

Premnay School News for Parents

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I wish everyone a warm welcome back to school and hope you have had a restful holiday. It is lovely to see so many happy faces back at school last week with everyone keen to get started in the new session. The staff and I would like to thank parents for the kind gifts and words from the end of last term, these are always very much appreciated.

Our role for this session is currently 41 pupils, 22 pupils in P1-4 and 19 in P4-7. I would like to welcome our new entrants, Harry, Harry and Findlay into p1 and wish them a productive and happy primary school career.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Grant back from maternity leave, she will be teaching P1-4 for three days with myself teaching two days. Miss McIntyre is returning to cover the maternity leave in P5-7 and will be teaching the class full time.

Below is some information about this session and reminders about routines in our school.

Times of the School Day

Please note the change in lunchtime

School starts 9a.m.

Morning Break: 10.30am-10.45am

Lunch Break: 12.15pm- 1.15pm

End of school: day 3.15pm

School Uniform

Our uniform helps us create a sense of belonging and identity with the school; it shows that we are a team and willing to work together. Our uniform consists of a navy sweatshirt/jumper with a white/blue polo shirt and grey trousers/skirt. Please remember to name all your child's clothing.

Visiting Specialists

Currently this session we will have two visiting specialists covering teachers' McCrone time.

Wednesday am: Art with Mrs Wills

Friday a.m. P.E. with Ms Taylor

We no longer have Music with Mr Main as he is working in other schools in the cluster this session. I would like to thank him for his contribution to teaching music in our school.

PE Kit

Our PE Kit consists of a t-shirt (no football strips or inappropriate slogans), standard length shorts, socks, gym shoes (preferably with Velcro or elastic fastening for younger pupils) all kept in a gym bag. Due to using the Village Hall for PE we endeavour to make use of the playground and park as much as possible. Pupils should ensure they have outdoor trainers/shoes that are suitable for running in. Long hair should be tied back and jewellery removed and earrings removed or covered. Please ensure names are on all kit.

P.E.	
P1-4	P5-7
Wednesday pm	Tuesday
Friday 10.45am-12noon	Friday 9am-10.30am

As P1-4 is a larger class we require additional help to walk up and down to the village hall for PE. If you are able to help on a regular or rota basis please let school staff know.

Cricket

P5-7 will have two cricket sessions this term (postponed from last session). The Cricket Festival will now take place in Huntly on Thursday 14th September. Please return permission notes via your child to school.

Indoor Shoes and Coats

Pupils will have breaks outside as much possible, even in damp conditions. Therefore, all pupils should have indoor shoes to change into and bring a waterproof jacket to school every day.

Dinner Tickets

From Monday 17 August 2015 the following charges apply:-
Primary and Special Schools – **P4-7 Pupils** - two course standard meal - **£2.20**

Head Lice

At the beginning of the new session it is always important to remind you of our policy on head lice. Please check your child's head regularly (we recommend weekly) and notify the school if you find head lice. Current advice on the treatment of head lice is available from your local pharmacist.

Tuck Shop

As a health promoting school we would like to trial a new tuck shop with pupils. On Tuesdays to Fridays we will offer for sale plain milk, 20p and a piece of fruit 20p. We would also like to encourage pupils to bring only one healthy snack and a drink from home (there isn't time at break to eat more than one!)

Cakes/Treats

As noted in the school handbook, we request that cakes/treats etc. for birthdays are not sent to school for sharing as this can cause difficulties where there are children in class with food allergies/intolerances or other dietary circumstances. I also ask that you do not put staff in a difficult position by asking or disappoint your child.

Learning in Class

This term p1-3 will be learning the Katie Morag stories and P4-7 are learning about Forces and Space.

Car Park Safety

We encourage you and your child to park and stride to and from school using the path through the village park and avoid using the school car park. Pupils should not walk through the lower half of the car park.

In the interest of Health and Safety, dogs should not be brought on to school premises. If you bring your dog to school please stand back from the exit into the car park. Some pupils are wary of dogs and large groups of noisy children may make your dog's behaviour unpredictable.

It is not safe to drop your child off roadside and let them walk through the lower half of the car park unaccompanied. In the interests of the safety only disabled badge users and Dreams Daycare should use the car park for drop off and pick up.

P5-7

A reminder from Miss McIntyre that all pupils should bring their own pencil, eraser and ruler to class each day. Pupils also need a water bottle for use in class; this can be refilled at break and lunchtime from the water cooler. This should eliminate disruption to learning caused by pupils leaving the class for a drink.

School Improvement Plan

This session we will be focusing on Maths and Numeracy improvements and developing our Health and Wellbeing Curriculum.

Please find attached our reporting calendar for the session.

Parent Council Meeting

The first Parent Council meeting takes place on Thursday 31st August at 7 pm in school. Everyone is part of our Parent Forum and are welcome to attend this meeting.

Dates for your Diary	
P1-3 reading and phonics in class	Thursday 14 th September 9am-10am
Cricket sessions p5-7 (postponed from last session)	Tuesday 29 th August, Tuesday 5 th September
Cricket Festival Huntly p5-7	Thursday 14 th September
McMillan Coffee Morning	Friday 29 th September 11-12
Parent/teacher appointments	Tuesday 3 rd October
P1-3 sharing assembly for parent/carer	Thursday 5 th October p.m.
P5-7 French showcase for parents	Tuesday 10 th October p.m.
End of term 1	Friday 13 th October
Beginning of term 2	Monday 30 th October

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs. M. Fraser
Head Teacher