



Newsletter

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Welcome back I hope that you all had a lovely Summer. Thank you all for your support last session and your kind messages. We are all looking forward to the year ahead.

I would like to welcome our new P1 and Nursery parents/carers.

We also have new children in other stages across the school and I would like to say a warm welcome to them and their families.

I hope that you all enjoy being part of our school community.

It has been lovely to see the children return in smart Craigiebarns grey and red school uniform. This is important to support our school values of inclusion and equality. Any difficulties with buying uniform due to financial constraints please contact Emma (SFDW) on 07787258122.

Staffing Information

This session we do not have any changes to our teaching staff in school. We are however delighted to welcome our new nursery teacher – Mrs Stephanie Mitchell. Our previous nursery teacher – Miss Catriona Duncan is now our P3 teacher.

As always, we will keep you updated with any staff news across the school year.

On Wednesday 28th August we invite parents into school to meet you child/children's teacher and see their classroom. More info will follow regarding times for this.

On the evening of Wednesday 28th August at 6.00pm we invite our P1 parents/carers into school to meet with Mrs Clarke (Head Teacher) and Mrs Findlater (Depute Head Teacher) who were absent from school on the induction evening. More info will be on Seesaw.

Gates

Reminder the school gates will be closed at Craigie Road end and from Gardyne College between 9.30am and 2.30pm. All access to the school for families and children will be from Brington Road. This is to allow our children and staff to use the school grounds safely during school hours. If your child is a school lunch or has an appointment you must collect them via Brington Road.

School Improvement Priorities this session

Attendance and punctuality at school continues to be a focus not only for us as a school but for all schools in Dundee and Scotland. If your child is going to be absent from school due to ill health, please phone the school on 438840 or send a message via the Parent Portal. Please do not use Seesaw to report an absence. It is important for children to be in school at 9.00am for the start of the day to be welcomed and settled into class. This will help to ensure that learning and information is not missed and helps children feel included in their class routine. We will contact you in the first term should this be a cause for concern.

This session we will have a focus on improving writing, we will also continue to work on improvements to our curriculum to encourage children to be present, participating and making progress.

Our school theme at the start of this session is "The Paris Olympics". You may have seen the banner and flags in the playground.

We also recognise the importance of inclusion and want all children to grow, learn and achieve together within a positive environment. We will continue to work on this and make improvements.

This session will be looking at other means of communication rather than Seesaw. We are in the process of updating our website and will move to communicating more by email as the session goes on. It is therefore really important parent's emails and phone numbers are kept up to date so that information is not missed.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for you Diary 2024-2025

22.08.24	Parent Partnership Meeting 6.00pm – main reception
28.08.24	Meet the Teacher afternoon P1 New Start meeting
21.09.24	Parent Partnership Autumn Fayre (Saturday morning)
04.10.24	Last Day of Term Finish at 3.15pm
21.10.24	Back to school
22.10.24	Parent Partnership Meeting 6.00pm – main reception
28.10.24	Flu Immunisations
31.10.24	Halloween discos P1-3 3.15-4.15pm P4-7 4.30-6.00pm
14.11.24 & 15.11.24	Inset Days 2 and 3 – School closed to children
19.11.24 & 21.11.24	Parents Evenings
12.12.24	Nativity and Christmas Show Day
17.12.24	Nursery Nativity Afternoon
20.12.24	Last day of term finish at 12 noon and start of holidays
06.01.24	Back to school
15.01.25	Parent Partnership Meeting 6.00pm – main reception
28.01.25	Information for P7 parents/Carers about residential trip
13.02.25	P7 Burns Supper
14.02.25 & 17.02.25	Holidays, school closed
18.02.25	Inset Day 4 – school closed to children
06.03.25	World Book Day
11.03.25 & 13.03.25	Parents Evenings
27.03.25	Spring Discos P1-3 3.15-4.15pm P4-7 4.30-6.00pm
28.03.25	Last Day of Term finish at 3.15pm
14.04.25	Back to school
18.04.25	Holiday
22.04.25	Parent Partnership Meeting 6.00pm – main reception
05.05.25	May Day Holiday – School closed
21.05.25	Open Afternoon – Sharing Learning
23.05.25	Inset day 5 – school closed to children
26.05.25	Victoria Day Holiday – School closed
19.06.25	P7 Leavers Party
25.06.25	P7 Leavers Assembly
27.06.25	Last day of term – 12 noon finish

All Parents welcome to come along. The CPP also have a Facebook page - Craigiebarns Parent Partnership

Letters will be sent home in envelopes and should be completed and returned. All immunisations will be in schools.

Information will follow about appointments

More dates for events will be added as plans are made. These will be communicated at the start of each term in a newsletter.

Reminder – All P6-7 school dinners must be paid by ParentPay in advance or on the day wherever possible.

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