

PAISLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

JUNE 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you have all had a safe and happy half-term break. This half-term we will be ensuring that all our children make the best possible progress and outcomes and that they continue to catch up on any lost learning, due to the lockdowns, in preparation for the next academic year.

I am very pleased to let you all know that during the final week of last half-term, our school was awarded the HeadStart Mark of Excellence Accreditation. We are the first school in the Constellation Trust to achieve this. This accreditation recognises all the work the school does around personal development, physical, mental and emotional well-being, not only for the children, but also for parents/carers, staff and the wider community. We are very pleased to achieve the accreditation and I would like to thank Mr. Dunlin, who oversaw the accreditation process, and every member of staff and the children, as it is a whole-school team effort. Some of our children applied and were successfully appointed as 'Young Evaluators'. These children audited our provision, spoke to the accreditors and interviewed staff and children. They did a sterling job and were excellent ambassadors for Paisley.

Many congratulations to all the children who took part in the Home Reading Challenge over the half-term. Very well done! We will celebrate this activity in school this week. Please take time to read with your child at home. Unfortunately, many children are not reading regularly at home and this is impacting on their progress. Reading, being a universal, life-skill, ensures that, when children can read with fluency and with comprehension, it enables them to access and make good progress in the rest of the curriculum. We aim for every child to read at home at least three times a week. Classes have reading charts and individual children are celebrated weekly in Miss Leach's Friday reading assembly, receiving recognition and certificates for their reading efforts. If your child is currently in a Read, Write, Inc. phonics group they will bring home a phonics book linked to their level, which is changed regularly. Each child also brings home a reading for pleasure book to read with family members. Our children are progressing well with their phonics and are enjoying their reading for pleasure, particularly our older children. We have recently invested in new, quality books, for our fluent readers, linked to their ability, which our children are enjoying reading, both in class and at home.

On 9th July you will receive your child's annual written report. You will also be informed of your child's teacher for the 2021-22 academic year. The week beginning 12th July is our transition week. During this week the children will spend as much time as possible with their next teacher, in order to familiarise themselves with the new class, phase, routines and surroundings.

This is also the final half-term for our Year 6 children. The majority of our Year 6 children will join their respective secondary schools for the week beginning 12th July, returning to us for the final week of term. We are planning a celebratory event for our Year 6 children and further details on this will follow. I speak on behalf of the whole Paisley team when I wish them a happy final half-term before they leave us. We will miss them and we wish them every success and happiness for the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that children should not be wearing jewellery in school. A sensible watch and stud earrings are the only items of jewellery permitted. Unfortunately, some of our KS2 children are attending school wearing inappropriate earrings, necklaces and bracelets. These present a health and safety risk and should not be worn. Again, a further reminder about nail varnish, which should also be removed before school.

Attendance remains a priority at Paisley and poor attendance will be challenged. Good, expected attendance is paramount to ensuring that your child makes the best possible progress throughout the

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remainder of this academic year. Please note that, in line with Trust policy, all requests for term-time holidays, unless in exceptional circumstances, will be unauthorised and will incur a fixed penalty notice.

As always, on behalf of all the Paisley team, I thank you all for your continued support for the work of the school and send you our sincere, best wishes.

Mrs. Hird

Headteacher

REMINDERS

- All children must bring a water bottle to school every day.
- The children will be doing lots of PE, so please provide a PE kit and suitable footwear for outdoor sport.
- The weather remains warm. If your child brings suncream to school, it must be clearly labelled and it is the child, who applies the suncream. The preferable option is for 24-hour suncream to be applied at home before the start of the school day.

DIARY DATES

Any further events this summer half-term will be communicated to you in separate letters, in due course.

7TH JUNE – CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

7TH JUNE – SPORTS FORTNIGHT BEGINS

8TH JUNE – YEAR 6 – VISITING AUTHOR – KIRSTY APPLEBAUM

23RD JUNE – PEDESTRIAN SKILLS – YEAR 3/4

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5TH JULY – CURRICULUM CELEBRATION WEEK

7TH JULY – F2 NEW PARENTS MEETINGS

8TH JULY – KS1 TOPIC DAY

9TH JULY – ANNUAL WRITTEN REPORTS TO PARENTS/PARENTS INFORMED OF CHILD'S TEACHER FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

12TH JULY – KS3 TRANSITION WEEK FOR SOME Y6 CHILDREN

12TH JULY – TRANSITION WEEK IN SCHOOL

15TH AND 16TH JULY – F1 STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

20TH JULY – F2 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY

22ND JULY – GOLDEN TIME / PARTY DAY, WHOLE-SCHOOL

23RD JULY – LAST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR FOR THE CHILDREN

26TH JULY – TEACHER TRAINING DAY/CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL



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