

Chirnside Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with sadness that I write to inform you that Mr. Brodie, Depute Head Teacher, will leave us this week to take up a DHT post at Lilliesleaf and Phillippaugh Primary Schools, Selkirk.

Mr. Brodie and I were informed by Scottish Borders Council on Thursday last week that, due to our current school roll being below 200 pupils, Chirnside Primary School is no longer entitled to a Depute Head Teacher.

Mr. Brodie has been with us at Chirnside for more than nine years, and is an integral part of our school team. He has held the position of DHT for the last four years, and contributed immensely to the management and leadership of our school.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Mr. Brodie for all his hard work, commitment and support as DHT, class teacher, colleague and friend. We wish him well in his new post and for the future.

Regards,

Nick Trussler – Head Teacher

Staffing Update

As Mr. Brodie is leaving, there will be a teaching vacancy in Primary 5 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Mr. Littlewood will continue to teach Primary 5 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. I will



Upcoming Events

September 23

P7 Trip to Crucial Crew

September 30

P5 Rugby and P6-7 Hockey Festivals at BHS, Duns.

October 8

Flu Immunisation for all primary pupils

October 10

Local Holiday (Berwickshire)

October 13 to 17

October Holiday Week

October 20

In-service Day – Pupil Holiday

October 21

Pupils resume

October 24

Nursery to Primary 7 photos – individuals and families (Chirnside pupils only)

endeavor to make arrangements for a teacher to fill Mr. Brodie's teaching commitment as soon as possible, and inform parents of these arrangements in due course.

Mr. Wood will be teaching P7H on a Tuesday to cover Ms. Harvey's Principal Teacher management time.

We have been joined by Mrs. Lackenby, Behavioural Support Assistant this term, who will be working in a number of classes on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



Class Assembly Dates

The following dates have been set for class assemblies. All parents and family are invited to attend. Assemblies start at 9.15am...

- Primary 1 – 30.01.15
- Primary 2 – 12.06.15
- Primary 3 – 03.10.14
- Primary 4 – 29.05.15
- Primary 5 - 26.09.14
- Primary 6 – 06.03.15
- Primary 7H – 07.11.14
- Primary 7M – 09.01.15

PE times

A reminder to parents of class PE times are below. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on these days:

- Primary 1 – Mondays and Wednesdays
- Primary 2 – Mondays and Wednesdays
- Primary 3 – Mondays and Tuesdays
- Primary 4 – Mondays and Thursdays
- Primary 5 – Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Primary 6 – Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Primary 7H – Tuesdays / Wednesdays (alternate weeks) and Thursdays
- Primary 7M – Tuesdays and Thursdays

In the Community

September 11 - Parent Council Meeting, School Hall, 7.30pm

Come along and explore new ways of becoming involved in the life and work of your school...

Toddler Drop-in on Mondays

A drop in session for parents and toddlers is being held on Mondays from 9am to 11am in our Community Room. All parents and toddlers are most welcome to attend. Please sign in at office and take buggies along to the Community Room.

New School Website Goes Live - <http://www.chirnside.scotborders.sch.uk>



Our new look school website was launched on Monday 1st September.

It was designed and created by Mr. Brodie, our DHT, and evaluated by a group of parents before going live.

Over the next few months more information will be added for pupils, parents and staff.

A huge thank you goes to Mr. Brodie for all his hard work in putting the website together.

Parent Council Update

The Parent Council AGM has been postponed until further notice. There will be an ordinary Parent Council meeting on Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm in the school. All parents are warmly invited to attend to discuss current school issues and share their ideas for possible events this year.

Parent Assistance Required...

We have a number of 'short life' projects planned for this school year, and need a number of parents to help us achieve our goals. The projects are as follows:

- Playground adventure area – developing opportunities for creative and investigative play outdoors for P1-P7 pupils.
- Behaviour Policy review starting Nov 2014
- Parent Handbook Review in October 2014
- Homework Policy review starting January 2014
- Help to catalogue and organise our reference library.

If you are interested in assisting us in any of these projects, please send an email expressing your interest to nick.trussler@scotborders.gov.uk. Commitment to these projects may involve attending meetings during the school day or after school (no longer than 1 hour), researching aspects of the project to inform the group, making contact with others who may be able to assist in helping the project with resources, advice or time.

This month we will be improving...

In September our teaching staff will be working on our approach to Personal Learning Planning and recording pupil's wider achievement. This piece of work was a recommendation from inspection from October 2013. Ms. Harvey will be leading staff through this development.

Plea for Emulsion

Mr. Barrett has been working hard over the summer to brighten up the corridors. He has been painting a number of murals in bright colours. He needs donations of pots of emulsion paint (any colours will do, but the brighter the better) for his future artistic plans. If you have any pots of emulsion paint which are unwanted, please hand in to Mr. Barrett.

Regards,

Nick Trussler

Head Teacher

MR. TRUSSLER'S PARENT CHALLENGE

No.1

- I. Before the October break, come in and view a corridor display of your child's classwork and find out what they have learned in their studies.*
- II. Ask your child what they found most interesting about this piece of learning.*
- III. With your child, think of a question related to this piece of learning and see if your child's class teacher knows the answer!*

Afterwards, bring your child to find Mr. Trussler and claim your Parent Challenge No.1 prize!