



**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND FROM EVERYONE AT TARBOLTON PRIMARY & EARLY YEARS CENTRE,  
WE WISH ALL OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND WONDERFUL 2025!**



**STAFFING UPDATE**

Head Teacher: Mrs Ross

Depute Head Teacher: Mrs Logan

**Class Teachers**

P1 – Miss Hutton, P2L – Mrs Montgomerie, P2M – Miss Morrison, P3R – Mr Robertson, P3W – Mrs Watt, P4 – Mrs Paterson, P5 – Miss Weir, P6 – Mr Wilson, P7 – Miss MacKay.

P.E – Mrs Shepherd, Additional teachers – Miss Phillips, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Adams (Additional Support for Learning Teacher).

**EYP Practitioners**

Kaye McQuiston (Senior – currently on maternity leave), Mandy Barr, Liz Galbraith, Kirsten Hunter, Christine McGinney, Victoria Morrison, Suzanne Nisbet, Lauren Paton, Stephanie Watters.

**School Assistants**

Mrs Hendry, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Paton, Mrs Smith, Mrs Thorrat.

**Clerical Assistants**

Mrs McDowall, Mrs Russell, Mrs Thorrat.

**Additional Teachers**

Pupil Support – Mrs Adams (Thu, Fri)

Sports Development Officer – Mr Lewis

Education Welfare Officer – Mrs McDowall

Cleaning Staff – Miss Goodwin

Catering Staff – Miss McCulloch (Supervisor), Mrs Y Urie

Janitor – Mr Taylor

**CHRISTMAS COSTS**

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas events. It was lovely to invite our families back into our school to join us in our celebrations.

OUTGOINGS		INCOMINGS	
Pantomime	£	Christmas Enterprise (P3 & P5)	
Christmas Market		Christmas Cards	
Nativity		Nativity	
P5-7 Pantomime		P5-7 Pantomime	
Parties		Black Bull Donation	

General Materials		Parent Council Donation	
TOTAL OUTGOINGS		TOTAL INCOMING	
		BALANCE TO SCHOOL FUNDS	

A massive thank you to all who have supported our Christmas events, it really is appreciated. All funds both school and Parent Council will be used to enhance pupil opportunities and experiences and minimise any requests to parents to pay for activities or outings.



### PRIMARY 1 REGISTRATION

**Registration for 2023/24 takes place and will go live to parents from Monday 16th January 2023.**

If you have a child who will reach the age of five between 1 March 2023 and 29 February 2024, you should register them for education online at Admission to primary schools - South Ayrshire Council [\(add link\)](#)

### OUTDOOR LEARNING:

Pupils in our early years class and P1 will continue with their usual programme of outdoor learning.

Our classes will continue our work with outdoor learning this term and class teachers will continue to share more information on this via Learning Journals.

The timetable for our Early Years Class starts on \*\*\*\*\*

DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MORNING					
AFTERNOON					

### SCOTTISH CELEBRATIONS

During January we will be celebrating all things Scottish across the school. Individual classes will make you aware of their specific class topic. All classes will be looking at Scottish words, poems and stories. We will be talking about the difference between Scots Language and slang i.e. Slang = (wanna) want to (gonnae) going to. Other Scots words such as (heid) head (knaps) knees etc is used in Scottish literature, poetry etc.

Can you share some Scottish stories, poems or words with your child? Do you know any Scottish words for animals? i.e. chook, baudron

### SCOTTISH POETRY COMPETITION

Classes will be learning a Scottish song and a selection of Scottish poems this year.

Pupils in our Early Years class will learn a song and poem as an individual class and will share these with the rest of the school. Pupils in P1-7 will learn poems to compete for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class with all 1<sup>st</sup> placed pupils competing for our Junior and Senior Quaich. There will also be 2 certificates for each class for pupils who have demonstrated a real effort but are not placed. Our poetry competition will be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.



### **PUPIL LATENESS**

Please can we ask that all pupils in P1-P7 are in the school playground before 9.00am. When the bell rings at 9.00am the gates close sharp to allow staff to allow pupils to enter the building. There have been many days last term where pupils arrive at the school office past 9am. This is extremely disruptive not only to the ladies working in the office but also to classes.

