



Torrance Primary Newsletter

AUGUST 2019



Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back to a new school session. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful break. All pupils seem refreshed and enthusiastic and looking very smart in their school uniform. On behalf of staff, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to all the new families joining Torrance Primary!

Newsletters will be emailed on the **last day of every month** to keep you informed of school events but if you would like to speak to us about any matter, please contact the school and we will be happy to meet with you. Paper copies of newsletters can be obtained at the school office upon request.

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome new and returning staff to the school. **Mrs Law**, job share Depute Head Teacher has joined Torrance Primary and is working alongside Mrs Bonar. **Mrs Law's** working pattern is Thursday, Friday and alternate Wednesdays. **Mr Tolmie** has also joined Torrance Primary this session and is teaching Primary 5. We are delighted that **Miss Devenay** has returned to the school to cover the vacancy in Primary 4. **Mrs Kenny** will continue to work with Torrance Primary as Education Support Teacher and will be in school every Thursday, this term. We are delighted that **Mrs Seggie** returns to Torrance Primary this session to deliver music and art to pupils on Wednesdays and Thursdays. **Mrs Armstrong** will deliver Physical Education to pupils on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The class structure for the start of the school session is as follows:

P1 – Mr O'Connell

P2 – Miss Mullin

P3 – Mrs Tytler

P4 – Miss Devenay (Vacancy)

P5 – Mr Tolmie

P6 – Mrs Wallace/Mrs Wells

P7 – Miss Courtney

Nursery

Torrance Nursery welcomed children back last week. The nursery staffing for this session is as follows: Mrs MacDonald, Mrs McCrory, Mrs Anderson and Mrs McAreavey.

As this is the first newsletter of a new academic year, I am including a number of important items that I hope you will find useful to settle in to the school routines and events in the next few months.



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Data Checks Forms & Flu Immunisation Information

You will have recently received annual data checks. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible. Flu immunisation forms will be issued shortly and I would like to remind parents that forms must be returned promptly in order for your child to be vaccinated by NHS staff. The flu vaccination will be given as a nasal spray and the date of administration to Torrance Primary pupils is **Friday 15th November**. This year the NHS are providing an option for parents to choose to have the flu vaccination administered by injection if this suits the needs of individual children and families.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Thursday 29th August** to take individual and sibling photographs for primary and nursery pupils. Children who do not attend nursery on a Thursday are welcome to come along – please speak to staff for timings. If you **do not wish** your child to be photographed, please contact the school prior to the date.



Meet the teacher

The first school Parents' Evening is held in October which provides the opportunity to discuss pupils' progress. We will provide an earlier informal opportunity for parents/carers of pupils in **Primary 2 –Primary 7** to meet class teachers, share information and have a look around their child's class. This '**Meet the Teacher**' session will be held on **Wednesday 11th September from 3pm-5:30pm**. Parents can attend with or without their children. **Primary 1 parents** will have an opportunity to meet Mr O'Connell and staff at the P1 information evening on **Monday 16th September (details of this event to follow)**. We look forward to meeting with you.

Attendance

Children perform better if they come to school regularly and on time. If your child is going to be absent for any reason please **contact the school office before 9.30am**. Should your child be unaccounted for, a member of the office staff will call you to ascertain his/her whereabouts. Please keep the school **updated with new phone numbers**. We take the safety of our children very seriously.



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Physical Education



Two hours of high-quality physical education are delivered to each class every week. Class newsletters will provide details of the specific days your child will have PE. It is often helpful to be clear about the wearing of jewellery during PE at the start a new school term. In order to maximise the safety of pupils, no jewellery should be worn during a PE lesson. Pierced earrings must be removed; children who cannot remove earrings will unfortunately miss PE lessons. Long hair should be tied back. We appreciate your support to ensure we keep our pupils active.

Medication

If your child requires medicine during school hours, please deliver it to the school office and complete a consent form. May I remind you to **check the expiration date of all medication** as out of date medication cannot be administered to pupils.

Allergies

We have a number of pupils who have severe allergies within the school. We have pupils who are severely allergic to **nuts** and **eggs**. I would ask for your support, in being mindful of such allergies, when preparing and considering your child's snacks and packed lunches.

Cars in School Grounds

I would like to remind parents that cars are not permitted in the school grounds at peak times when children are entering or leaving the school. The safety of our pupils is paramount and I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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Dates for your Diary

August 2019

Thursday 29th August – School Photographs (Individual & sibling)

September 2019

Tuesday 10th September – Parent Council meeting 6:15pm

Wednesday 11th September – Open Evening

Monday 16th September – P1 Parent Information Evening (details to follow)

Friday 27th September – School holiday

Monday 30th September – School holiday

October 2019

Tuesday 1st October – In-service day (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 9th October – Parents' Evening (details to follow)

Thursday 10th October – Harvest Service 9:30am in school hall

Friday 11th October – In-service day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 14th October – Friday 18th October – October Week Holiday

Monday 28th October – P7 Residential Trip to Lockerbie Manor

Finally, if you require any further information or if you have questions or concerns about any aspects of school life then please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will do our very best to help.

Kind regards,

Phil Neill
Head Teacher



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