

Clober Primary School Newsletter

January 2025



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year! I hope you had a restful break with your families. We have had a very positive first week back at school and are looking forward to lots of events and activities throughout the term. I will update you at the end of term with what we've been up to, but for now I have provided some information which I hope you will find useful.

Catriona Marshall

Head Teacher

Staff News

We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Cook last term but delighted to welcome back Mrs Mackay to the staff team, as permanent class teacher. Mrs Mackay was with us as Acting Principal Teacher in 2022/23 and she built up very strong relationships with staff, parents and pupils alike.

We said goodbye to Mrs Evans and Mrs DiLillo, two great SLAs, last term. Interviews for their positions take place this week. These appointments will be on a temporary basis.

Mrs Muir will be leaving us at the end of term. She has worked in the school office for several years and has decided the time is right to retire and enjoy a slower pace of life. Recruitment for her position will begin shortly.

Promoting Positive Behaviour

We promote our school values in all that we do, and have gained Rights Respecting Schools Bronze Award. We are now working towards Silver. As part of our school improvement plan, we will continue to focus on inclusion and the rights of the child, ensuring all children are ready to learn and supported to succeed. I am delighted that Brian Donnelly, of Orbis Relationships and Behaviour, is working with us to support this. Brian was the director of respect me, the Scottish anti-bullying charity, and now has his own consultancy. Mainly working with P4-7, he is working with us to develop our approach to promoting positive behaviour and celebrating equality and diversity across our school community, encompassing children's rights.

School maintenance

The school is undergoing a painting programme this session. To date, all classes on the ground floor have been painted. Work on the upper floor classrooms will begin this week. There is some unavoidable disruption to classes; we are using the Rainbow Room to house classes while their rooms are painted. Fencing and gates have been installed in the rear playground to ensure the play area and car park are separate. Please ensure that all gates in and around the school are closed after use for pupil safety.

School Clubs

We have run a number of school clubs this session. These include:

Football P3

Minifit P2&P3

Tennis P4

Football P4

Scripture Union P6 and P7

Netball P7

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Choir P7

Thanks to the staff, parents and organisations who have delivered these.

P7 trip to Inverclyde

P7s will be visiting Inverclyde Monday 24th – Thursday 27th March. There is an information meeting for parents regarding the trip on Wednesday 12th February at 6pm, in the school hall. Parents and P7 pupils are welcome to attend.

PE: Wearing PE kit to school

Children may come to school dressed for PE. Please note we expect children to be smart for school, and this includes PE days. The dress code for PE is:

Trainers

Plain white, red or black t-shirt **which covers the waist**

Plain black shorts or leggings

School sweatshirt or plain black or red sweatshirt

Change of dates

P2 Class Assembly

This assembly which was originally arranged for Friday 16th May will now take place on Friday 28th February. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Sports Day

Each class will take part in an outdoor event, organised by our PE teacher Miss Barrett, on Wednesday 14th May. Our school roll is such that a whole school event can be organised, therefore this will be for all pupils P1-P7 and the event previously organised for P4-7 on Thursday 15th May is cancelled.

Dates for your diary

Term 2:

Monday 6th January

Monday 13th January

Tuesday 21st January

Friday 24th January

Thursday 30th January

Friday 31st January

Friday 7th February

Wed 12th February

Friday 14nd February

Monday 17th February

Tuesday 18th February

Wednesday 19th February

Thursday 20th February

Thursday 27th February

Term 2 begins

Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm at Douglas Academy

PTA meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy

Tempest Photography (P1 and P7 only Vista style)

PTA Youth Club, P1-4 6.30, P5-7 7.45-9pm

P4a and P4b Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome

P3a and P3b Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome

P7 Inverclyde Information Meeting for Parents, 6pm, school hall

P5a and P5b Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome

School closed

School closed

Inservice day – school closed to all pupils

Pupils return

PTA Youth Club, P1-4, 6.30-7.30, P5-7, 7.45-9pm

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Friday 28th February

P2 Assembly, 9.15am, parents welcome

This includes the P2s in P1/2

Tuesday 11th March

Parent/Teacher meetings, 3.30pm to 6pm, school hall

Wednesday 12th March

Parent/Teacher meetings, 6pm to 8.30pm, school hall

We will contact you the week before to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

