



A warm welcome back to everyone and a very Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a lovely and relaxing holiday. It is lovely to welcome all pupils and staff for a fresh new year. As we move into 2019 we look forward to an action packed year full of stimulating learning experiences, hard work and fun.

Access doors

Please continue to note that pupils arriving late in school should use the Main Reception door located at the front of the building opposite the swimming pool. This door should be used **at all times** by parents and visitors. This is for the safety and security of our pupils.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Alexa Miller who will be Teaching P7A on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We also welcome Mrs Farmery who has joined our support staff.

Wake and Shake

Every Monday and Tuesday mornings there will be an opportunity to take part in a wake and shake session before school. This will take place in the gym hall; access will be available from 8:30pm through the side doors. All parents staff and pupils welcome! Dance your way to feeling good ready for the school day!

Curriculum Overviews

These have been sent home and outline key learning for each class over this term.

Education City

Our school has now subscribed to Education City. This is an online learning website which covers Literacy, Numeracy, Science, French and Computing. Each child has home access to Education City and they have been issued with their individual log ins. Children can choose learning activities and teachers can allocate tasks also.

Class Assemblies

Over the course of this year each class will be leading an assembly showcasing their fantastic learning to which all parents, carers, family and friends are warmly invited. Our assemblies take place on Wednesday afternoons at 2:45pm. Parents are invited to join the staff from 2.15pm for tea and coffees and a blether. Below is a list of dates for class assemblies this year.

Wednesday 6th Feb 2019 - P4/5

Wednesday 27th Feb 2019- P3B

Wednesday 6th Mar 2019- P6B

Wednesday 13th Mar 2019- P7B

Wednesday 15th May 2019- P3A

Wednesday 22nd May 2019- P2A & P2B

Wednesday 29th May 2019- P1A & P1B

Wednesday 26th June 2019- P7 Leavers Assembly.

Next FDPS Meeting

The next FDPS meeting takes place on Wednesday 27th Feb at 6.15pm in the Staff Room. All are welcome to attend.

Sing-a-long Film Night

FDPS will be holding a Sin-a-long film night of The Greatest Showman on **Friday 22nd February 6-8pm.**

All children and adults welcome. Entry is £2.50 which includes a goodie bag containing water, crisps and a sweetie. More details, flyers and tickets will be available next week.

Rookie Rockstars are coming!

Rookie Rockstars are professional musicians who come in to school to work with the whole school. Children learn original songs, record a CD and perform in a fantastic concert. Children participate in a unique learning experience which tackles anti-bullying, and aims to promote confidence, self-esteem, and positive friendships.

Wednesday 13th February at

6:30pm - Rookies Concert (P1A, P2A, P3A, P4, P6A and P7A)

Thursday 14th February

6:30pm - Rookies Concert (P1B, P2B, P3B, P4/5, P5, P6B and P7B)

Severe Weather

Arrangements

A new protocol has been announced by Scottish Borders Council to be put in place for situations when adverse weather impacts on schools, replacing the Resilient Schools Policy. The new protocol has been established after it became clear following recent severe weather events that Resilient Schools was no longer sustainable as significantly fewer teachers lived within walking distance of schools than in 2010, when the policy was developed. A separate letter has been sent out.

Accessibility Pass

To ensure the safety of all our children please be reminded that the car park at the top of the hill is for staff only. There is **no access** to the road leading up to the swimming pool / school staff car-park **between 8:30 to 9:00am and 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm (Monday to Thursday) and 8:30 to 9:00am and 12:45 until 1:15pm (Friday).**

We appreciate that due to individual circumstances some people may require access to the top car park during drop off and pick up times and we will therefore be allocating accessibility passes to those who require them. Please contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss should you feel you require a pass.

Book Sale

FDPS will be holding a book sale on Friday 8th March 1-5pm at Duns Primary.

Our School Values

We have been working with staff and pupils to look at our school values. These are the key values that we wish to promote and instill in our children through our school ethos, learning, achievements and in the wider life of the school. Our school mission is that all children learn with a happy heart and positive relationships. Our school values are:

Respectful

Towards myself, and others

Responsible

For my learning, for my actions and for the wider world

Resilient

To be able to deal with the ups and downs of life

Over the course of this year we will be working together to promote our school values. Values Awards are given out each week during our whole school assembly where we celebrate children in each class who have demonstrated our values.

Annie Jr. 2019

Rehearsals are coming along nicely! We would like to thank all those involved with the production. Performance dates are Tuesday 26th March 2019, afternoon and evening performance and on Wednesday 27th March 2019, evening performance. Times to be confirmed.

Alongside our lunchtime rehearsals we are organising some Sunday sessions. Don't panic if you can't make them all but it would be great to see as

many cast there as possible. These will take place in the school hall from 11am - 3pm on the following dates:

January 20th, February 10th, March 3rd, March 10th and March 17th. Bring a packed lunch etc.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Miss Turnbull via the Musical Theatre dojo group or with a message into school.

Winter Weather

As we move onto the cold winter weather it is vital that children come to school with adequate clothing for the season. Please ensure that your child has a warm and waterproof coat with them everyday. We advise that children also have a hat, gloves and a scarf to keep them warm and cosy as well as sensible shoes.

Please take extra care when travelling to and from school. While every effort is made to grit pathways in the school grounds this does not prevent them from still being icy and slippery.

During wet weather children should make their way into the school canteen through the **canteen doors (facing BHS).**

To relieve congestion we would appreciate if parents and carers could drop off their children at the door and not enter the canteen. Thank you



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