

CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Welcome back to the start of a new school session. I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. I am looking forward to planned improvements to our curriculum and the school environment this year, and seeing the impact upon pupils' learning as the year progresses.

There has been some major building works started during the summer break, resulting in new toilet facilities for pupils and the canteen storage area. These developments will enhance the educational experiences of our pupils in future years.

We have several curriculum improvements planned in the following areas:

- Professional Leadership of Learning and Teaching
- Developing a High Quality Curriculum
- Developing an Ethos and Culture of Inclusive Approaches

I have included an overview of our improvement plan in this newsletter for your information. The full improvement plan will be available for download from the school website by the end of August.

The start of a new school session is always a busy and exciting time where we look forward to the adventures and learning journey ahead. We look forward to continuing our learning partnership with you and your children to ensure that every child continues to realise their fullest learning potential.

Kind regards,



Nick Trussler – Headteacher

Upcoming Events

Monday 24th August 11am:
Borders Railway 'Golden Ticket' Assembly for primary pupils

Monday 24th August: 'Dress-Down or Dress-Up Day' – donations for 'Cash for Kids'

Wednesday 26th August: P6 Class Trip to Berwick – History Study

Thursday 27th August: P6 JRSO Conference, Volunteer Hall Galashiels.

Saturday 29th August: Chirnside Horticultural Show in The Robin's Nest

Tuesday 1st September (for four weeks) Fit 4 Fun project (all primary classes)

Wednesday 9th September: P6 Class Trip to Norham and Flodden – History Study

Week beginning 28th September: Health Week - Respectful Relationships and Positive Behaviour

Borders Railway Celebrations and Assembly for Primary Pupils

On Monday 24th August at 11am we are holding a school assembly to celebrate the opening of the Borders Railway. We are inviting the media and local councillors to our assembly to record and share our celebrations. The assembly will consist of a film being shown to pupils about the construction of the railway, as well as a PowerPoint presentation.

As part of the celebrations, all pupils will be taking part in a 'Golden Ticket' search to win a seat on the Borders Railway on Saturday 5th September, travelling from Tweedbank to Edinburgh Waverley. As part of the assembly, children will be given a commemorative chocolate bar, which may contain a winning 'Golden Ticket'. This random opportunity is based upon the idea contained in 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. There is also a chance for pupils to win a book token if their chocolate bar contains a literacy star.

Alternative fruit snacks will be provided for those pupils who have additional dietary requirements and are unable to consume the chocolate bar. Chocolate bars can be kept as a souvenir. Chocolate bars for Early Learning and Childcare pupils will be distributed to parents at home collection time.



If we have a lucky Golden Ticket winner at Chirnside, I will inform the winning pupil's parents after the assembly.

As part of the celebrations, Borders schools are having a dress down (your own clothes) or a dress up (as a Roald Dahl book character) on the day of their Borders Railway assembly. Pupils can choose whether they wish to 'dress u/p' or 'dress down' on Monday 24th of August, in return for a coin donation to 'Cash for Kids' (please see accompanying information for more details).

Please see the accompanying letter, sent home yesterday (Tuesday 18th August), from Donna Manson, Service Director Children and Young People for more background information.

Breakfast Bar

Last term we ran a Breakfast Club for pupils to gauge interest and need for this service. It proved to be very popular with pupils. As a result of this market research, we have decided to reopen our Breakfast Bar in the canteen on a term by term basis.

Opening times for the Breakfast Bar are 8.30am – 8.50am (last serving at 8.45am). On offer are cereals, fruit, milk and water. There is a small charge of 20p per pupil per day for this service.

Chirnside Horticultural Show

All pupils will be working on their entries for this year's horticultural show, to be held on Saturday 29th August in the Robin's Nest. Due to the reduced space available at the new location this year, pupil entries will be judged in school on Friday 28th August, with winners displayed at the show on the Saturday.

Toilets and building update



Above and below: New sinks and toilets in the girls' facilities.

