



Innerwick Primary School Newsletter

Message from Mr Taylor

Dear families and friends

It seems incredible that we are once again approaching the end of an academic year and, as is always the case at this time of year, there seems to be no logical way in which we can squeeze in all the things we need to.....and yet we do.

I am very aware that the community is keen to know our staffing situation for next year. I appreciate that it is frustrating to have to wait until the last week of term however this results from a series of other elements having to be reconciled at authority level, and is not in any way exclusive to our school. We all know that Mr Cain will soon be enjoying all the benefits of early retirement. Clearly we will all miss him greatly, and thank him for his magnificent contribution to the school and the community over the past 5 years. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Helen Bennett as our new Principal Teacher, and also teacher of P6/7 for next year. Mrs Bennett is very excited about joining us, and looks forward to meeting pupils and parents in August.

The staff team is also very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Govan. Miss Govan has been a wonderful addition to the team and will be missed by us all. We all know that she will add value to whichever school she joins to continue her career beyond her probationer year. We are looking forward to welcoming another familiar face as the new P3/4/5 teacher, Miss Kirsty Lamb. Miss Lamb has been confirmed as the preferred candidate for the post, subject to completion of paperwork. Miss Lamb worked with us in session 2017/18 as a student teacher, and is very excited about joining us as a fully qualified teacher. P1/2 next session will be taught by both Miss Lumsden and Mrs Logan. It is also important for us to recognise Miss Chloe Devlin, a 3rd Year MA student. Miss Devlin has made a tremendous contribution to the life and work of the school, across all stages. We express our sincere gratitude for her efforts, and wish her all the best as she continues her studies.

As you will all know, I have been asked to support West Barns PS next session, with the associated revised staffing structure. Please note that interviews for the post of Deputy Head takes place on Monday 24th June, and you will be advised as soon as possible thereafter. I understand that this new structure will require some getting used to, but having been able to speak with many of you directly I very much appreciate how supportive you have been. Clearly, I will be able to give more detail of any changes to structures and arrangements as the new session begins.

In terms of the revised school logo, having now processed all the feedback from staff, pupils and parents, the overwhelming preferred option has been the badge featuring Innerwick Castle, Thorntonloch Beach and Barns Ness Lighthouse. Accordingly, our new school Houses will be Castle, Thorntonloch and Barns Ness. We will begin to implement the new Houses from the start of the new term, and while the new badge will also begin to feature, please be assured that existing school uniform and merchandise featuring our old badge will be perfectly acceptable throughout it's natural life.

As always, many thanks for your continued support, and may I wish you a very pleasant and relaxing summer break!

Reminders

- As we are heading into the final week of term with warmer weather can you please ensure that your child has sun-cream applied as well as a sun hat if appropriate.
- We would appreciate if payments could be made using the SchoolPay system when possible. <https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/schoolpay>
- Please ensure that your child brings a filled water bottle with them to school every day.
- Please keep an eye on our school blog and our twitter posts to find out more about what is happening in school. The children look forward to reading your comments on their posts.

Early Years News:

Innerwick Early Years Setting has been very busy recently. The children have started going to the small woodland for Nature Play every Friday and so far have been enjoying collecting daisies, making mud pies, building dens and hunting for mini-beasts, amongst many other outdoor experiences. The Pre-school children have started the Transition to Primary 1 Programme. Each week this involves a Buddy Break, when little buddies play with their big buddies and a session down in Primary 1/2/3 for a story or activity with Miss Lumsden and Mrs Logan. The lovely sunny weather has meant the children have been playing outside in the garden most of the day. The staff have had their work cut out applying copious amounts of sun cream on the children and offering them cold drinks in the shade, to help them stay happy and healthy.



Lost Property:

We have a lot of lost property. This will be available to check during during the final week of term. After this any items not claimed will either be recycled or kept as spare clothes within the school



Diary Dates:

June

26th—Parent Council BBQ

27th—Nursery graduation

28th—Final Assembly

28th—End of Term

August:

12th—13th In Service

14th - All return



Books:

As it is approaching the end of the school year we would be grateful if you could check if you have any school books from the school library



Payments:

When possible payments should be paid using the online Schoolpay system. We would appreciate if you are making any final payments by cash or cheque that this is received by Wednesday. Thank you



Thank-you

Thank-you to the many people who have helped with the various events, within the school as well as on excursions over the past year. Your help is very much appreciated—we would not be able to have as many events without your ongoing support.



Parent Council News:

MASSIVE Thankyou to everyone who helped out at the spring fair. Helping out can be anything from getting your family/friends to come, baking, tombola prizes, on a stall etc. The fair would simply not go ahead if it wasn't for everyone pulling together. The lovely weather also helped. I spoke to a few people/children on the day and as well as raising money for the school, more importantly everyone had a really enjoyable day. The Anderson Burgers were delicious and went down a treat, thanks Moya.

The final net amount raised in respect of the fair is £1048.53, which is an amazing amount for our little school.

Our next event is the summer Barbecue which will take place on Wednesday 26th June at the school from 6pm to which all are welcome. Burgers, Sausages in rolls and a vegetarian option will be on sale during the evening as well as teas, coffees and juice. We would be grateful for any donations of side dishes or desserts.

We welcome anyone to come along to the parent council meetings with their ideas and thoughts. Promise we won't sign you up for anything. The AGM is scheduled for 11th September.

