working in Early Years Centres. Lynsey will continue as acting DHT until the end of this academic session and Natalie Spence is due back as Depute from her maternity leave in September this year. Natalie has planned keeping in touch days so will be back in regularly throughout this term
- Oliver Alexander is in place to cover Erin McGhee's maternity leave later this term. Oliver has been covering classes at Heathfield this academic year and knows the school well.
- We have confirmed our staffing structure and a letter has been sent to all families. We have not been able to confirm teachers as yet as we are still in the process of finalising staffing.

### **Sports Update**

As always, a busy term with Primary 3 swimming, P5 bowling and Primary 5 and 6 Bikeability. Later in the term, Primary 1 and 2 pupils will be attending tennis lessons and P2 will be also be attending gymnastics. There are a range of fun and competitive events including The Scottish Handball Championship, Triathlon, Football Festival and The P6/7 Basketball Competition.



We are hoping Sports Day will be able to take place at the end of May however this will depend on the weather. On Sports Day we are inviting children to wear a t-shirt in their house colours and there will be mixed gender races at all levels.

## Parent Council

The recent Bunny Drive was very well attended and great fun was had by all. Here is a reminder about some events in the coming months:

9<sup>th</sup> May Family Fun Bingo Night 6pm

15<sup>th</sup> June Summer Fayre 11.00am – 2.00pm



Please note – on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May we will have a dress down day and are inviting families to donate a bottle for the Summer Fayre if they are able.**

Please bring any glass bottles to the school office.

## Relocation of Extended Learning Facility to Heathfield Primary

This term individuals and small groups of pupils will be attending Heathfield as part of the transition from Dalmilling to Heathfield. The staff team at Dalmilling are busy packing resources and the rooms will be prepared and set up during the summer holidays and early in the August term.

We are very excited to welcome our new learners and their families to the Heathfield community.

Best wishes,

*Gaenor Hardy*

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Headteacher



## Dates for Your Diary

### April

17<sup>th</sup>

Bikability P6 (weekly)

18<sup>th</sup>

Primary 3 Swimming (weekly)



### May

2<sup>nd</sup>

IN SERVICE DAY

6<sup>th</sup>

May Day Bank Holiday

8<sup>th</sup>

P7 Transition Newton Racers at Prestwick Academy

8<sup>th</sup>

Football Festival

9<sup>th</sup>

Parent Council Family Fun Bingo Night (evening)

13<sup>th</sup>

Parent Think Tank 9am

15<sup>th</sup>

Active Schools Super Team Competition

15<sup>th</sup>

Parent Council Meeting (evening)

16<sup>th</sup>

Basketball Competition

23<sup>rd</sup>

Dress Down Day and bring a bottle for the Summer Fayre

24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

Long Weekend

29<sup>th</sup>

EYC Sports Day

31<sup>st</sup>

Annual Reports issued to Parents

31<sup>st</sup>

Sports day

### June

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

P7 School Show

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

P7 Bump Up to Prestwick Academy

12<sup>th</sup>

Whole School Bump Up

15<sup>th</sup>

Parent Council Summer Fayre 11am – 2pm

27<sup>th</sup>

Primary 7 Leavers Service

28<sup>th</sup>

Last day of term – school closes at 1pm

