



April 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday and are ready for an exciting final term of the academic year. It's hard to believe how quickly the year has flown by, and we can't wait to hear all about the adventures you've had during the break.



As we move into the final term, we have a lot of important milestones to look forward to. Our Primary 7 pupils will be preparing for the big transition to Secondary school, and we will be welcoming our new Primary 1 and Early Years Centre pupils. It is always an exciting time of year, and we are committed to making these transitions as smooth and enjoyable as possible for all the children.

Supporting Transitions for All Pupils

We understand that moving to a new class or teacher is a big step, and we want to ensure every child feels supported and confident as they adjust. This term, we will be focusing on making these transitions as smooth as possible, so our pupils are ready for the next chapter of their school journey.



Clothes Recycling

We have a fantastic opportunity to support both your family's budget and the environment! Our Clothes Recycling initiative continues to be a success, and we have school uniforms available at Breakfast Club every day. If you need any items, please feel free to stop by and take what you need. It is a simple way to recycle, save, and help the planet!



Supermarket Surplus – A Helping Hand

We are proud to be part of the Neighbourly scheme, where local supermarkets provide us with surplus stock. This surplus will be available for our school community at Breakfast Club or on collection days at the front of the school. It's a great way to share food resources and reduce waste, so please do make use of this whenever you can.

Car Park

Reminder once again that the car park is for staff only and has areas clearly labelled with **SCHOOL TRANSPORT ONLY**. These spaces are reserved for pupils arriving to school by taxi. We also only have 2 disabled bays. We ask that families plan ahead and where possible walk to school.



Parent Voice – Your Voice Matters

Dialogue was raised around Home Learning and a Parent Survey was shared. There were 71 responses. Here are some of the results:

Are you in favour of homework?

Yes: 58% No: 25% Maybe: 17%

Do you feel informed about what your child is working on in class?

Yes: 27% No: 49% Maybe: 17%

Do you feel homework adds stress or pressure to your family life?

Yes: 31% No: 50% Maybe: 13%

Is the quantity of homework:

Too Much? 2% Just Right? 40% Too Little? 58%

Do you have access to the following resources?

Sumdog: 61 parents

Accelerated Reader: 30 parents.

Facebook Page: 61 parents

Website: 53 parents

Parents Portal: 70 parents



Key Takeaways:

- Most parents who responded to the survey are in favour of homework, though there is a significant portion (25%) who are not.
- Nearly half of parents who responded feel uninformed about what their child is learning in class. To address this gap, we will explore the use of Seesaw next academic year.
- A notable portion (31%) of parents feel homework causes stress, which will be important to consider when reviewing our homework system.
- We will explore this with staff and pupils in more detail and adapt our system during session 2025 – 2026.
- There is a gap in access to Accelerated Reader (P3 – 7 only) and Sumdog so we will look for ways of increasing access for both these important learning platforms. The website should be accessible to all parents: [Heathfield Primary & Early Years Centre](http://Heathfield.Primary.Early.Years.Centre)

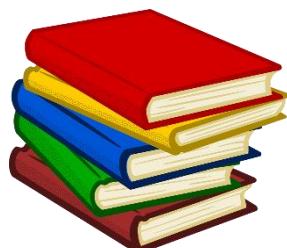
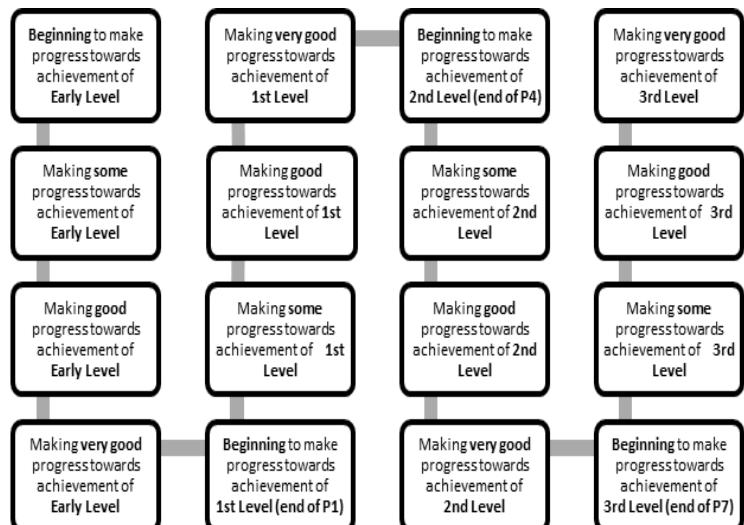