Senior pupils' toilets, used by P4-P7 this year, have been refurbished to a high standard during the summer holidays. Both boys and girls are benefiting from warm, dry, well decorated toilets.

We are running a weekly challenge for senior pupils this term to encourage them to look after their new facilities and leave them tidy during Barrett and Mr Pringle will of each day and awarding week, the group with the extra break on Fridays.



Above: New facilities in the boys' area.

and after their visit. Our janitors, Mr be judging the tidy toilets at the end points to the winners. Over the tidiest toilets will receive 5 minutes

looking forward to their new toilets after the October break. In the continue to use the original toilets facility (the old girls block has been new girls and boys block).



Above: The build is underway for the new infant toilet block.

Our younger pupils (P1-3) are being completed and operational interim period, infant boys and girls will use a temporary toilet demolished as this is the site of the

Staff Changes

Classroom Assistant and Canteen Supervisor

As Mrs Black retired from her Classroom Assistant post in June, we have a vacancy for this position that has been advertised during the summer. Until interviews have occurred and an appointment has been made, we welcome Mrs. Shaw to Chirnside Primary School who will cover this post in the interim.

Mrs. Black's retirement also created a vacancy for a Canteen Supervisor position. This position has been advertised and will also be interviewed for in the next few weeks. To cover this vacancy in the interim, we welcome Mrs Johnson who will supervise pupils in the canteen until an appointment has been made.

Primary 7

We welcome Mrs Lindsay to Chirnside Primary School this term, who will be teaching in Primary 7 one day a week to cover Ms. Harvey's Principal Teacher management day. Mrs Lindsay is due to visit this week to meet pupils and staff, with a view to her starting her teaching post next week.

Wraparound Care

Mrs Paulin has left her position as Wraparound Care Worker for Early Learning and Child Care pupils (ELCC). This position will be advertised in the coming weeks, but until an appointment has been made, Mrs Purvis will work alongside Mrs. Lugget to continue to provide this service for ELCC pupils and parents.

Physical Education Classes with Mrs Millar

Mrs Millar will continue to teach PE to all primary classes for 2.5 hours each week this session. A summary of PE days, curriculum content and kit requirements for each class are detailed below. For all lessons, pupils should tie back long hair, cover recently pierced ears/ remove earrings, and make sure shoes are correctly laced and tied.

PE DAYS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Classes	P1	P3	P1	P5
	P2	P4	P2	P6
	P3	P6	P5	
	P4	P7	P7	

AUGUST – OCTOBER

- Primary 1 – Basic Moves. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 2 – Games Skills. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 3 – Games Skills. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 4 – Games Concepts II. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 5 - New Image Rugby. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts/track suit bottoms, change of sweat shirt/warm top, change of socks, trainers
- Primary 6 – Hockey. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts/track suit bottoms, change of sweatshirt/warm top, change of socks, trainers
- Primary 7 – Hockey. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts/track suit bottoms, change of sweatshirt/warm top, change of socks, trainers

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER

- Primary 1 – Gymnastics. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 2 – Implement Skills. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 3 – Games Concepts I. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 4 – Large Ball Skills. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 5 - Bench Ball. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts/track suit bottoms, change of sweat shirt/warm top, change of socks, trainers
- Primary 6 – Netball. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts/track suit bottoms, change of sweatshirt/warm top, change of socks, trainers

- Primary 7 – Netball. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts/track suit bottoms, change of sweatshirt/warm top, change of socks, trainers

DECEMBER

- All classes on Social Dance.
- Kit required: change of top, shorts, gym shoes/trainers

JANUARY – MID TERM

- Primary 1 – Creative Dance. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 2 – Creative Dance. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 3 – Creative Dance. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 4 – Creative Dance. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 5 -Creative Dance . Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, trainers
- Primary 6 – Fitness. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts/track suit bottoms, trainers
- Primary 7 – Fitness. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts/track suit bottoms, trainers

MID TERM - EASTER

- Primary 1 – Gymnastics. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 2 – Gymnastics. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 3 – Gymnastics. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 4 – Gymnastics. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, gym shoes/trainers
- Primary 5 -Creative Dance/ Gymnastics. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, trainers
- Primary 6 – Playground Leaders. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts/track suit bottoms, change of sweatshirt/warm top, change of socks, trainers
- Primary 7 – Gymnastics. Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts, trainers

EASTER – MAY

- All pupils on Athletics.
- Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts/tracksuit bottoms, change of sweatshirt/warm top, change of socks, trainers

MAY - JUNE

- All pupils on Cricket/Rounder.
- Kit required: change of t shirt, shorts/tracksuit bottoms, change of sweatshirt/warm top, change of socks, trainers

Fit 4 Fun Health Promotion Project:

For four weeks, starting on Tuesday 1st September, all primary classes will be taking part in the Fit 4 Fun project. Each class will have a 60 minute workshop each week exploring the impact of healthy eating and exercise upon health and wellbeing. Please see the information below from Jenny Reid, Project Manager along with food allergy and media permission forms.

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are pleased to let you know that the 'FIT4FUN' programme is coming to Chirnside Primary School. This will be for 4 weeks commencing on Tuesday the 1st of September. This means that on a Tuesday, your child will have the opportunity of taking part in fun and interactive one hour healthy eating sessions.



The sessions will be delivered by the 'FIT4FUN' team— Caroline, Leanne, Beth and Claire from the Health Improvement Department, NHS Borders. Some examples of sessions included are: fruit tasting, healthy lunches, sugar and breakfast. In some of the sessions children will be preparing food and will therefore be using knives and other basic cookery equipment. No special clothing is required and aprons will be provided.

Each child will receive a pack with resources and worksheets. Children will be able to take these packs home after the last session. Parents are encouraged to support the programme by discussing with their child activities they have taken part in and by looking at the resources together.

If your child has any known food allergies please could you fill out the form attached and send back to the school by 28.08.15

We may also take some photographs/video of the children taking part in Fit4Fun. These may be used for school purposes or by the Fit4Fun team to promote Ft4fun, use in local/ national reports, use in leaflets training purposes etc.

If you do not wish your child to have their photo/video taken then please fill in the form below and return to the school before 28.08.15. If you do not return this form we will assume we have your permission for your child to be photographed.

If you have any questions or would like further information regarding 'FIT4FUN' please contact – Jenny Reid on 01835 825970

Best wishes

Jenny Reid

Fit4fun Programme Manager

-CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL – ‘FIT4FUN’ – FOOD ALLERGY INFORMATION.

My child ----- of class -----

Has the following food allergies -----

Signed _____ parent/carer

Date _____

CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL – ‘FIT4FUN’ – PHOTOGRAPH

I do not wish for my child _____ of class

to have their photo/video taken as part of the ‘FIT4FUN’ programme.

Signed _____ parent/carer

Date _____



Improvements this month...

Our School Improvement Report for last session 2014-15 will be available for download from the school website by the end of August. Paper copies will be available from the school office should you wish one.

In August and September we will be working on the following developments:

- Beginning our work on use of literacy and numeracy progressions to plan pupils' learning
- Developing a 'Learning Overview' for this term to inform parents of their child's key learning in literacy and numeracy. This will be shared via your child's learning log.
- Pupils, parents and staff to begin to record pupils' wider achievement in learning logs.

A copy of our Improvement Plan Overview for this session is on the next page. The full Improvement Plan will be available for download from the school website by the end of August.

Parking reminder



A polite reminder to all parents and carers regarding car parking in the 'D' at the front of the school...

The 'D' at the front of the school is for drop off and pick up purposes only between 8.30am and 9.00am and 3.00 to 3.30 pm. Cars should not be parked and left unattended in the 'D' at any time, unless parked in a designated parking space. The 'D' needs to be kept clear for the use of parents dropping off and picking up, as well as school buses and taxis.

By removing congestion caused by parked cars, we can ensure the safety of all pupils and that school transport arrives and leaves on time.

Many thanks for your continued support in this matter.

