



Welcome back everyone as we begin another exciting new academic session. We hope everyone has had a wonderful relaxing holiday and have enjoyed the lovely weather. Everyone is looking very smart in their uniforms and back to school haircuts. We welcome our new P1 pupils as they begin their learning journey with us and look forward to lots of exciting learning over the current year.

## Staffing

We are delighted to welcome: Miss Wallace, P3B and Miss Perrett, P7B.

We also welcome back Miss Devaney who will be teaching P5. Congratulations to Miss Foy who has been appointed our new DHT. Over the course of the holiday Mrs Lloyd secured a post in another authority where she lives so wish her well. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Taylor who will be starting in September teaching P2B. We also welcome Mrs Lewis (Support for Learning) who will be joining us in September.

## Meet the Teacher Evening

We will be holding a Meet the Staff event on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. We would like to warmly welcome all parents and carers to this event. The evening will start with a talk in the school hall at 6pm. Mrs Stewart (HT) will set out our plans for the year ahead and then each class teacher will give a talk in your child's classroom.

## Classes

Our current school role in the main school for this session stands at 342 pupils and we will have 13 classes this session. Classes are as follows:

P1A- Mrs Fettes  
P1B- Miss S Turnbull  
P2A- Miss Garven  
P2B- Mrs Taylor  
P3A- Miss Webster  
P3B- Miss Wallace  
P4- Miss E Turnbull  
P4/5- Mrs Flockhart  
P5- Miss Devaney  
P6A- Mrs Trafford  
P6B- Mrs Davidson  
P7A- Mrs Higson  
P7B- Miss Perrett/Mr Maunder

## Localities Bid

As a result of winning the localities bid of £29,000, over the course of the summer holidays work was completed in developing our school playground. We now have fantastic new playground equipment for the children to enjoy. Work was also carried out on new stage facilities which include lighting, curtains and a new sound system. We are looking forward to our children and the wider community enjoying the fantastic new facilities.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Will (P6A Teacher) who was married over the holidays and is now Mrs Davidson

## P7 Residential

A reminder that P7 will be away on their residential on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Further information to follow.

## School Equipment

Children require a water bottle, snack and coat everyday. Now that the weather is changing please ensure your child comes to school with a coat every day. Unless the weather is extremely wet children will be outside at break and lunch.

To help with lost items of clothing and lunch boxes it is helpful if these are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

## Annual Update Forms

Annual update forms will be sent out in the next week. Please return the updated forms ASAP to ensure we have correct contact info for all children.

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### Child Sickness

To minimise the spread of any bugs please note that children should not return to school for 48hrs after the last bout of sickness/diarrhea.

### Picnic Tables

A huge thank you to Flemming Homes who have very kindly donated new picnic tables for our school playground. The children are already enjoying eating their lunch on them.

### School Security

To ensure the safety of all pupils we have strict security procedures in place. All parents and carers **must enter the school via the reception**, which is located at the front of the building opposite the swimming pool. A member of staff will then grant access. All visitors must sign in and ensure they are wearing a visitor's badge. Please note there will be no access inside the school building via any other door. This includes the double doors at the back of the building facing BHS. At the end of the day we would appreciate it if parents and carers do not enter through this door.

### Dates for Your Diary

#### Autumn term

Monday 20 Aug 2018 - Staff resume, in service day

Tuesday 21 Aug 2018 - Pupils resume

Thursday 13 Sept 2018-'Meet the Staff' 6-7.30pm

Thursday 04 Oct 2018 - Last day for pupils and staff - mid-term holiday

Monday 15 Oct 2018 - All resume

Thursday 08 Nov 2018 - Staff in service day

Friday 09 Nov 2018 - Staff in service day

Monday 03 Dec 2018 - St Andrew's Day holiday

Friday 21 Dec 2018 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

#### Winter term

Monday 07 Jan 2019 - All resume

Thursday 14 Feb 2019 - Last day for pupils - February holiday

Friday 15 Feb 2019 - Staff in service day

Wednesday 20 Feb 2019 - All resume

Friday 29 Mar 2019 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

#### Summer term

Monday 15 Apr 2019 - All resume

Friday 19 Apr 2019 - Good Friday, school closed

Friday 03 May 2019 - Staff in service day

Monday 06 May 2019 - May Day holiday, school closed

Monday 27 May 2019 - Holiday

Tuesday 02 Jul 2019 - Last day of term for pupils and staff



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