

Haddington Primary School Update

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Welcome

We are delighted to welcome our school community back for our new session. We hope you have all had a lovely summer. It has been a pleasure to see the children back in school, building positive relationships with their class teachers and peers. We are pleased to report that as we move around the school, it has been a delight to be around such enthusiastic and engaging learners.

Our Primary 1 and 4 pupils have had a positive transition and are settling well to their new school environment.

We have welcomed many new families to our school at the start of this session and hope that they settle well to the Haddington community.

Some of our nursery children continued to attend throughout the summer. They were very busy – our staff reported a great summer with lots of fantastic learning taking place. A warm welcome to our new nursery children and families starting on their Haddington Primary School journey.

As always, we have an open door policy and are here to support both our children and families.

Kirsty Murray
Sally Murray
Acting Head Teachers

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 12th September and
Wednesday 13th September 4-7pm

Please note 4B consultations will take place on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th September 4-7pm

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Staffing

We would like to extend a warm welcome to some new staff this session. We have two newly qualified teachers - Miss Iona Maitland teaching P2C and Mrs Kirsty McNeill teaching P3B. We would also like to welcome Mrs Jenny Trussler who is teaching P4B.

As you are already aware we (Kirsty Murray and Sally Murray) have taken on the role as acting head teacher until Mrs Gardyne starts with us after the October holiday. We will share this role as well as our current depute head teacher role.

Please see below points of contact:

Should you wish to discuss any concerns regarding your child, the first point of contact should be their class teacher. Thereafter you can contact their year group deputy head teacher lead.

Early Level (Nursery and Primary 1): Mrs Sally Murray

First Level (Primary 2, 3 and 4): Mrs Kirsty Murray

Second Level (Primary 5, 6 and 7): Mrs Caroline White

You are also welcome to contact us in our head teacher role if required.

Lining-up

We would like to thank you again for your support in getting our children into school safely. We acknowledge that it is more challenging in the infant campus due to the lack of space however the children are practising daily and we really appreciate P2 and 3 adults remaining behind the coned area. This allows our children to start the school day in a calm and positive manner.

School Uniform

It has been great to see the children in school uniform – this supports them in feeling part of our school team. Where possible, we would like to encourage all pupils to wear school uniform/school colours every day.

School uniform can be ordered via our school website. Please note there is no obligation to purchase uniform with the school logo - plain royal blue sweatshirts and cardigans can be purchased from most supermarkets.

Assembly

We enjoyed meeting all children last week at our welcome assemblies where we had a focus on working as a team through respect. We discussed ways we can work together as a team to ensure our school is a place where everyone safe and happy.

Google Classroom/Class Website

Look out for more information on your child's Google Classroom – this is a platform where class teachers will share any homework and updates to support your child. Class websites will be set up in the following few weeks – these can be accessed via the main school website and are a great way to keep up to date with what your child is learning in school/nursery.

PE Kit

Your child's teacher will inform you of their PE days. We ask that Primary 1 and 2 pupils bring in shorts, t-shirt and gym shoes in a labelled bag by the September weekend. Changing for PE supports children in developing an important life skill. Primary 3-7 should come to school dressed in their PE kit – clothing that is easy to 'move in'. We do ask that on PE days, pupils still wear their school sweatshirt/cardigan/royal blue top. Whilst we acknowledge the importance of changing for PE unfortunately our changing facilities are currently out of use.

Diary Dates

~Friday 15th – School and nursery closed for September weekend
~Monday 18th – School and nursery closed for September weekend
~School finishes for October break: Friday 13th October