



GOREBRIDGE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Caring, Preparing for Life...

## August 2017 Newsletter

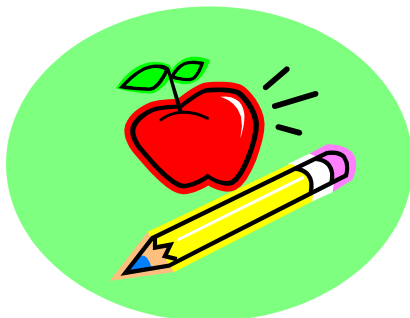
Dear parents, carers and friend of Gorebridge Primary,

Welcome back! I trust that you all had a lovely summer holiday and that the children are looking forward to the exciting challenges this school year will bring. It's a delight to see so many happy, smiling faces in school and all looking so smart in their school uniform.

All classes have settled well into the new school session, none moreso than our new P1 children who are very quickly and confidently finding their way around. Our Buddies take their roles very seriously and each day collect their P1 buddy to take them out to play.

Our new members of staff Miss Allan, Mrs Kapturska and Miss McConnell have also settled into our school Family and are looking forward to meeting parents at our "Meet My Teacher, Learn with Me" event in September. Mrs Denver and Miss Gavin have also joined us this year as Learning Assistants and have been very busy getting the Sparkle Room "sparkling" for our nurture groups!

There is also going to be the patter of tiny feet as Ms Stadnik and Mrs Meikle are both due to have babies at the end of this year! Very exciting news but double knitting for me! Those of you who have children in Ms Stadnik and Mrs Meikle's classes will be informed of their respective maternity leave dates by letter.



### Reminder for Parents/Pupils

- Please remember to bring money for school lunch daily - £1.90 if not in receipt of free school meals
- Please be aware that the 3 disabled parking bays to the front of the school are for blue badge holders only!
- Please remember to supply your child with indoor shoes/P.E kit and make sure these are labelled with your child's name to prevent being lost.
- Please be aware that no dogs are permitted in the school grounds.

### Dates for your diary:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – PTA Meeting 9:00am

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – P6/7 Skiing starts

(6 week block)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Parent Council AGM 7:00pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – P7R Assembly

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – P6/7 Girls Soccer Sevens - Dalkeith Campus

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Meet My Teacher, Learn With Me

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – School Photos

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – P6/7 Boys Soccer Sevens – Newbattle High School

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Flu Vaccination Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Gorebridge Gab – times to follow

## School Improvement Plan



Each year, after looking at our attainment data, consulting with parents and our children and looking at local and national priorities, we develop our "School Improvement Plan".

Progress in last year's priorities (Maths, Science and \*\*) have been reported on in the Standards and Quality report which will be published at the end of September.

The 3 main priorities this session are:

- Reading and Writing
- A whole school approach to nurture
- Partnerships – local and wider community

The Improvement Plan will be shared with parents/carers at the Parent Council AGM and uploaded to our school website by the end of September.



We would like to gently remind all parent/carers and friends of Gorebridge Primary School that dogs are NOT permitted in the school grounds, regardless of size! If you must bring your dog to the school, please could you kindly tie them securely AWAY from the school gates.

Many of our pupils, staff and visitors can feel intimidated by passing dog on their way through the school gates.

## Parent Council & PTA News

Our next PTA Meeting will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am.

Parent Council AGM – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm.

ALL WELCOME

## Changes in School Hours

Please note that as of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September ALL children will finish at the time of:  
3:15pm Monday – Thursday  
12:25pm – Friday

## School Uniform Stock

As you are aware we have been running our school uniform stocks down and are offering what we have left at a reduced rate.

If you would be interested in purchasing any uniform at a reduced rate please see Mrs Wynne or Miss Lockhart in the School Office.

Sweatshirts £6.00  
Cardigans £7.50  
Poloshirts £4.50  
T-Shirts £3.00

Please could I also remind parents that school uniform can now be purchased online at [www.beschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.beschoolwear.co.uk) where you have the option to have your order delivered to the school or your home. Alternatively you can still place your order within the school office.

**\*\*Please note\*\***

when ordering online or through the school office please allow up to 28days for delivery.

## School Dinners

Could all pupils not in receipt of free school meals please remember to bring dinner money on a daily basis, when your child does not come with dinner money this has to be taken out of the school fund to pay for it, and over the last term alone monies owed to the school office amounted to nearly £100.

Please note that school dinners are now £1.90 instead of £1.80.

If you think you should be in receipt of free school meals/milk/clothing grant please speak to the school office who can assist you with this.