Parents also wrote a letter regarding parking and the JRSO's shared it during parents evening. We then sent it to the Local Authority, and they will discuss the issue further with Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

Annual Written Reports – Coming Soon

Our teachers have been working hard to prepare the end-of-year reports, which will be shared with you later this term. This year, we are excited to trial a new electronic system through the Parents Portal, making it easier and more convenient for you to access the reports. We would love to hear your feedback on this new process, so please feel free to share your thoughts.

Teachers will report on levels as children make progress through from Early years to S3 as indicated in the following diagram:



Mental Health Awareness Week – Focusing on Rights

As part of our continued commitment to nurturing the wellbeing of all our pupils, we will be observing Mental Health Awareness Week from 24th May.

During this week, we will be learning about Article 24 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which highlights the right to access healthcare and the importance of mental and physical health for all children and young people.

Rights Respecting Schools

We are also excited to announce that on 24th April, we will be welcoming assessors for our Gold Rights Respecting Schools assessment. The assessors will review our progress and engage with pupils, staff, and parents to celebrate our achievements and identify areas for continued growth. It's a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase the positive impact that children's rights have in our school community.

As always, we're looking forward to another busy, productive, and rewarding term. Thank you for your continued support, and we can't wait to see all the wonderful things our children will accomplish in the coming weeks!

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Gaenor Hardy
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

April

Date	Theme	Descriptor	Who?	Dress
30 th	P4–7 Cluster Park Run	Run around the Oval	P4–7 Parent Helpers required	Sports clothes

May

Date	Theme	Descriptor	Who?	Dress
1 st	P5–7 Ayrshire Athletics Finals	Athletics Team Competition	P5–7 team	Sports clothes
1 st for 4 week block	P2 Tennis	Walk to Prestwick Tennis Centre	P2 and Parent helpers	Sports clothes
2 nd	Parent Voice meeting @ 2.00pm	Time for parents to meet with HT for a solution focussed dialogue. All issues should be raised on the 'Your Voice Counts' google form prior to the meeting.	Parents	N/A
5 th	Bank Holiday	School Closed		
7 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.00pm	Parent Council meet to discuss items on the agenda.	Parents	N/A
13 th	P6/7 Basketball	Basketball competition	P6/7 team only	Sports clothes
15 th	P6/7 Super teams	Sports competition	P6/7 team	
20 th	P5 Bowls		P5 pupils parent helpers	Sports clothes

23 rd	Dress Down Day	We are inviting parents to bring a bottle for the Summer Fayre	Parents – bottle	Dress Down
26 th	Bank Holiday	School Closed		
27 th	Inservice Day	Teacher Training Day		
28 th	Pupils start back	9.00am		
29 th	EYC Sports Day			EYC and parents
30 th	P1 – 7 Sports day			P1 – 7 and parents
				Sports clothes

June

Date	Theme	Descriptor	Who?	Dress
3 rd , 4 th and 5 th	P7 School Show (evenings)	P7 Pupils will be performing High School Musical Jr, along with a P4–6 choir	All P7 pupils P4–6 choir	Costumes will be provided. Choir in uniform
7 th	Summer Fayre	There will be a range of stalls and entertainment	All families invited	
10 th , 11 th and 12 th	P7 Bump Up	P7 pupils who are going to Prestwick Academy will attend for 3 days	P7 Pupils	School Uniform
11 th	Whole School Bump Up	Pupils will spend time in their new classes with new teachers between 9am and break.	All pupils	School Uniform
26 th	P7 Leavers Service	An assembly to mark the end of Primary 7. Parents invited.	P7 pupils and parents	School Uniform
27 th	Last Day of term	School closes at 1pm		