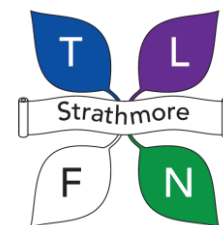


September 2019 Newsletter



Dear Parent/Carer

It has been lovely welcoming our returning pupils and new starts to Strathmore after the summer break. The children have settled extremely well into term one. There has been a lot of building improvements during the summer break – the school is looking in great shape ready for our learners!

Staff Changes – I am delighted to welcome Miss Ruth McFarlane and Mr Allan Grogan to our Management Team. Ruth has a permanent position of Principal Teacher and Allan is Acting Principal Teacher for this session. Ellen Page and Alison Strachan also join us as class Teachers. We bid farewell to Leanne Quinn, Kerry Walker, Pam Grant, Katie Kay and Rebecca Black. We wish them all the best in their new ventures!

School Improvement Plan – This session we have 3 main priorities – Literacy, Numeracy and Relationships. We are using “Read, Write, Inc” in P1-4 to raise attainment in literacy. The P5-7 classes will be revisiting how we teach reading and writing. In Numeracy we will be embedding “Abacus”. We are using “Pivotal” to review our relationships with our learners. I would recommend reading “When the Adults Change Everything Changes” by Paul Dix – we are using his innovative practice to make positive changes.

Parental involvement – Your opinions count! We very much believe in partnership working. We would like to share with you our continued improvement journey and invite you to assist us in the following ways:-

- “Cost of the school day” – Sylvia Breen will be in school in the Strathmore Snug on **Monday 2 September** from 2 – 3 pm. We ask that you come in for a cuppy and a biscuit to share how we can reduce the burden for many families of the cost of the school day. Wee ones are welcome too!
- Parent Council AGM will be held on **Monday 9 September** at 6 pm in the Strathmore Snug. Please do come along!
- Parent focus group – all are welcome to come to the Snug on **Monday 23 September** from 2 – 3 pm to share their thoughts and opinions about our improvement plan.

Murton Farm – A few parents, children and staff have approached me to ask if we could show our support to Murton Farm after the vandalism in the summer holidays. We will be holding a children’s raffle from the 2 – 6 th of September. Tickets will cost 10p. The house captains will sell the tickets at break times.

Fischy Music – Barbara Ann has paid for the children to experience “Fischy Music” on Monday 9 September. The pupils in P6/5, P5K, P4H, P4P, P3M and P3/2C are going to be performing the songs to parents from 2-3 pm in the gym hall. All are welcome!


As always, do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Kind regards

Mrs Garnes

Head Teacher

Dates for the diary!



2.9.19	Parent focus group - Cost of the School Day at 2 pm
3.9.19	P1 photographs for the newspaper (if you have not signed the consent form for media photos, your child will not appear in the picture)
4.9.19	Belmont meeting for P7 parents/pupils 5pm
9.9.19	"Fischy Music" performance from 2 – 3 pm
16.9.19-18.9.19	P7 pupils are at Belmont
20.9.19	Tempest photography in school all day
23.9.19	Parent focus group – School improvement at 2 pm
4.10.19	Additional in-service day (school closed to pupils)
7-19 Oct	October holidays
31.10.19	Flu immunisations
1.11.19	P7 Family learning café
19/20 Nov	Parents evening
29/11/19	P2 Family learning cafe
4/5 Dec	In-service days (school closed to pupils)
6.12.19	St Andrews Day holiday (school closed to everyone)
17/18 Dec	School show at 1.30 pm
19.12.19	Whole school cinema trip
20.12.19	School closes at 3 pm to everyone
6.1.20	School re-opens for term 3
31.1.20	P6 Family learning café
7.2.20	P4 Family learning café
13.2.20	In-service day – school closed to pupils only
14/17 Feb	School closed to all for mid-term break
18.02.20	M & M Theatrical Productions – "Secret Garden" performance for whole school
28.2.20	P3 Learning café
5.3.10	World book day (No costumes)
8.3.20	P5 Learning café
17/18 Mar	Parents evening
27.3.20	P1 Learning café
8.5.20	May day holiday (Please note this is a Friday)
25/26 May	In-service days (School closed to pupils)
5.6.20	Sports Day
10/11 June	P7s at Academy
12.6.20	Report cards issued
17/28 June	School show
23.6.20	P7 leavers' assembly
26.6.20	Prizegiving at 9.15am. School closes to all at 3 pm