

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 18th August 2023



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

Welcome back to the new session and what we hope will be another successful year, full of positive learning experiences for all our children. I hope that you had a restful and fun summer break with family and friends. It was lovely to see all the children return or start on Wednesday – so many of our pupils have grown over the summer! There has been lots of smiles and happy chatter as the children reconnect with each other and the adults in school.

Although this is the first update of the new session, you will see there is still a fair bit of information to share with you already. Please do take the time to read through this, in particular I would like to draw your attention to the updated Parent Information Handbook which is also attached alongside our School Improvement Report for session 2022-2023.

Today your child has been given a letter from their teacher welcoming them to their new class. We hope your child shares this letter with you, as all the teachers place great importance on the ongoing positive relationships they have with the children and this letter is part of our inclusive approach for all. This morning we had a short Welcome Assembly for all the children where we shared information about the new session.

We are very much looking forward to seeing the children back again on Monday. In the meantime, I hope you all have a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Monday 28th August	YID School Photographer – individual pupil photos
Friday 1st September	Curriculum Overviews published on Showbie Class Communication Groups
Friday 8th September	Travelling Book Fair in school
Tuesday 12th September	Meet the Teacher 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Staffing Update

We welcome Miss Denise Fairbairn to school. Miss Fairbairn joins us as our visiting PE specialist. Miss Fairbairn will work with each class on a Tuesday.

We would also like to welcome Miss Samantha Brennan to our team. Miss Brennan joins us as an Additional Needs Assistant.

We have two new members of staff in our ELC. Miss Emily Anderson joins us as an Early Years Practitioner and Miss Mya Lamb as an Early Years Modern Apprentice.

This session we are delighted that Miss Kirsty Scott will also be with us as our Nurture Teacher. Miss Scott will be working across the school on a Friday.

PE Day

As intimated above, please note that all children in P1-P7 will have their PE day on a **Tuesday**. A reminder that for PE, children are required to have a plain white t-shirt, plain black or navy shorts and trainers. Children may also wear black leggings or plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms. On PE days children must still come to school in their school jumper or sweatshirt. Football tops and non-school hoodies/tops are not acceptable at any time.

Sportswear should not be worn on non PE days. Jewellery is a safety hazard and should not be worn to school.

New Bell

Following consultation with the children and staff we are trialling a new bell system this session. We have changed the sound from a standard bell to a more melodic sound. In addition, the bell has been reset to include a two minute warning prior to the end of break and lunch to allow children to gather themselves and begin to think about transition back into class.

Tyres in the Playground

We have had more new tyres installed in the playground and the remaining trim track has been repaired. We have a few loose tyres left over which the children have delighted in playing with at break time. We are hoping to increase our use and variety of loose parts for outdoor breaks and learning across the session.

Flu Immunisation

Your child will bring home a form for their flu immunisation which is due to take place in school on 14th November. Please fill this in and return it to the school office.

Parent Handbook

Please find attached our updated Parent Handbook. You will also find this on our school website.

Showbie

As our classes have changed this session, you must join a new Showbie Class Communication group. Please join your child's new group using the relevant code below:

ELC – EKUBWW
P1/2 – EHUDKB
P2/3 – ERQENY
P3/4 – EVPUM6
P5/6 – E397JD
P6/7 – EPV2TC

It is important that you join this to ensure you are up to date with the latest information and communications related to your child's class. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or require support to join.

Inspire Learning are in the process of updating school iPads across the authority. This process should be completed within the next couple of weeks. As part of this some children will be receiving new or refreshed iPads and whilst they are being built and distributed not all children will have their own, or access to, an iPad. Showbie profiles will be active for your child once this process has been completed.

Clothingfords

The Parent Council are pleased to inform you that our uniform hub has been inundated with donations over the summer holidays! There are lots of items so please come and have a look at our varied stock in all sizes. We have a mixture of good quality, used items, including clothes embroidered with the school badge; as well as brand new uniform kindly donated by Asda. There are coats, shoes, trainers, PE clothes and even tights and socks! The hub is accessible to all via the school office. Please ring the bell marked Reception to be given entry to the hub.

Small donations are gratefully appreciated but not expected. Our goal is to provide you with good quality school uniforms free of charge. Please pop along when you can to use this great facility.

Our Vision and *child friendly* version

Together we will strive to ensure that all children will flourish and be celebrated for their own unique abilities.

I am unique

All children will develop as lifelong learners with resilience, ambition and pride in their achievements.

I am a lifelong learner

Each child will know that they matter and that their voice is heard.

My voice matters

Communication

If your child will not be in school, it is important that you inform the school office by 9.00am. You can report absence by phone or email.

School office phone number: 01896 662755 **School office email:** clovenfordsps@scotborders.gov.uk

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