

Fordbank Primary School  
August 2017 Newsletter  
Welcome Back Everyone!!



#### OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Friendship  
Integrity  
Respect  
Equality

#### Welcome to our new P1 pupils for session 2017-18

It was lovely to see all our new P1 children as they start their primary school journey. We are sure they will have a wonderful time with us at Fordbank.

P1 parents/carers will be given the opportunity to visit the P1 classes to see their child's learning in action on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September - more info to follow.**

#### HMIE SCHOOL INSPECTION

I am pleased to inform you that our Inspection Report will be available on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. This outlines the strengths of the school as well as identifying areas for ongoing development which will be prioritised in our School Improvement Plan.

I am delighted with the report and hope that you will be pleased with the findings - a letter will be issued to all parents on 22<sup>nd</sup> August outlining the evaluations.

**I look forward to continuing to lead the school along with the whole Fordbank Team and working with our parents, carers and partners to ensure that all our young people achieve their potential.**

#### Annual Data Checks

Annual Data Check forms will be sent home this week - please can you complete these and return as soon as possible.

Please make sure the school has an **up to date telephone number** if this has changed over the summer!

#### School Lunches

P1-3 pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal.

P4-7 lunches cost £2.10

**If your child forgets his/her lunch money please ensure this is paid as soon as possible as we do not have a budget to cover costs - thank you.**

#### Shoes!!

All children in P2/3 to P7 will change their shoes when in school. Please send in a pair of indoor shoes for children to change into which your child can keep in school - thanks for your help with this.

**P6 & 7 pupils who wish to play football on the pitch must bring in a pair of 'pitch' trainers which they can change into - we recommend old trainers!**

#### OUTDOOR LEARNING



Outdoor Learning is now a key feature of learning in different areas of the curriculum including literacy and numeracy across the school. Your child will be taking part in many outdoor learning experiences over the year. These engage children in active learning as well as developing their health & wellbeing.

To enable children to go outside to learn whatever the weather it would be great if you could provide a set of **OLD CLOTHES, WATERPROOF JACKET & WELLIES OR OTHER FOOTWEAR** in a plastic bag. We will be investing in clothing this year but your support would be greatly appreciated to get us started. The clothes will be stored in school.

<p align="center"><b>Kibble Partnership</b></p> <p>We will continue our partnership with Kibble who will work with all our P7s over the year in school to teach bike maintenance skills - I'm sure the children will enjoy this experience!</p>	<p align="center"><b>P7 ARDMAY RESIDENTIAL TRIP</b></p> <p>P7 pupils will be given the chance to take part in a 2 night/3 day residential trip <b>7-9<sup>th</sup> FEB</b>. Parents/carers are invited to a meeting on <b>18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 6PM</b> to find out more!</p>
<p align="center"><b>SEESAW APP - ENGAGING PARENTS IN LEARNING!</b></p> <p>All parents/carers will be provided with information to enable them to log on to Seesaw - teachers will work with the children to upload photos, text and videos of learning over the year. If you have lost log in details, please let your child's teacher know. P1 &amp; 2 children will be given their login details shortly.</p>	<p align="center"><b>PARENT COUNCIL/PTA MEETING</b></p> <p>Our first meeting will take place on <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm.</b></p> <p align="center"><b>All new parents/carers are welcome to attend - looking forward to seeing you all again!</b></p>

**Classes & teachers this session -**

P1T Mrs Traynor                                      P1M Miss Millen (Mon-Thurs) Ms Wadsworth (Fri)  
P2 Mrs Gray    P2/3 Mrs Adams (Mon - Wed) & Miss Young (Thur/Frid)  
P3 Miss McArthur                                      P4 Mrs Stevenson  
P5 Miss McCracken                                      P6 Miss Coleman  
P7 Mrs Reynolds  
PE Non-Contact time for teachers - Mrs Miller & Mrs MacLeod

**Health & Wellbeing - PE**

Pupils should bring their kit for each of the two sessions or they will be unable to participate. It is important foot wear is secure and easy for pupils to put on and take off. Younger pupils should wear polo shirts on PE days if possible as these are easier to manage.

**PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHES!!**

**Allocated days for PE are -**

P1T	Tues & Wed	P1M	Tues & Wed
P2	Mon & Tues	P2/3	Wed & Thur
P3	Thur & Frid	P4	Thur & Frid
P5	Mon & Tuesday	P6	Mon & Tues
P7	Mon & Wed		

**SPONSORED WALK**

We have planned a Sponsored Walk for **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September - letters will be issued next week.** P1/2 pupils will take part in a Sponsored Litter Pick in the local area; P3 pupils will walk to Kilbarchan; P4/5 will walk to Howwood and P6/7 will walk to Lochwinnoch - individual needs of pupils will be considered when organising the event. As before, we are looking for any **parent helpers** who may be available to support - please contact the school - THANKS!!

*Here's to a great year everyone, Mrs McCormick*