



Twechar Primary School

Term 1 Newsletter –

September 2022

Welcome Back

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am delighted to welcome our children back to Twechar Primary after the summer break. It has been lovely to see the children and listen to their stories. It has been lovely welcoming our primary one children and their families on their first day of school.

During the coming months, I am hopeful that we will be able to welcome more families into our school to celebrate learning and share these learning experiences with your children.

Finally, at Twechar Primary School, we operate an open-door policy. Should you have any issues, please contact me through the school office 0141 955 2331 where I am happy to arrange a meeting to discuss any issues.

Kind regards,
Martyn Glancy
Head Teacher



Our Vision, Values and Aims

Our vision statement, values and aims were co-created with our children, parents and all staff. Each class has been working on these aspects to create a class charter to set our clear expectations for all children.

You will notice our short vision statement, for our school and early years centre, at the top of our newsletter. We also have our school motto and values at the bottom of the page. These are the values that will enable our vision to be achieved. We are looking for your support to encourage and discuss these values with your child

Pupil Leadership Groups

We are currently in process of selecting our pupil leadership groups. These include Pupil Council, Eco-committee, Playground Leaders and Digital Leaders. Good luck to all pupils who apply for these leadership opportunities.

Absence and Late coming

Over the last academic year, pupil absence and late coming was at a level that has had an impact on pupil learning. Evidence supports that poor attendance and regular late coming can negatively impact on how well a child does at school.

This session, we will be monitoring attendance and late-coming regularly. Where pupil absence or late coming is high, parents will be informed and the school will work with you to improve this.

If your child is going to be absent from school the office should be notified by 9.15am at the latest. The office will follow East Dunbartonshire Council policy where no contact has been made with the school.

Parent Portal

You have now received information about the new Parent Portal for East Dunbartonshire schools. This portal is designed to enable you to perform functions such as registering absence of children, returning forms such as data forms, paying school meals and even registering for the 'free bus travel for children' scheme.



If you are still unable to access the portal, please contact Mrs McMunn who is happy to chat you through the process to do this and may even make you cup of tea!

PE Days

You have now received the letter regarding our PE days for each class. May I remind you that children should continue to wear school uniform during their PE days. However, children can wear jogging bottoms on these days.



Due to health and safety, children are unable to participate in PE lessons if they are wearing earrings or any other type of jewellery including watches and rings.

Friday Snacks

As agreed with our Parent Council, Friday will continue as a day where children can bring a treat to school. We would request parent support to ensure these treats are appropriate. I would ask that children avoid energy drinks, large family size bars of chocolate and crisps.



On Monday – Thursday, children should continue to bring healthy snacks and water to school.

Dogs in the Playground

Recently, it has been brought to my attention that some parents/ carers have been bringing dogs into the school playground at pick up and drop off times. Due to council policy, dogs are not permitted on the school grounds at any time unless it is a guide dog.



Calendar of Events

Date	Event
Tuesday 6 th September	Parent Council AGM
Thursday 22 nd September	McMillan/Maggie's Coffee Morning Fundraiser
Friday 23 rd September	School Closed (September Weekend)
Monday 26 th September	School closed (September Weekend)
Week beginning 27 th September	Maths Week Scotland
Friday 14 th October	School closed to pupils (October Inservice)
Monday 24 th October	Pupils return to school
Date to be confirmed	PTA Halloween Disco and dress down day