

Gorebridge Primary School

Newsletter August 2016



Caring, Preparing for Life....

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Gorebridge Primary,

Welcome back! I do hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. It's a delight to see **all** our pupils looking very smart in school uniform!

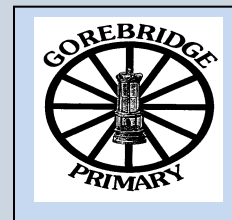
All classes have settled well into the new school session and our P1 children are very quickly and confidently finding their way around! P1 children will be in school until **2.40pm** from **Monday 5th September**. Our Senior pupils have taken their Buddy roles very seriously and each day collect their new P1 'buddy' and take them out to the playground to play.

There have been some changes to our staffing this session. We welcome back both Mrs Gowans and Mrs Wiseman from

maternity leave and Miss McBride, following a beautiful summer wedding, is now Mrs Meikle!

And Finally... you may or may not (hopefully) have noticed me hobbling around! I am going into hospital on Monday 5th September to have a hip replacement. Mrs Binnie will ably deputise during my absence and our acting Principal Teachers Mr Borthwick and Miss Stadnik will help support as part of the management team.

During my recovery period, I look forward to keeping in touch with school and hearing about all of the wonderful things that are going on.



Remember to check out the school's website at www.gorebridgeprimary.com for a variety of information including our 'Anti-Bullying' Policy and our Literacy Policy



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@gorebridgePS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5 th Sept	P1 begin full days 8.50am-2.40pm (Fridays 12.15pm finish)
Monday 5 th Sept	9.00am PTA Meeting
Tuesday 6 th Sept	Parent Council AGM 7pm
Wednesday 7 th Sept	Block of Skiing for P6 & P7 pupils begins
Friday 16 th Sept	Holiday - School closed
Monday 19 th Sept	Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 20 th Sept	Meet my Teacher, Learn with Me - more information to follow
Tuesday 27 th Sept	School Photographs - information to follow
Thursday 29 th Sept	Girls Soccer 7's

An updated year plan of school events is attached to this newsletter.

Term 1 outline plans for each class will be sent home by pupil post on 15th September.

PUPIL SAFETY

Please could I ask you to consider our pupil safety when you drop off or pick up your children from the car park near the rear of the school (Leisure Centre) by making sure you park in allocated parking bays and **NOT** merely stop at the pavement edge to drop off or pick up.

OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO US!



Can we also please remind all parents and carers that the disabled parking bays at the school reception area are for use by Blue Badge Holders only.

Parent Council & PTA News

PTA meeting on Monday 5th September at 9.00am in the community room

and the

Parent Council AGM on Tuesday 6th September at 7.00pm

Note, all P3 pupils remain in school until 3.15pm Monday – Thursday and 12.25pm on Fridays, and are collected from the main playground.

School Improvement Plan 2015-16

This session we have 3 main priorities on our School Improvement Plan - Improving outcomes for all children through raising attainment, Numeracy, with a focus on reasoning and problem solving and Science. The School Improvement Plan will be shared with Parents/Carers at the Parent Council AGM on 6th September and an electronic version will be available on the school website by the end of September. Our Pupil Learning Council will share a child friendly version of the plan with classes in school at an assembly.

Standards & Quality Report

This is written annually to report on progress, successes and achievements of session 2015-16 and any next steps feed into our School Improvement Plan 2015-16. This will also be shared at the Parent Council AGM.

'GOREBRIDGE GAB'

You will have noticed that on our yearly calendar that from October we will invite you to join us at our Gorebridge Gab!

This will be an opportunity for your child to share their learning with you. This will give you a more regular opportunity to discuss with your child their successes, next steps and where they are on their learning journey. We hope this in turn will allow you to become more involved in your child's learning journey to success.

The first 'Gorebridge Gab' is scheduled for Friday 4th November and more information will be sent home nearer the time!

