



East Plean Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

October 2023

Term 1

We are fast approaching the end of term 1 for Primary 1-7 learners in school! It has been a very busy term with new leaders being selected and appointed for our leadership groups, House Action Plans being drawn up to ensure continuing improvement across school and nursery and new learning being introduced and practised across all stages. We have celebrated many Achievement Certificates, Values Awards and recognition in the Big Book of Praise too, evidencing the hard work and commitment of our learners. As well as hard work being undertaken in school, our community is hard at work too. We are excited to see the launch of Plean's Cinema later this week. We are looking forward to Plean's Voice Christmas celebrations planned for the village next term and we appreciate, too, the work of our newly formed Community Council. At a time when so many families and members of our community face challenges, it is heartwarming to see positivity, commitment and collaboration at the heart of our village. Our young people can be inspired by what they hear and see around them to make a difference, play their part and have a positive impact on their community. #powerofPlean

Mrs. R. Donnelly (Headteacher)

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Ms Clarke back to the East Plean team while Ms Campbell is on Maternity Leave.

Miss Aitken, Primary 7 teacher, is getting married during the October holidays and will return as Mrs Thomason! We wish Miss Aitken congratulations and hope she has a very happy day.

Crossing Patrol Officer

Stirling Council Children and Young People Committee made the decision in March 2023 to remove all Crossing Patrol Officers as a budget saving. This process will be undertaken in a phased approach over the next 7 months. Parents/ carers can contact Parent Council with questions or concerns about the Crossing Patrol Officer decision. Parent Council will take questions and concerns to Stirling Council on behalf of East Plean Parent Forum.

Wet Weather

As we welcome Autumn, we can expect colder, wetter weather. We would ask that all learners wear/ bring a jacket with them to school. This will enable learners to participate safely in outdoor learning and play regardless of the weather. Thank you for your support.

Lost equipment

In a time of financial challenges, we would ask parents/ carers to support their child to look after school equipment, especially reading books and home learning jotters and folders. Reading books should return to school each day and home learning jotters and folders returned on the date required. Please note that there will be a charge for lost books this session. If a reading book is not returned to school parents will be asked to contribute £5 towards the cost of a replacement. Lost home learning jotters charge is £2. We will encourage learners to take responsibility and care of their belongings too. We would appreciate if your child's name could be put on all jumpers, sweatshirts and PE kits to ensure they do not add to our lost property pile. Thank you for your continuing support.

House Action Plans

Each session our House Groups take responsibility for a different aspect of our school to drive forward improvements and activities. This session the House's responsibilities are as follows:

East Plean Primary School - House Responsibilities	
2023- 2024	
House	Responsibility
Mull	Our School and Community
Skye	Our Health and Wellbeing
Shetland	Our Successes and Achievements
Tiree	Our Place in the World
Iona	Our Relationships
Orkney	Our Learning and Teaching

Tiree House are leading “Our Place in the World” activities. This includes organising our votes to select East Plean’s chosen charities for 2023 2024. This year East Plean voted to support **Dog’s Trust** and **Save the Children**. Over the course of this session, we will learn more about these charities and look at ways to support and fundraise for the charities.



East Plean’s Learners of Learning

In East Plean Learner Leadership is a vital part of our curriculum. Empowering our learners to lead, inspire and develop skills in active and practical ways is at the heart of all we do. This year we have a number of learners who have volunteered, applied and been selected to be part of a leadership group in school. We are very proud of our young people for showing commitment, responsibility, respect and leadership within our community.



House Captains



Young Leaders of Learning



Buddies



Curriculum Ambassadors



Sports Leaders



Wellbeing Coaches



Eco Group



Reading Leadership Team

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Peer Mediators

Parent Council

Our Parent Council are hosting **Halloween parties** for Primary 1-4 and Primary 5-7 learners on Thursday **26th October**. Primary 1-4 learners' party will be from 5.30pm-6.45pm. Primary 5-7 learners' party will be from 7pm-8.15pm. The cost of the party will be £3 per child. This includes entry and refreshments. Parent Council have asked that children do not wear masks or bring props, for the safety and wellbeing of all attending the parties.

On **Sunday 29th October** Parent Council will host a **Pumpkin Patch**. This event will run from **1pm-4pm**.

Parent Council Meetings 2023 2024:

Monday 6th November 7pm
Monday 4th December 7pm
Monday 8th January 7pm
Monday 5th February 7pm
Monday 4th March 7pm
Monday 13th May 7pm
Monday 3rd June 7pm

Visit East Plean Primary School's website!

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/eastplean/>

Community Cafe

Our Community café will launch again after the October holiday. Our newly trained Baristas look forward to welcoming you to school to enjoy a cuppa and chat on the following Wednesday mornings:

Wednesday 25th October 9.30am-10.30am
Wednesday 1st November 9.30am-10.30am
Wednesday 15th November 9.30am-10.30am
Wednesday 29th November 9.30am-10.30am
Wednesday 13th December 9.30am-10.30am



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 5th October Harvest Service in Plean Church 2pm

Friday 6th October School closes for October holiday at 3.15pm

Please note: **Nursery open during school October holiday (9th- 20th October)**

Monday 23rd October School reopens for pupils

Thursday 26th October Parent Council Halloween Parties

Sunday 29th October Parent Council Pumpkin Patch Event

Monday 30th October Primary 7 Adventure Day 2

Monday 6th November Parent Council Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 15th November Book Fayre arrives in school

Thursday 16th November 1.30pm Hopscotch Pantomime, Cinderella, in school for Nursery- P7 learners

Thursday 16th November Family Learning (Literacy) 5pm-6pm

