



# Innerwick Primary School

## Newsletter

### Message from Mr Taylor

Dear Parents and friends of Innerwick PS

It's hard to believe that we are already into week four of the new session, and those long sunshine-filled days of summer are beginning to recede from memory. I hope you all enjoyed a fabulous break, and that you and your children are getting to grips with the routines of the new session. Clearly, this session has seen a significant transformation in terms of staffing, and I am delighted to report that the new team has certainly hit the ground running, with everyone working hard to provide a supportive environment and exciting learning experiences for your child(ren).

It has been lovely to see our new P1 children settle so well into their new venture, and begin to get to know them all. As always, it takes time for this new experience to become the norm, and we are very happy to have such supportive pupils who are helping the younger ones find their feet.

I am very excited about the new session, with lots of targets ahead and work well underway to meeting them. Please note that our School Improvement Plan is now available to download from our website. There will also be a pupil/family friendly version available soon. A major focus this year is to develop partnerships, and work in collaboration with all stakeholders. This includes pupils, parents, families, cluster colleagues, support services, and, of course, our partner school at Stenton. Our staff team are already planning an exciting joint venture across both schools, and you will hear more about this soon. In terms of school development, we are looking at a focus on Health & Well-being and also Numeracy as key areas in which we can make our provision even better, and continually provide the best possible experience for our young learners. As always, we are very keen to involve parents and families as much as possible, so if you're keen to volunteer for classroom support in any capacity, or with trips, please let us know.

I was delighted to get the chance for a chat during our recent curriculum evening, and I am sure that this year will prove to be one to remember. If you have not already returned the feedback request on the curriculum evening, please check your child's school bag for a printed copy and return to us so that we can continue to shape our provision in partnership with our community. In the meantime, if there is anything you would like to discuss with me, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards,

*Ronnie Taylor*

### 50th Anniversary Celebrations:

In February next year the school will have been at its current site for 50 years. As this is a significant event we are planning to mark our golden anniversary and are hoping to continue our links with the local community by involving them in the celebrations. We are in the early stages of planning this so would appreciate any ideas that you may have as well as any offers of help.

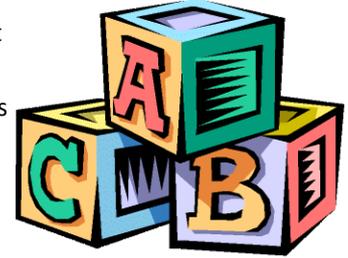


### Reminders

- Please ensure your child is in the school playground before 8.50am, to enable them to be ready to come into school with their classmates when the school bell goes. This encourages the children to become independent and allows them to settle quickly in the classroom.
- Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle each day. These can be refilled from the water fountain throughout the day. This is especially important on hot days or when the children have PE.
- Children should always have their PE kit in school to enable teachers to include expressive arts in their daily lessons.
- Please ensure all uniform and shoes are clearly labelled and the children are encouraged to take responsibility for their own belongings.
- We are a nut free school—please do not send any products containing nuts or nut extracts.
- Please could you use the plastic wallets to send in notes or money from home.
- Please keep an eye on our school blog and twitter to find out more about what is happening in school. The children look forward to reading your comments on their posts.

## Nursery News

The nursery children and staff are all very happy to be back and have settled quickly into a contented routine of learning through play and exploration. We have been joined by Mrs Palmer this year; everyone has made her feel very welcome. Planning of learning themes will now be documented in a large floor book which will enable children to be meaningfully involved in their learning. After an initial group discussion, it was decided that the first learning theme would be "Getting Ready" – for the year ahead. Nursery staff wrote the children's ideas in the floor book: making a new map for children's planning of play; helping each other inside and outside by cooperating and working as a team; becoming familiar with the daily nursery routines; dancing and making resource choices. Logan's mummy, delivered some fresh bark to help with "Getting Ready" in the garden - thank you very much for that contribution, it was greatly appreciated. The children had great fun cooperating together when moving the bark to the garden paths. Cooperation is one of the school's Core Values and the children shared their experience of this at the first school assembly, through a song and actions. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning with the wider school community.



## Flu Immunisation

The children have been issued with their annual flu vaccination consent packs, this year the immunisation session will take place in the school on 5th October. If you wish your child to be immunised please ensure that you return the completed forms to the school by Friday 7th September.



## Diary Dates

### September:

4th - P1/2/3 archeological trip  
6th - P6/7 Kayaking  
10th - Parent Council AGM  
14th - 17th September Holiday  
18th - Nursery play morning  
19th - Nursery play morning  
21st—Harvest Festival  
24th -P6/7 trip to New Lanark  
28th—JRSO

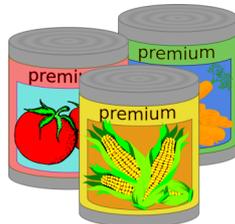
### October:

5th—Flu Immunisations  
9th—Parents meetings (prov)  
11th—Parents meetings (prov)  
11th - Club Golf  
15th –19th October Break



## Harvest Festival:

The Harvest Festival will take place in the school on Friday 21st September. We are looking for donations of non-perishable food items to be distributed between the local community and Dunbar Basics Food Bank. These donations can be handed into the school on the 19th and 20th September.



## Save the Date:

We are planning a Remembrance Commemoration along with Stenton Primary on Friday 9th November. We are intending to travel to Stenton for this event to further strengthen the links between the 2 schools. We hope that as many of you can join us as possible to mark this occasion during the centenary year marking the end of WW1. There will be a teaching and learning focus connected to this event. More details to follow.



## Parent Council News

The parent council AGM will be held on Monday 10th September at 7pm in the village hall. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting

