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Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Welcome back to a new school year at Chirnside Primary School.

I hope you had a wonderful summer break with your families and are looking forward to another exciting year of learning and new opportunities.

We have a number of new faces (both staff and pupils) joining us on our journey this year, and I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome on behalf of Chirnside School and our community.

At the beginning of a new school year, you may have questions regarding your child, their learning or how they are settling in. Please do not hesitate to communicate with your child's teacher in the first instance should you have any questions or concerns.

My final day as Head Teacher of our wonderful school is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August. I wish to thank you in advance for your support you have shown during the last eight years, and the contributions you have made towards making our school what it is. It has been a pleasure and privilege to lead our school during this time. I wish everyone at Chirnside Primary School the very best for the future as the school's journey continues without me.

Kind regards,

**Nick Trussler**  
**Head Teacher**

**Upcoming Events**

- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Youth Music Initiative visits begin for P6 and ELC (until Easter 2018)
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Child Line Presentations (All classes) and Workshops (P6 and P7 only).
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – P7 at Crucial Crew – Tweedbank.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Vaccinations – details to follow.

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## STAFFING UPDATE

We give a warm welcome to the following new teaching staff who have joined our team this term. We look forward to learning together from their variety of experiences and new ideas.

Teacher	Class
<b>Ms. P Lannagan</b>	Primary 1L
<b>Ms. C Douglas</b>	Primary 2
<b>Ms. T Renton</b>	Primary 6
<b>Ms. L Gold</b>	Primary 7 (Tuesdays – PT Management cover)
<b>Ms. K Ainslie</b>	P1R / P1L – (Thursdays 1/2 day - Early Years Management Cover)

We welcome also the following new support staff to Chirnside Primary School, who will support individual pupils and small groups of pupils in classrooms:

Support Staff	Class
<b>Ms. D Kenworthy</b>	Primary 1 , Primary 2 and Primary 3
<b>Ms. L Wilson</b>	Primary 1 and Pupil Equity Fund Project Pupils Primary 2 - Primary 4
<b>Ms. L Hall</b>	Covering Ms. L Betts Classroom Assistant timetable until her return in September.
<b>Ms. K Sinclair</b>	Primary 4 – Primary 6
<b>Ms. P Purvis</b>	Primary 1

Welcome to Mrs Lugget in her new post as Senior Nursery Nurse in our ELCC class. We wish her well in leading our ELC team alongside Mrs Reap this session. I would like to thank Mrs Dunse for her commitment last session in the Senior Nursery Nurse position during the interim period.

We have a part-time Nursery Nurse vacancy for the afternoon session this year. This has been advertised and will be interviewed for week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> August. Until the appointment of a successful candidate, this vacancy to be covered by Ms. M Howie, Ms L. Allan and Ms. A Brown. Wrap-around will also be covered by these staff along with Mrs Purvis.

## Head Teacher Vacancy

The position of Head Teacher at Chirnside Primary School is advertised and closes on 20<sup>th</sup> August. My final day is 31st August. I will keep staff, parents and pupils up to date regarding interim arrangements in due course.

## Parent Council Communication regarding Head Teacher Vacancy

The following is available to view on our Face Book Page:

### NEW HEADTEACHER INTERVIEWS

Every parent who has a child at the school is a part of the parent forum and can influence how our school is run. If you believe that your child's education is important then it is vital to get involved.

SBC are in the process of recruiting a replacement Head Teacher for Chirnside Primary School. Part of this process is an interview and the parent forum will be represented on the panel. With this in mind we are canvassing opinions from all our parents and will use the feedback we get to put forward questions to the candidates.

What three personal qualities, skills or competencies do you feel are important for our new Head Teacher?

What are the three things that most concern you regarding your child's education at Chirnside Primary School?

We would like you to consider the following points and feedback to us by either:

- replying to this post
- sending answers via Facebook messenger to Emma Jones (<https://www.facebook.com/emma.jones.14203544>)
- emailing [chirnsidepc@aol.co.uk](mailto:chirnsidepc@aol.co.uk)
- submitting your answer in writing to the school office.

Deadline for responses is 1pm on Monday 21 August.

Please take a little time to get involved and share your opinions. It is your right to be represented but we can't do this effectively without your input.

## P.E. FOR 2017-18

Below are the times for PE this session. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school. There may be times during the year where these times will be altered on a temporary basis.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
P2	P6		P1 (P1L and P1R)
P4	P5	P3	P3
P5	P1 (P1L and P1R)	P2	P4
P6	P7 (Fortnightly)	P7	P7

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

It was an impressive sight yesterday, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August, to welcome pupils (new and returning) to school, wearing with pride their school uniform. Our pupil uniform promotes a sense of belonging and togetherness for pupils whilst at school. Thank you to parents and carers for their ongoing support in ensuring that their children wear uniform to school each day.

Parents can order uniform for next session via Border Embroideries online. These orders can be delivered to school and collected on 14th August (Inset) or 15th August (Pupils return to school).

School uniform at Chirnside Primary School is as follows (from school handbook):

- Boys: Trousers- black or grey; Shirt - white or navy; Pullover/Sweatshirt (P1-6) - navy
- Girls: Skirt / Trousers - navy, grey or black; Blouse - white or navy; Pullover/Cardigan/Sweatshirt - navy
- Primary 7 pupils should purchase a 'Senior Pupil' sweatshirt in grey.
- Children should wear shorts and T-shirt for all P.E. activities. Shirts worn in school should not show any advertising for alcohol. As P.E. or Movement activities take place more than once a week, it would be useful if P.E. kits could remain in school, taking them home for washing at appropriate times.
- Each child should have a painting / craft smock e.g. old shirt, apron.

All children's school clothing should be clearly named so that it can be easily identified if mislaid. Please help with this.

## 2016-17 Prize Winners

Congratulations to last session's prize winners, who were awarded their prizes at the Church Service on the final day of last term.

Prize winners were:

- **India Sadler P6 - The Eric Hunter Trophy for Endeavour in PE**
- **Madelaine Clark P6 - The Frances Edgar Trophy for Essay Writing**
- **Annabelle Maudsley P6 - The Brown Trophy for Endeavour in Music**
- **Daisy Sadler P3 - The Rena Lambert 'Spirit of Chirnside' Award for P1-P4 Citizenship**
- **Vaimante Bugenyte P5 - The Anderson Quaich for Endeavour in Outdoor Learning**
- **Heather Little P5 - The Chirnside Commonwealth Quaich for Creativity**



# School term dates for 2018/19

## Autumn term

- Monday 20 Aug 2018 - Staff resume, in service day
- Tuesday 21 Aug 2018 - Pupils resume
- Friday 05 Oct 2018 - Last day for pupils and staff - mid term holiday
- Monday 15 Oct 2018 - All resume
- Thursday 08 Nov 2018 - Staff in service day
- Friday 09 Nov 2018 - Staff in service day
- Monday 03 Dec 2018 - St Andrew's Day holiday, school closed
- Friday 21 Dec 2018 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

## Winter term

- Monday 07 Jan 2019 - All resume
- Thursday 14 Feb 2019 - Last day for pupils - February holiday
- Friday 15 Feb 2019 - Staff in service day
- Wednesday 20 Feb 2019 - All resume
- Friday 29 Mar 2019 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

## Summer term

- Monday 15 Apr 2019 - All resume
- Friday 19 Apr 2019 - Good Friday, school closed
- Friday 03 May 2019 - Staff in service day
- Monday 06 May 2019 - May Day holiday, school closed
- Tuesday 02 Jul 2019 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

## Casual holidays

Each [learning community](#) allocates 2 casual holidays for pupils and staff which are usually aligned to their local festivals.

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- Friday 05 Oct 2018