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Newsletter September 2022

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A note from Mrs McNeil...

It is great to be sending out a newsletter to keep everyone informed of what has been happening in our school since our return in August. We have welcomed many new families into our South Park community and all children now have a heart on the South Park tree at our main entrance. It was great to welcome so many families into the school last night and as you will see from the diary dates there are many occasions this session where we will be able to come together to share learning. Attached with this newsletter is Save The Date for the whole session! I have given these out so you can plan if you require time off but please be advised we may have to change dates from time to time for various reasons. Thank you to everyone for the constant support for our school and nursery, please remember I am always available at the school if you wish to discuss any concerns.



Family Learning

The new weekly family learning grids will be posted on the school app every Monday. These grids give each family ideas of activities to do to enhance your child's learning. It is really important that home learning is a regular activity as it ensures children are making continuous progress in their learning journey. All children were issued with a Home Learning Journal this week for all tasks to be recorded in. Please note that Home learning is tracked and reported on in the end of year progress report. Hopefully we will be reinstating Seesaw very soon so it will be easier to upload photographs, videos etc of any activities undertaken.

Parent Council and PTA

The first meeting of our Parent Council and PTA is on **Thursday 15th September at 5.45pm**. We are very fortunate to have a very dedicated and hard working Parent Council and PTA but unfortunately our numbers are very low. Could I please urge you to come along to our meetings and support the PTA with ideas and suggestions. If you can give up 45 mins to attend the meeting you will receive a very warm welcome from myself, Karen Singer the chair of the PC and Laura-Anne McGee the chair of the PTA.

Diary Dates

**Tues 6th, Wed 7th Thur 8th
Sept School and Nursery-
closed due to industrial ac-
tion**

**Thursday 15th September.
PTA/PC Meeting 5.45pm**

**Tuesday 13th September P1
Parent/Carer Curriculum In-
formation Session 2-3pm**



Friday 23rd September – Holiday



Monday 26th September – Holiday

Tuesday 27th September-Friday 30th September
Maths Week Scotland

Wednesday 28th September Flu Vaccine

**Wednesday 28th September Parent/Carer Maths
Workshops/Showcase of Numeracy 2-3pm and 6-
7pm**

Monday 17th October-Friday 21st October Holiday

Staffing

Attached with this newsletter is a staffing list with photographs so that the whole South Park community can identify all members of staff and their role within the school.

Parent/Carer Volunteers

I am delighted to be able to welcome Parent/Carer volunteers back into the school to support learning activities. We are hoping to launch our extra curricular timetable soon and would appreciate if you are interested in volunteering or helping with lunchtime/after school clubs please contact myself or Mr Proctor at the school.

Extra-Curricular
Activities

GET
INVOLVED!

EV5 and Annual Data Check

These came home in your child's bag this week. Please complete and return to school by Friday 2nd September at the latest.

NUT FREE SCHOOL & NURSERY

Please note we are a completely nut free zone. We have individuals with severe allergy and must insist no nut products are brought to school or nursery.



Communication

As a school we are trying our very best to keep you informed of all the activities that are happening in our school and community. To enable us to keep you aware of all information it is essential, especially at this time that we have updated emails and mobile numbers for all our parents and carers. Could I please ask that as a matter of urgency if you do not receive emails or you have changed your mobile number that you contact the school office. All information from the school and class teachers is posted on the school app. If you do not have the app please make sure you download it and ask at the school office for a copy of all the pin codes. As Seesaw is not enabled yet all staff are using the School App platform to communicate with each class.

Any problems with accessing your child/children's class messages please contact the school office.

School
App for
Parents

Mobile Phones in school

As I am sure you are aware mobile phones are not permitted in the classroom. If your child requires to bring a phone to school they MUST be switched off and kept in the pupils own bag. Children are not permitted to switch on their mobile until they are outwith the school grounds. I am sure you can appreciate the strict parameters that need to be in place to ensure our children's safety. If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

School Recovery Plan and Standards & Quality Report.

Our School Improvement Plan is available to read on our website. Areas on which we will be focusing on will be Curriculum, Early Level and Play Pedagogy and Nurture. We plan to increase children's enjoyment and attainment with a continuing relentless focus on literacy skills and aim to improve their skills by further embedding a love of reading and writing. Health and Wellbeing is crucial to the holistic development of our children and we have used our Pupil Equity Fund allocation to continue our work on Nurture and positive mindset. Our Standards and Quality Report for session 21-22 are available on our website.



Chaplaincy Team

I would like to confirm that our school chaplain for session 2022/2023 will continue to be Mr Kevin McKenzie from Westwood Parish Church. Kevin has been school chaplain in South Park for many years and we value his input at our 3 main celebrations each year, i.e. Harvest, Christmas, Easter.

Our Religious & Moral Education Programme focuses on three main world religions, Islam, Judaism and Christianity and teaches respect and tolerance for each other. However, under the terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, parents/carers have the right to ask for their children to be withdrawn from religious observance and/or religious and moral education. Any parent/carer who wishes to do so, should inform the school in writing.