

PAISLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



**NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS
August/September 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, EVERYONE! We are delighted to be reopening our school to all children in September. The children will be in their new class bubbles and with their new teacher. We appreciate that this could be an anxious time for some children and families and that our children have not had the opportunity to take part in the normal transition events we hold in school every July. To reassure children, we have asked every teacher to do a short video introducing themselves and provide a brief tour of the classroom. Keep a lookout on our website for these. Please make sure that the school office is made aware of any changes on your child's school-held record: address, mobile phone numbers, emergency contacts, etc.

There will be two teacher training days on the 7th and 8th of September, which means that the children do not return until Wednesday 9th September. In line with DfE guidance, we are having to stagger school start and finish times for the different year groups, until the guidance changes. These times are as follows:

Key Stage 1 – 8:45am – 2:45pm

Years 3/4 – 8:50am – 2:50pm

Years 5/6 – 8:55am – 2:55pm

We are politely requesting that one adult accompanies children to school and that social distancing is maintained whilst on the school site. Playtimes and lunchtimes will also be staggered in the Autumn Term. We are also hoping to restart our Breakfast Club and After School Club as of the 14th September. Bookings and payment for the After School Club places will need to be made via the school office a week in advance. For new children and families, our updated Prospectus is available to view on our website.

Mrs. Hayward has written letters to parents and carers of our F1 and F2 children, who will be joining us this year, and, as stated in those letters, will be holding meetings with families when we return. Children will be able to familiarise themselves with life and learning in Rainbow and Sunshine during Stay and Play sessions, leading to their normal hours of attendance and commencement of their learning journeys.

Having all our children back at school is wonderful and we are very conscious of the difficulties some children and families have encountered over this unprecedented time of the lockdown. Children will be at different stages in their emotions and with their learning. Our overriding priority will be the safety and well-being of all. The Constellation Trust has devised a 'Recovery Curriculum' for the autumn term and further details of this are on our website. The Recovery Curriculum is set out in three phases. Phase 1 will cover the first two weeks of the September return and its main focus will be settling the children back into school and its routines. We aim to focus on their emotional, mental and physical well-being; rebuilding relationships and community, to make everyone feel settled, safe and to diminish any anxieties. After this initial period, the focus will then be on assessing every child's current ability in reading, writing and mathematics, as a starting point for future learning and for filling any gaps in learning. The period up until the half-term will focus strongly on basic skills: phonics, reading, writing and mathematics, whilst simultaneously continuing the work on physical, mental and emotional well-being. The remainder of the autumn term will see a gradual reintroduction of a 'broad and balanced' curriculum, incorporating other subjects in our Topic work, of which we are extremely proud. Take a look at the website for further information and rationale behind the Recovery Curriculum. Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school, via the school office.

As I said earlier, we are delighted to be fully reopening. We have missed all our children and families and very much look forward to welcoming you all back in to school on the 9th September. On behalf of the whole Paisley team, I send you, as always, my very best wishes.

Mrs. Hird

**Mrs. Hird
Headteacher**

WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR CHILDREN TO ACQUIRE BASIC SKILLS IN READING AND MATHEMATICS

More than ever after the lockdown, progression in basic skills is so important and it is vital that we work in partnership to support your child's learning. In order for your child to progress with basic skills, it is essential that your child reads regularly at home. We want every child to make the best possible progress, and, the evidence is clear that regular reading and the completion of homework to consolidate on-going learning, have a very positive impact on overall progress and attainment. Our school is introducing the Read, Write, Inc., phonics programme this year. There will be further information going out to parents. The programme has the opportunity for parents to go online, access resources and practise phonics with their children. Times table knowledge and confidence with times tables facts is so important, so regular practice of these is recommended. The National Curriculum advises that all children should know their times tables to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. If a child has not acquired this skill, it then becomes difficult for them to apply these facts to other operations, calculations and contexts when they reach Years 5 and 6. So, knowledge of times tables; both in and out of order is essential and regular practice is needed, both in school and at home. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher on any of these areas of the curriculum. There will also be the opportunity to talk to your child's teacher during the parent consultation evenings this term.

SCHOOL MEALS, HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES AND WATER BOTTLES

The Trust catering team have written a reduced menu due to the current circumstances but children still have the option of a hot or cold meal. Meals are free-of-charge for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children. Meals are £1.50 for Key Stage 2 children. If your child is entering Year 3, school meals are no longer free-of-charge and you will have to pay, unless your child is eligible for free school meals. If you think you may be eligible, a form is available from the school office, our website or the Hull City Council website. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that a packed lunch should be a healthy packed lunch and chocolate and sweets should not be included in your child's packed lunch. A piece of fruit is provided, daily for our children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. If your child is in Key Stage 2, you may wish to provide a piece of fruit for your child to eat during the morning playtime. Just a reminder that, as from September, every child must bring their own water bottles, as, in line with risk assessments and the current circumstances, the school no longer provides.

P.E. KIT / INDOOR SHOES / BOOK BAGS / JEWELLERY / NAIL POLISH

As we start this new academic year, please ensure that all your child's clothing and equipment is labelled. Every child should have a P.E. kit in school, consisting of a plain, white T-shirt and black or navy shorts. Indoor shoes are also needed for every child to change into, so that feet are comfortable, cosy and safe and so that our school environment remains clean, particularly when the weather deteriorates. Every child should have a school book bag – this is part of our school uniform, as determined by the Local Governing Body. A reminder also that, in line with our school prospectus, the only jewellery allowed in school is a sensible watch and stud earrings. Nail polish should not be worn in school at any time.

SOME AUTUMN TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Here are some dates for your diaries. Phase leaders and event organisers will be writing to you very soon to give you further dates and supplementary information. These dates are also on our school website.

AUTUMN TERM 2020	
7TH & 8TH SEPTEMBER	TEACHER TRAINING DAYS
9TH SEPTEMBER	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
18TH SEPTEMBER	JEANS FOR GENES DAY – FUNDRAISING – NON-UNIFORM
12TH OCTOBER	SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY
19TH OCTOBER	FLU IMMUNISATIONS
22ND OCTOBER	GOLDEN TIME
23RD OCTOBER	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN I HALF-TERM
HALF-TERM, 26TH – 30TH OCTOBER	
2ND NOVEMBER	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
18TH NOVEMBER	PARENTS EVENING, 1 OF 2
25TH NOVEMBER	PARENTS EVENING, 2 OF 2
16TH DECEMBER	GOLDEN TIME
17TH DECEMBER	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN II HALF-TERM FOR CHILDREN
18TH DECEMBER	TEACHER TRAINING DAY
SPRING TERM 2021	
4TH JANUARY	TEACHER TRAINING DAY
5TH JANUARY	TEACHER TRAINING DAY
6TH JANUARY	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL