



# Chatelherault Primary School

## August 2024

### Newsletter



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

### Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome our children back into school this week and I hope that everyone enjoyed the summer sunshine, or rain, over the holidays. Our new Primary One children have had a great start, and it is lovely to see everyone across the school looking so smart in their school uniform.



Please remember to send indoor shoes into the school as children must change out of their outdoor shoes when they enter the building. They will also use their indoor shoes for PE sessions.

### Nut Allergy

We are a nut free school, and it is extremely important that you follow this advice as we do have several pupils with nut allergies. Please do not use chocolate spread on sandwiches as they often contain nuts. If you are unsure about any food stuff, please contact the office where a member of our support staff will be happy to help out.

### Staffing Update

This year we are delighted to welcome several new members of staff to our team. In the office Mrs Pinchbeck and Ms McDonald join Mrs Crossan our Team Leader. Both members of staff have transferred from other schools and bring a wide range of experience.

### Parent Portal / Parent Pay

Please sign up to the Parent Portal, if you haven't already. Our office staff are on hand to help with any queries you might have. We will be using Parent Portal to communicate with parents, and this will include dates for your diary, emails and letters. Information will be sent directly to our new Primary One parents and any new pupils who have joined our school in August.

## Photographs

Our photographer will be in school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> September. Class, individual and pupil voice group photographs will be taken over the three days.

## Aiming High Working Together

In the last Newsletter in June, we provided the date for our Meet the Teacher session which is this Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> August for mainstream classes and some of our supported classes. You will have an opportunity to visit your child's class and meet your child's class teacher. The teacher will discuss homework, class routines and provide an overview of learning this term. There will be three time slots for the visit to allow parents with more than one child to visit all classes. Please come along to the school hall at 1.20, or 1.50 and from here you will be collected by pupils and escorted to the class.



On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August parents and carers of children in Rooms 5, 6, 7 & 8 are invited to meet with the class teacher at 9.15am.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into our school.

## Water Bottles

Children are welcome to bring their own water bottles into school and fresh drinking water is available for all children throughout the day. Children should only bring water for drinking during class time but can bring juice as part of their packed lunch.

## Primary 7 Residential

This year our Primary 6 pupils are being given the chance to go an outdoor residential trip to Ardentinny, near Dunoon. We have visited the centre the last few years and the feedback is always that it is amazing. The cost of the trip is approx. £ 440 this includes all equipment and £10 spending money for the tuck shop. The trip will take place from Mon 10<sup>th</sup> March to Fri 14<sup>th</sup> March. An information session has been arranged for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 5 pm in the lunch hall.

## P6/P7 Lunches

Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils must pay for their school lunch and this should be done through Parent Pay. Primary 1 to 5 continue to receive a free school meal.

## Medicines

As in previous years if you require your child to take any form of medication during the school day it should be signed into the school office and an administration of medicine form completed. Should you have any questions please contact the school office.

### Dates for Your Diary

Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	1.20 pm 1.50 pm	Meet the Teacher- Aiming High Working Together – Mainstream classes and Rooms 4, 10, 11, 16
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.15 am	Meet the Teacher- Aiming High Working Together – Rooms 5, 6, 7, 8
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	5.00 pm	Primary Seven Ardentenny Information Afternoon
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	All Week	Fairtrade Fortnight
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All Day	School Photos – all classes
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All Day	School sponsored Event
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	All Week	Maths Week Class Visit to be confirmed
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	3.00 pm	School Closed for Sept Weekend
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	9.00 am	School re-opens
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.00 pm	School closes for October Week
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	9.00 am	School re-opens