

# Meadowburn Primary School/ Bun Sgoil Innis an Uillt



## October 2018

Our first term is already proving to be a very busy one but we are delighted in particular with how well our new Primary 1 and nursery children have settled into life at Meadowburn and the responsibility being displayed by our senior pupils in their roles as Buddies and Monitors. Thank you to all who were able to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' earlier this term, fantastic support from our parents as always. The 'Meet the Teacher' presentations will hopefully be available on the new school website soon and I will let you know when these are ready to view.

### IMPROVEMENT PLAN

This has been finalised for 2018/2019 and our main school priorities for the coming session are summarised below. Full details will be available shortly on the school website.

#### 1. RAISING ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT

To continue to raise attainment and achievement by meeting the needs of all learners by focusing on improving attainment in writing, further developing support and challenge interventions in numeracy and literacy, implementing a whole school approach to Problem Solving and piloting 'Giglets ann an Gàidhlig' (an online Gaelic reading tool).



#### 2. CURRICULUM

To deliver an effective curriculum resulting in strong outcomes for all learners through continued working towards Digital Schools Award Scotland accreditation and reviewing and refreshing our Curriculum Design and Rationale with all stakeholders.



#### 3. ENSURING WELLBEING, EQUALITY AND INCLUSION

To improve outcomes ensuring equity and excellence for all by ensuring sustainability of LCFE (Language and Communication Friendly Establishment) in both nurseries, further developing Word Aware Strategies in P1 and P2, implementing the PAThS (Positive Alternative Thinking Strategies) programme across the whole school, enhancing the role of the school's Autism Adviser and developing a Play2Learn approach in P1 and C1/2.



### SECURITY

The secure door system at the front door is there to keep the school safe and secure and an important part of that security process is office staff checking who is at the door before allowing access. I would therefore ask all parents/visitors to be aware of this - if the office buzzer is not answered straight away it may be that the office staff are on the telephone or delivering an important message to a class. Please rest assured that they will be with you as soon as they can.



### ONGOING PLAYGROUND ISSUES

To keep our playground a safe place for everyone, I would like to again remind all parents/carers that there should be no dogs in the playground and to remember that anyone cycling or scooting to school should come off their bikes at the school gates and push them through the playground.



### PTA REQUEST

Our PTA are busy making plans and preparations for the Christmas Fayre and are asking parents to please save any unwanted gift bags as they will be requesting these in due course. Thank you.





Diary Dates for 2018/2019 so far ...		February 2019	
Here is a list of some important events for this session at Meadowburn Primary. We will continue to update this list in subsequent newsletters.		1 <sup>st</sup>	Chinese New Year Assembly (led by Mainstream Nursery)
		8 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety Assembly (led by Sgoil Araich)
		11 <sup>th</sup>	School Holiday
October 2018		12 <sup>th</sup>	School Holiday
5 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Assembly (led by Mainstream P5 Pupils) 1.45 pm Play2Learn Information Session for P1 and C1/2 parents	13 <sup>th</sup>	In-service Day
9 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Calendar Photos	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fairtrade Assembly (led by Eco Committee)
		March 2019	
		1 <sup>st</sup>	C3/4 Class Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup>	In-service Day	8 <sup>th</sup>	P4 Class Assembly
15 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Week		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pupils return to school Flu Vaccinations for school pupils	28 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening
		29 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Assembly (led by Mainstream P6 pupils) School Closes at 2.30pm
		April 2019	
25 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Discos	1 <sup>st</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup>	School Holidays
November 2018		15 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school Health Week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gaelic 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary CnP Ceilidh - (Further details to follow)	19 <sup>th</sup>	School Holiday
5 <sup>th</sup>	Interim Reports home to parents Gaelic	22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Holiday
		26 <sup>th</sup>	P2 Class Assembly
8 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gaelic Concert - 6.30pm (Further details to follow)	May 2019	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest School Photographs Parents' Meetings (afternoon)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Parents' Meetings (evening)
		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents' Meetings (afternoon)
15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Meetings (evening)		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	P2/3 Class Assembly		
24 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Xmas Fayre?	6 <sup>th</sup>	School Holiday
December 2018		23 <sup>rd</sup>	In-service Day
13 <sup>th</sup>	P3 - P7 School Show (afternoon and evening performances)	24 <sup>th</sup>	School Holiday
		27 <sup>th</sup>	School Holiday
17 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime in school 'Snow White'	June 2019	
21 <sup>st</sup>	P1 & 2 Nativity Performances School Closes @ 2.30pm	6 <sup>th</sup>	P3/4 Class Assembly
January 2019		11 <sup>th</sup>	Provisional Sports Afternoon
		14 <sup>th</sup>	C4/5 Class Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils back to school	26 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Leavers' Service
25 <sup>th</sup>	Burns Assembly (led by all P7 pupils with P6 pupils performing)	27 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes @ 1pm

To all parents/carers, I would like to say that if there are any aspects of school life that cause concern or that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch right away, phone, email or pop in to the school office and we will do our best to help.

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