



Scantabout Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back from the summer holidays. It was lovely to see the staff and the children back after the summer break, safe and well. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead.

I would like to start by welcoming our new children and families. We will be holding a New Parents coffee morning on Friday 5th October at 9.00. There is no need to book, please just sign in at the office. If you are an existing parent, then you are also very welcome.

As always, if you have any questions, queries or worries please speak to your class teacher. If it is something that can't be resolved with your class teacher, then please make an appointment to see either myself, Miss Lloyd or Mr Lyon via the school office.

Change for Life – Sports' Leadership

This week we are welcoming Madeleine Campbell, from the Change for Life Team and former Team GB Swimmer to Scantabout. She will be working with the Year 5 children on developing their sports leadership skills and will also be hosting a Healthy Lifestyles' assembly for the whole school.

School Communications

Following feedback from parents regarding communication, I have decided to start a weekly bulletin for parents. This will contain dates, reminders etc. I am aware that sometimes you receive a number of different Parentmails that contain details of events both in and out of school, along with fliers from external providers, and this can become difficult to manage. Therefore, to ease the quantity of messages, we will be sending a weekly Parentmail, which will usually go out on a Thursday. I will still do my usual monthly newsletter to update you on what is happening in school. We hope that this will provide you with a good balance of communication.

Over the coming year we will be looking at ways to make our website and electronic communications integrate better so that it is easier for parents to obtain information. This is quite a large undertaking but please watch this space for details.

Payments to the Office

Last year, we updated our finance systems to allow parents to make online payments. I would ask that, where possible, parents could make any payments to the school (with the exception of donations) either by cheque or using the Tucasi Online Payment system. If you have not already registered, please pop into the office.



Governors

I would like to welcome Steve Bowyer as our new Chair of Governors and Lisa Crosher as our Vice-Chair of Governors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Darren Miller who has been Chair of Governors' for a number of years. Darren has been a wonderful Chair and has always looked to achieve the very best for each and every child in our school community. I am delighted to say that Darren will be staying on as a Governor in the key role of Safeguarding Governor.

I would like to welcome Chris Crofton to our Governing Body. Chris was elected onto the Governing Body as a Co-opted Governor, and brings within him a particular expertise in finance.

Curriculum Update

Last year we revised our Science, English, Maths, RE and PHSCE (Personal, Human Social and Citizenship Education) programmes of study. We also introduced a weekly class discussion/circle time to provide the children with greater opportunities to talk about the things that matter to them.

In the summer, we revised our Art, Computing, History, Geography and Design and Technology long-term plans ready to write new units of work, where needed, over the coming year. There are many new exciting plans in place to continue to provide the children with a broad range of learning experiences.

This term we have a number of theme days to support enrichment of the curriculum including a STEM Engineering day (funded from Ernest Cook Grant Scheme); a Microscopes event (funded by a grant from the Biological Chemistry Society); a European Languages day (see below) and a Winter Art Day in December.

As part of the expenditure from our Sports Grant over the coming year, we will be implementing a new PE curriculum - games, gymnastics, athletics and dance.

Chance to Shine Cricket Year 4 and 5

We are delighted to announce that the children within Year 4 and 5 will be taking part in a 6 week coaching programme, brought to them by the Ageas Bowl. This is an exciting opportunity to learn cricket skills from expert cricket coach.

European Languages Day Friday 5th October

Learning a language is one of the most important opportunities for a child to have. To celebrate European Languages Day we will be holding our own such day. The children will be taking part in a range of activities linked to an individual country and language, including learning greetings, songs and finding out about that country. If you have any artefacts or indeed speak any of the languages below and are available to help, please let the class teacher know.

Years R, 1, 2 - Spanish

Year 3 - French

Year 4 - Italian

Year 5 - Greek

Year 6 - German

Curriculum Evening - Supporting Your Child with English

We will be holding a curriculum evening on Wednesday 28th November regarding supporting your child in English. We will be focusing on the key areas of phonics, spelling and handwriting, as well as talking briefly about other aspects of English.



With kindest regards,

Tina Thomas

Key Dates

Date	Event
7 th September	Y6 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm – 3.15pm
10 th September	Y1 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm – 3.15pm
11 th September	Y5 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm – 3.15pm
12 th September	Y3 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm – 3.15pm
13 th September	Y2 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm – 3.15pm
14 th September	Y4 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm – 3.15pm
16 th September	Grounds Working Group 1.30pm – 4pm
21 st September	INSET Day
3 rd October	Show & Share 3.20pm – 4pm and 5pm – 5.30pm
5 th October	New Parents Coffee Morning 9am - 10am
7 th October	Grounds Working Group 1.30pm – 4pm
17 th & 18 th October	Parents Evenings – details to follow
19 th October	Harvest Festival – 2.30pm – details to follow
22 nd – 26 th October	Half Term
12 th November	INSET Day
14 th January	INSET Day
15 th February	INSET Day
2 nd May	INSET Day

