



East Plean Primary School and Nursery

August 2024

Welcome back!

Meeting new friends, learning new routines, catching up with friends and enjoying new learning challenges and contexts makes the start of a new year positive, exciting, fun and happy. Our Primary 1 class are settling in to life in Primary 1 with energy and enthusiasm. Our new nursery friends have received a warm welcome from nursery returners and are enjoying exploring the nursery environment. Our senior pupils in Primary 6 and 7 have embraced their leadership roles and are displaying our school expectations and values well. It is going to be a busy term, with experiences, visitors and excursions already in the diary! I hope for all our learners and families this session is a happy, successful one, with much to enjoy, celebrate and treasure. #powerofPlean

Mrs Donnelly (Headteacher)

Staffing

We have welcomed new staff members to our East Plean team this session. We are delighted to welcome Miss Hamilton to East Plean. Miss Hamilton is teaching Primary 7 this year. Mrs Scott has joined our East Plean team as a member of Support Staff and will be supporting learning in Primary 2 this session.

Parent Council AGM

Our Parent Council AGM will be held in the school hall on Monday 2nd September at 7pm. All parents/ carers of nursery and primary learners are invited to attend and hear about the school's progress last session, the work of the Parent Council and to meet other parents/ carers. A warm welcome awaits, please come along and enjoy meeting the "East Plean team!"

Pupil Safety

We would ask parents/ carers to use the playground gate (closing and bolting after use) to enter and leave the school playground to ensure learner safety. We remind all visitors to our school to report first to reception and sign in.

Car Park

- The school car park is for staff, deliveries and Blue Badge holders only.
- If you have a Blue Badge and need to make use of our disabled parking bays at drop off and collection times, we would ask that you let the school know.
- We would ask that parents/ carers continue to use the Balfour Centre car park if required to prevent congestion at the school entrance.

Music and PE

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Moore, music teacher, to East Plean this term. Mrs Moore is teaching music in P1-7 classes on a Monday this term.

PE/ Gym Days

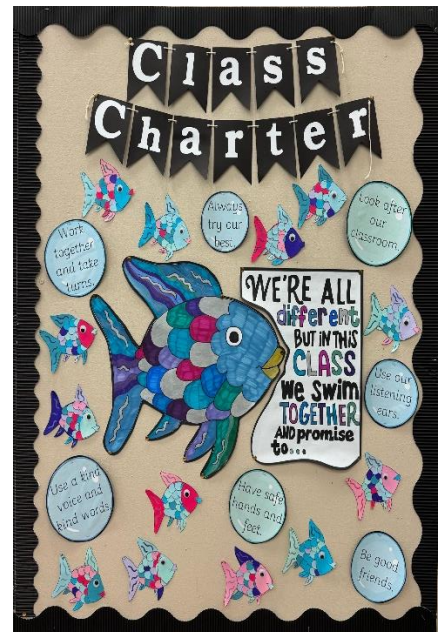
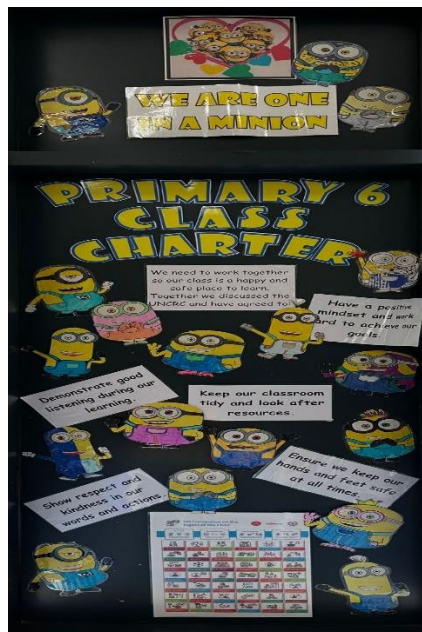
- Primary 1** Thursday and Friday
- Primary 2** Wednesday and Friday
- Primary 3** Monday and Tuesday
- Primary 4** Monday and Thursday
- Primary 5** Tuesday and Wednesday
- Primary 6** Monday and Tuesday
- Primary 7** Wednesday and Thursday

Learners should wear shorts and t-shirt and change into indoor shoes for PE. We advise senior learners to bring a change of t-shirt for PE days, for health and hygiene.

Jewellery **should not be worn** on gym days. Thank you.

Class Charters

Each class has discussed and agreed their Class Charter for session 2024 2025 and the charters are displayed in each classroom and in our entrance hall. Parents/ carers will receive a copy of their child's Class Charter by email.



Contexts

Our Learning Contexts this term are:

Primary 1 "Fairyland"

Primary 2 "The Everywhere Bear"

Primary 3 "Pirates"

Primary 4 "Electricity and Forces"

Primary 5 "Space"

Primary 6 "Novel Study and Victorians"

Primary 7 "Novel Study and World War II"

House Captains

Well done to all our Primary 7 learners who prepared and presented their speeches in House Meetings. We are delighted to introduce House and Vice Captains for each House from August- December 2024.

House	House Captain	Vice-Captain
Iona	Leyla	Dylan S
Mull	Alayna	Tom
Orkney	Jay	Jack
Shetland	Lori	Shannon
Skye	Emie	Dylan M
Tiree	Arianna	Jai

School Lunch

From August 2024 the price of a school lunch for learners will be £2.50.

Application for free school meals and footwear and clothing grants can be accessed via the links below:

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals-and-clothing-grant/>

Lost Equipment

In a time of financial challenges, we would ask parents/ carers to support their child to look after school and personal 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 is written** on all jumpers, sweatshirts and PE kits to ensure they do not add to our lost property pile. Thank you for your continuing support.

Dates for the Diary

- **Monday 26th August** School Photographer in school (Nursery-Primary 7 individual and family photographs)
- **Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th August** Primary 6 Bikeability
- **Wednesday 28th August** Primary 5 Bikeability
- **Monday 2nd September** Soup and Sandwich at Balfour Centre Primary 3 and 4 Choir performing from 12.45pm-1.15pm
- **Monday 2nd September** Parent Council AGM 7pm
- **Monday 9th September** Primary 7 Adventure Days- Falkirk

Community Cafe

Our Community café will be running again this session. Our newly trained Baristas look forward to welcoming you to school to enjoy a cuppa and chat on the Wednesday mornings listed:

Wednesday 28th August 9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 11th September 9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 25th September 9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 9th October 9.30am-10.30am



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