Arriving even 5 minutes late in school make a child different from their friends and children do not like this. Missing 5 minutes each day equates to 3 full days of lost learning over the course of a year.

If any family would like more advice on this please do get in touch with myself or Mrs McDowall, our Education Welfare Officer. We are happy to offer advice or make a referral to the school nursing services. We do understand that families on occasions can sleep in or have a difficult morning however what is an issue is when pupils regularly arrive late for school with no reason.

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

All pupils in early years, P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5 are now able to have a free hot meal in school.

Pupils in P3-P7 can choose to have a hot school meal or bring a packed lunch from home. We would encourage all pupils in early years to Primary 5 to take up the offer of a free hot meal. Where packed lunches are coming from home they should contain a balance of food groups with limited sugary snacks and plenty of fibre, fruit and vegetables. Pupils selecting a packed lunch can eat at the picnic tables in our playground, in our outdoor classroom or in either of the covered areas at the rear of the school. If packed lunch pupils would prefer to eat inside on wet or windy days they can queue at the dining hall and will be given a seat once our hot meals have been served.



### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

At this time of year families notice that children have grown a little. If this is the case and uniforms no longer fit please consider using the school uniform bank in school. Please get in touch with the items you require and the size you require for each item. Items cost £1 each. Requests can be sent to class teachers via the main office and class school assistants will look these out for you. Please

remember that all pupils spend a minimum of 1 hour outdoors every day. Pupils should dress for the weather and bring a warm waterproof jacket each day particularly over the winter months. Again, any family struggling to provide warm winter clothes for their children are encouraged to get in touch and we will do our best to source items for the family. In winter months you may wish to send your child with a change of shoes for PE as winter boots are not acceptable footwear for PE and trainers are not ideal in the rain or snow.

### **OUTDOOR LITERACY TREEHOUSE**

We are delighted and extremely grateful for our school to receive an extremely generous trust fund to allow us to purchase an outdoor Literacy Treehouse.

The trust was donated to our school under the premise of 'Literacy' use across the school/EYC. There are lots of exciting opportunities for our children to access the treehouse, enhance their learning opportunities throughout the day and allow for our pupils to engage in reading and writing experiences. Our pupils are already excited about our treehouse and I'm sure will love it as it is a very exciting addition to add to our outdoors!



### **SCHOOL LOTTERY**

We continue to run a school lottery to help us pay for little extras around the school. To sign up to buy a ticket please go to [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery). We currently have **\*\* families** supporting the lottery but we would love to see more families getting involved. We have **\*\*\*** families in school. We would love to see at least half using our school lottery. Last session our lottery added **£** to our school fund.



**DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

**Key Events**

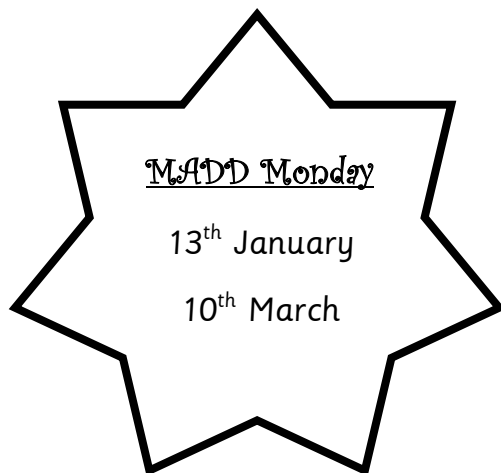
- 28<sup>th</sup> January- EYC and P1 Burns Supper 11.45am
- 28<sup>th</sup> January- P7 Burns Supper (P6s invited) 11.30am
- 31<sup>st</sup> January- Scottish Poetry Afternoon
- 11th February- In-service for school staff
- 4<sup>th</sup> April- Easter Service 11am (led by P5 and P6)
- 4<sup>th</sup> April- Easter Holidays- School closes at 2.30pm

**Assemblies**

**Attendance & Awards Assemblies-**

**(WEDNESDAYS)**

8<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April



**LONG  
WEEKEND**

Holiday- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
In-service- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
February