Symington Primary School Newsletter Term 1 2024/25

Welcome everyone, to our first newsletter of this new session. We welcomed 28 new P1 pupils to our new classroom and they are settling in beautifully. Our EYC are missing them but are proud to see how well they are doing.

For our other youngsters returning this year many of them to new teachers and new classrooms a good beginning has been made by all. It has been lovely to see such smiling and eager faces return after the holiday.

As always here at Symington we are busy, busy, busy and time seems to run on quickly so this letter gives you an idea of what is happening in the school, our priorities for improvement and some key dates. We Hope to see you all soon.

School Improvement Priorities

This year the school continues on our journey along with South Ayrshire Reads to improve our outcomes in Literacy. We are a phase one school and making good progress. Our second priority is Adaptive Teaching – this is developing methods and practice to help us meet the needs of our learners within the classroom. We will continue to have various items on our maintenance agenda which continue to develop such as Spanish and French but are not to the forefront this year. You can find copies of the School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality Report on our website.

Parent Council

Our first Parent Council meeting will take place on **Thursday 12th September** at **7pm** in the school hall. This will discuss future child care in the village and the AGM will follow. – please come along and help support our children.

Pupil Voice

Our learners will soon be asked for their preferences in joining Pupil Voice groups where they have the opportunity to steer the direction of the school. These groups work through vertical learning with our older children teaching and supporting our youngsters in lots of different areas such as Rotakids, Eco schools, Right Respecting group to name a few.

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ASDA

ASDA have launched their new campaign for schools to help with providing resources etc. The school is already registered and you can find us on the system. When you use your ASDA rewards card just click count me in for Symington Primary and we will get a percentage of your spend in funds (you don’t lose any rewards)This is a short term campaign running from 2nd Sept to 30th November so shop, scan and add to the cashpot for Symington Primary!

Parent Open Afternoon

We would like to invite you to an open afternoon and parent workshop at the school. On Tuesday 24th September 2pm start come along to school and we will help you to help your child by running a parent workshop (about 20 mins) on strategies for reading , have a coffee and then wander round to see what the children are up to in the classes before taking them home for the day. We love to meet you and help you to encourage your child to grow.

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P7 Dolphin House

Our P7 pupils have their residential visit early this year and are straight off to Dolphin House Monday 16th September. We wish them well on their big adventure.

Parents’ Evening

Formal Parents evenings will take place on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th October. A link will be sent out to you nearer the time which allows you to book in to timeslots to meet with the teacher to discuss your child’s progress.

Parents Portal

Thank you for signing up to Parents Portal. Some of you are already using it well letting us know of your child’s absence and completing those consent forms. You will also find a school calendar on there which we will update termly letting you find key dates and events easily.

Holidays

September weekend Friday 20th and Monday 23rd September

October Holiday Monday 14th Oct – children return Tuesday 22nd Oct