Monday 17th March

Parent Council Meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy

Mon 24th – Thurs 27th March

P7 Residential trip to Inverclyde

Tuesday 25th March

PTA meeting at 7.30pm, Douglas Academy

Friday 4th April

School closes at 2.30pm

Mon 7th April – Mon 21st April

Easter holidays

Tuesday 22nd April

Term 3 begins

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Monday 5th May

School closed

Tuesday 6th May

Inservice Day

Wednesday 14th May

P1-7 Sports event 9.30am MUGA

Saturday 17th May

PTA Summer Fayre

Friday 23rd May

School closed

Monday 26th May

School closed

Tuesday 27th May

PTA Meeting, 7.30pm, Douglas Academy

Wednesday 4th June

P1 induction meeting for parents, 6pm, school hall

Monday 9th June

PTA Meeting 7.30pm Douglas Academy

Thursday 19th June

P7 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm school hall, families welcome

PTA Disco

Monday 23rd June

Stepping Up Day (children meet new class and teacher)

Wednesday 26th June

School closes 1pm

Please note that all schools in East Dunbartonshire close at 2.30pm at the end of Terms 1 and 2, and close at 1pm at the end of Term3.

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Recognising Pupils' Achievements outwith Clober Primary

We encourage children to tell us about their achievements outwith school however big or small. For this reason we would like your help. If you feel that your child has accomplished something for the first time, improved in something or has achieved an award (yellow belt in Judo, a badge at Scouts /Brownies/Boys Brigade etc) then please let us know by emailing the office. This will then be discussed at assembly, your child will receive a certificate and will be added to our achievements wall and records.

Road Safety

Please refrain from parking on the yellow zigzags outside the school gate and the white markings opposite. This gives our children enough space to be able to look both ways and cross in safety. Although it can be frustrating in the morning when you are in a rush or on wet days, it is important to remember that I ask this to ensure that all our children are safe. This will continue to be enforced and monitored. There is a traffic restriction order in place – please see below.



The map opposite shows in red the roads which will be closed to traffic between

08:30 – 09:15

14:30 – 15:15

Arrival times for school

Children can arrive any time between 9am and 9.10am.

Dismissal is at 3.05pm, except P1 who will be matched to their adults at 3pm.

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Important Reminders

Nut Free School: Please **do not send your child to school with any items containing nuts or nut traces**. We have children within the school who have **severe allergic reactions** which could result in anaphylactic shock.

Parking: Please do not park on the pavements, block driveways or double park outside the school. Too often there have been near misses at the school gate. Please think of all children and park away from the school at all times. St Luke's Church car park is a suitable place.

Wet Intervals: Wherever possible, children will be outside at break times. Please ensure they have a named waterproof jacket with them every day – regardless of the forecast as we all know how reliable they can be!

If the weather is terribly wet, we provide your child with activities to do during wet intervals. If you would like to provide your child with a book or small, inexpensive game, that would be great. Please do not send your child in with any valuable items such as a PSP or iPods.

Anti Vandalism / Health & Safety: Please report any sightings to the police. As you know we are equipped with CCTV cameras and these are very beneficial to us. Such cameras are fully operational both day and night and allow us to identify and report any vandalism.

Head Lice: Please check your child's head on a regular basis and inform the school if you find an infestation.

All Jewellery MUST be removed during Physical Activities (incl PE): I would ask that you refrain from piercing your child's ears until the beginning of the summer holidays as any size of earring prohibits your child from taking part in physical activities. Policy states that staff cannot remove jewellery.

Mobile phones: EDC policy states that any child requiring a mobile phone in school should hand their phone into the school office each morning and collect it at the end of the day. No smart watches should be worn in school.

Attendance: We monitor attendance every morning and afternoon session. If your child is going to be absent please contact the school office on **0141 955 2232**. Failure to do this puts a series of actions in place which could result in calling the Attendance Officer and Police Scotland. If your child is late please explain that he/she must pass the office to check off their name. The class teacher may have already alerted the office to begin the attendance check procedures and your child coming to the office when late could stop this procedure more quickly.



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