



Chatelherault Primary School

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Newsletter



Aiming high and working together, we can achieve our potential in a happy, supportive and inclusive school.

House Captains

We recently held our House Captain and Vice Captain vote, all the children who made presentations and speeches were fantastic. It is such a courageous thing to speak to your classmates and ask them to vote for you. It was a very close competition. Well done to everyone who took part we are all very proud of you.



Message from our Captains and Vice Captains

We are your house captains for this year. For Bruce, your house captain is Eilidh Stewart and the vice captain is Zachary Scott. Burns' house captain is Jenna Gray and the vice captain is Helen Alexander. Aimee Murray is the house captain for Livingstone and Ewan Milne is the vice captain. For Wallace, your house captain is Rory Rocks and your vice captain is Zara Main. We really want the House System to be a huge success this year so we will be looking for different ways to encourage all children to try to get extra points for their house. To begin with, if you are wanting to get house points for your house, wear a full school uniform everyday. Also, please try to find your house badge and wear it every day. We will be letting everyone know at the Assembly on a Monday what the points are for each House.



North Coast 500

Our children and staff are looking forward to our 500 mile challenge today, a huge thank you to the parents who volunteered to accompany the children, your support is amazing! Please follow our journey on Twitter. Money raised from the walk will be going towards the revamping of our school library. Mrs Lochhead and Mrs McCreadie have already met with the Literacy Group children and the local librarian ... they have big, exciting plans.

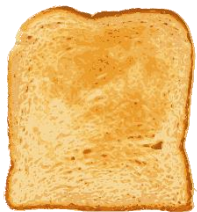


Staffing

Miss Burns (DHT) will be joining South Lanarkshire Inclusion Team on a permanent basis in October. It is a fantastic opportunity, and we are all going to miss her expertise across our school. We do not

have an official date yet as we are trying to hold on to her for as long as we can. Yesterday interviews took place for the acting DHT ASN role and Mrs Sara Ann Dawodu was successful. We are looking forward to welcoming her to the team as soon as she can be released from her current school.

A member of the Parent Council took part in the interviews as did our Curriculum Quality Improvement Officer Laura Mitchell. We have a few more changes in the months ahead as several members of our team will be leaving before Christmas to begin their maternity leave ... a wonderful, exciting time for our Mum's-to-Be. An area cover teacher will be assigned to cover the maternity leave and we will let you know the details as soon as we know them.



We are still waiting for our newly appointed School Support Assistants to start, and I know many families are missing the early drop off for the breakfast club. I am in weekly contact with the co-ordinator and as soon as we can, we will be commencing the breakfast club again. In the meantime, at 8.45 am children will be able to collect toast to go from the lunch hall if they have come to school without breakfast.

Getting It Right For Every Child

We continue to focus on our Covid Recovery with targeted support for children who have gaps in their learning or require emotional wellbeing support. Please remember that if you have any concerns about your child please let us know. There is a Google Form on our website where you can highlight any issues or just call the school office and speak to Mr O'Neill, Miss Burns or Mrs Winters-McCann. Mrs Stewart will be supporting Rm 18, Rm 17, Rm 15, Rm 14 and Mrs MacDonald is working with Rm 1, Rm 2, Rm 12, Rm 13. We have arranged a Google Meet with our educational psychologist Dr Kelton Greene on Tuesday 15th November at 4.00 pm ... to discuss supporting your child's mental health and wellbeing with a focus on anxiety. Please join us and if you have any particular areas, you would like covered, please let us know. In addition, Mrs Caroline Rice our Specialist Support Teacher will be delivering a parent workshop on supporting your child's literacy, date and time to be confirmed.

Maths Week



During Scottish Maths Week parents/carers are welcome to come into school between 9.10 am and 10.30 to visit the classroom and see maths in action. It is a relaxed informal visit, and you can arrive anytime during the 1hr 20 mins. If you have a few children in the school, you will be able to wander between the classes. We appreciate that it is not always possible to take time off work, but we want to offer as many opportunities for you to visit your child in school as often as possible.

Parents Night

We will be sending out the time slots for our parent's evening next week so if you haven't already done so could you please return the slip. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our first in school Parent Consultation for over two years. You will have an opportunity to visit the classroom and view

the work your child has been completing ... you can spend as long as you want doing this. Your allocated time with the class teacher is 7 minutes and this follows guidance from South Lanarkshire Council, but please remember that if after the parents evening you felt that there were still some issues you wanted to discuss you can contact the school office and arrange an appointment with Mr O'Neill, Miss Burns or myself.

Park and Stride



Please park considerately when parking in the local area as we have had a few complaints from our neighbours. Our Park and Stride information is attached, and our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) will be working with all of the classes to encourage safe routes to school. Please keep our children safe and follow the guidance.

Hamilton Grammar Prize Giving

It was wonderful to see the amazing achievements of so many of our former pupils recognised this week at the Hamilton Grammar Senior Prize Giving. Well done to everyone, you continue to make us feel very proud.



Chat Time

Chat at Chatelherault is an opportunity for you to join either an online discussion or an in school meeting where we look at various aspects of school improvement, attainment and wellbeing. It ensures that our parents and carers have a voice and can contribute to the life of our school. The first one this session will be online, and the link is provided below. We will be looking at our current attainment, based on session 21-22 and identifying the priorities for this session. Please join on the link below.

Chat @ Chatelherault

Wednesday, 21 September · 2:00 – 2:45pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ovj-dufg-igc>

Parent Helpers/Volunteers

**HELP
WANTED**

Thank you to the parents and carers who have already offered an hour or two of their time to support our children, it is not too late if you would like to volunteer or if you would like to discuss what it would involve, please just contact the school office. Together we can make a difference to the children in our school.

Parent Council AGM

Please come along and join the Parent Council or even offer a little support to an event. The commitment is an hour every month and a few extra around the time of planned events. Now that we are returning to normal our children are looking forward to discos, movie nights and fairs, but these can only take place with your help.

Dates for Your Diary

DATE	TIME	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Fri 16 th Sept	All Day	Sponsored Event
Mon 19 th Sept	All Day	School Closure
Wed 21 st Sept	2.00 pm	Chat Raising Attainment and Supporting your Child
Fri 23 rd Sept – Mon 26 th Sept		School closed for September weekend
Tues 27 th – Thurs 29 th Sept	All Day	School Photographs Wednesday – Nursery Photographs
Thurs 29 th Sept	9.00 am – 10.30 am	Maths Week Parent Visit to class – Drop In – all classes
Fri 30 th Sept	3.00 pm	Homelink – Literacy (Mainstream) and Learning Across the Curriculum (Supported Provision)
Mon 3 rd Oct	9.00 am	Please return completed Homelink sheet and folder
	9.30 am	Supported Class Drop In – Meeting Room
Thurs 6 th Oct	3:15pm – 7:30pm	Parent/Carer Meeting and Book Fair
Tues 11 th Oct	12.00 pm	Girls Football Team out
Fri 14 th Oct	3.00 pm	School Closes for the October Break
Mon 24 th Oct	9.00 am	School returns
Wed 26 th Oct	2.00 pm	Chat Time – An update from our Pupil Voice Groups – In school
Fri 28 th Oct	3.00 pm	Homelink – Numeracy (Mainstream) and Learning Across the Curriculum (Supported Provision)
Mon 31 st Oct	9.00 am	Please return completed Homelink sheet and folder Supported Class Drop In – Meeting Room
	9 am	P7 Spooktacular Event – for all classes
	11 am	Community Walk – Fancy Dress (If your child wants to dress up)