



Welcome back I hope that you all had a lovely Summer. Thank you all for your support last session and 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

We welcome a new class teacher to our P1a class – **Mrs Clare Biggans**. Mrs Biggans joins us from another school in Dundee, we know you will all make her feel welcome.

We welcome back **Mrs Mercer** from maternity leave, last term we also welcomed back **Mrs Walker** from maternity leave. Mrs Mercer will be teaching P2b Wednesday to Friday and Mrs Walker will be teaching P6 Monday to Wednesday.

**Miss Brand** was due to return but she is now Acting Principal Teacher at Claypotts Castle Primary School. This is initially until October.

Lastly but by no means least we are delighted to tell you that **Emma** our School and Family Development Worker will be with us full time from 4<sup>th</sup> September, presently we share her with another school.

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

## 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

- In line with Dundee City Council priorities, we will be closely monitoring children's attendance and arrival time at school. 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 be working on our wider curriculum, making improvements to our curriculum with the aim of making it interesting and engaging for the children to encourage them to be present, participating and making progress. We are particularly focussing on STEAM (Science, Technology, Arts and Maths) as well as Digital Literacy.

We will be taking into account the feedback from staff, children and parents when making plans for learning this session.

- While we make plans for teaching STEAM next term, this term we will be have a social subjects focus and each class with their buddy class will be learning about their chosen decade. Our school theme is "Step back in time". You may have seen our decade door in the playground this week.
- We will also be looking to develop partnerships with resources in our local area to provide family events and to support our families.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Dates for you Diary 2023-2024

There may be further dates to add at a later date.

15.08.23	Back to school
30.08.23	Meet the teacher afternoon
04.09.2023	First Parent Partnership meeting 6.00pm - main entrance
06.10.23	Last Day of Term finish at 3.30pm for October holidays
23.10.23	Back to school
25.10.23	Flu Immunisations
26.10.23	Halloween discos P1-3 3.15-4.15pm P4-7 4.30-5.00pm
09.11.23 & 10.11.23	Inset Days 2 and 3 - School closed to children
14.11.23 & 16.11.23	Parents Evenings
15.12.23	Nativity and Christmas Show Day
19.12.23	Nursery Nativity Afternoon
22.12.23	Last day of term finish at 12 noon and start of holidays
08.01.24	Back to school
30.01.24	Information for P7 parents/Carers about residential trip
15.02.24	P7 Burns Supper. Tickets will be available nearer the time
16.02.24 and 19.02.24	Holidays, school closed
20.02.24	Inset Day 4 - school closed to children
13.03.24	Open Afternoon and Evening
27.03.24	Spring Discos P1-3 3.15-4.15pm P4-7 4.30-5.00pm
28.03.24	Last Day of Term finish at 3.15pm (this is a Thursday)
15.04.24	Back to school
02.05.23	Inset Day 5 - School closed to children
06.05.23	May Day Holiday - School closed
10.05.23	Cultural Day
27.05.23	Victoria Day Holiday - School closed
20.06.23	P7 Leavers Party
28.06.23	Last day of term - 12 noon finish

Letter will be sent home in envelopes and should be completed and returned. All immunisations will be in schools and not in GP surgeries.

Information will follow about how to book an appointment.

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

We are currently getting all classes and new children added to Seesaw which is our main place of communication. If you have any issues or question regarding Seesaw please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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

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