



Hermitage Primary School



15th August 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to a new school year - we hope everyone has had a refreshing summer break and is raring to go!

We very much looking forward to the year ahead; taking your children forward in their learning in partnership with you and I do hope you too are looking forward to all this new session has in store.

It was lovely to see all the children so smartly turned out in their uniforms with eager faces for what lies ahead.

Our new P1 pupils also had a good and settled first day.

P1 parents are reminded that the children should be dropped at the bottom of the steps from tomorrow ready for the 9am bell; where they will be met by their buddies. They should also be collected by parents/carers at the foot of the main door steps at 2.55pm when P1 staff will bring the lines out.

All parents/carers are reminded that your compliance and assistance in keeping the road at the front clear of cars is necessary and appreciated. We wish to ensure the safety of all our pupils as they enter and leave the school grounds.

Class teachers were announced at the end of last term and there have been no changes to that. We welcome Miss Rosalind Philips to P7 and extend our best wishes to her as she joins the teaching team. We also welcome back Mrs Sarah Barlow in P3 and Mrs Sarah Hawkins in the Office after their maternity leave.

Mrs Morag Ridland will continue to teach music across the whole school on two days this year - Wednesdays and Thursdays

Mr Henry will teach Eco and Outdoor Learning to all classes, assisted by Mrs Hanks and Mr Mulvena and Mrs McMurdo will also teach PE across the school in addition to their Management roles.

Support Assistants allocated to classes are noted for your information below:

P1 : Mrs Bradbury

P5 : Mrs McFarlane

P2 : Mrs Impey

P6 : Mrs McNeilage

P3 : Mrs Carmichael

P7: Mrs Potter

P4 : Mrs Johnston

Children are coming home today with their new Pupil Planners for the year ahead. Please take good care of these and enjoy building them up as records of learning and achievement as the year progresses. I know how much you value these as communication and recording tools.

Although a full Newsletter will be issued in early September, I'd like to give you some advance notice of a few upcoming events.

Please mark them on your calendars and pop along. They are a great way for us to get to know each other and deepen those partnerships.

We will be holding a **'Meet the Teacher'** evening on **Wednesday 11th September from 7-8.30pm**, This gives you a chance to pop in at any point and introduce yourself to the class teachers. Teachers will also have on display many of the resources and games they will use with your children in the year ahead, so there will be plenty of opportunity to get "stuck into" activity with your children as well!

Although it's a 'drop-in' session to come and go between classes as you please, many of you may wish to attend at 7pm where I shall give a brief presentation on plans for the year ahead. (More information will follow in our first Newsletter in early September)

The Parent Council (HPPC) wish to extend an open invitation to all parents and carers to come along to their **Coffee and Cake Afternoon on Friday 23rd August at 2pm** in the Music and Drama Room.

Over some refreshments you can grab the chance to chat to others and get to know a little more of all we're about at school in a very relaxed setting.

It's also a great opportunity to hear of the Parent Council's activities and plans for the year ahead.

Please come along and show your support. The new committee are in place and look forward to meeting with as many as possible – mark the date to come along and enjoy the event!

Shortly the annual data check and consents pack will be sent home. Please complete and return them as quickly as possible to ensure our records are kept up to date.

Enclosed with that letter will also be the annual date planner. This will give you prior knowledge of the major events throughout the year and will hopefully allow you to plan around things. Please keep it in a very safe place for reference through the year and bear in mind that any date could be subject to change. Should this be the case we will try to give as much notice as possible.

We will endeavour to communicate with you as openly as possible.

Most information will come through our Expressions App, by email or via the website: (www.hermitageprimaryschool.org) as we continue to try to save paper resources.

Can I also encourage as many as possible to follow our Twitter feed for information - *@ HermitagePrim* or 'like' the HPPC Facebook page – *Hermitage Primary Parent Council*. These sources will provide you with good, up to date information.

Here's to a great year ahead!

Kind regards,

Elspeth Davis
Head Teacher