

MEETHILL SCHOOL

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WELCOME
BACK TO
SCHOOL

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A very warm welcome back to all our returning families and welcome to our new P1 and nursery families.

The holidays have flown by, it just seems like yesterday I was writing my end of year newsletter!

I look forward to leading Meethill through a busy and enjoyable first term.

Mrs Noble

»» LIBRARY

Just before the summer holidays we celebrated the opening of our new school library. We were delighted to be joined by local celebrity author Estelle Maskame as well as the Deputy Provost Cllr Ron McKail to officially open the new space. Each class will have time weekly to visit the library. Pupils will have the opportunity to lend books from the library to enjoy at home. Please support your child to look after the books they borrow. This term we will be promoting reading for enjoyment and we hope families will become involved by sharing and enjoying reading at home. We would love to have parent volunteers to support the day to day running of the library. If you are interested in doing so please contact the school office.

»» NEWS

Staffing Update

Welcome to Miss McDonald in P4 who has joined us as a probationary teacher this session.

Congratulations to Mrs Smith who is expecting her first child in January. We look forward to meeting the wee bundle when it arrives.

In the ELC, congratulations to Miss Watt for completing her Level 4 qualification with Training Solutions and to Mrs Eden who has successfully completed her degree in Primary Education.

Behaviour and Homework

As a school we plan to revise and update our behaviour and homework policies this term. We would welcome any parents thoughts and comments. I will issue online forms in due course as a platform to share your thoughts. I encourage everyone to complete it.

»» TERM 1 AND 2 DATES

Thursday 7th September - Meet the Teacher Open Afternoon (all classes)

Wednesday 15th November - Children in need Celebration

Tuesday 21st November - Parents night 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday 22nd November - Parents night 5.30pm - 7.30pm

27th and 28th November - Flu vaccinations in school

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas concert (AM and PM)

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Concert (evening)

Friday 22nd December - Wear Christmas Jumpers day!



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Changes this Session

Houses

Children will continue to remain in their allocated house, however house points will only be collected on sports day. Our P7's are in the process of being elected as House Captains. Each team of Captains will have the responsibility for planning and running a fun house activity afternoon each term.

Meethill Golden Garden

We continue to celebrate Golden certificates in school with each month having a theme around our school values. Golden winners will receive a certificate, photo sent home via Marvellous me and their names added to a leaf on a Meethill Flower in the Meethill Golden Garden.

Our Golden Garden is located in the reception area of School.



Wider Achievements

This session we want to celebrate pupils achievements outwith school. We encourage pupils and parents to share achievements. These may be big or small achievements e.g. learning to tie their shoelaces, winning a club competition or trying something for the first time. Children will receive a Shine Bright Badge and have their name added to a leaf on our 'Positivitree' in our Meethill Golden Garden. Wider achievements will be celebrated monthly at Golden Assemblies.

You Made Me Smile Award

Each week our PSA's will be looking for pupils who have 'made them smile' in the playground. These may be big actions such as helping tidy up or as small as telling a good joke to cheer another pupil up. These 'smile' moments will be celebrated at our weekly assemblies and pupils will receive a smile badge in recognition of these kinds acts.

Meethill Meet Ups

This session we plan to start pupil committees named Meethill Meet Ups. These committees will be a mix of P1 to P7 pupils and will run every second Friday afternoon. The committee themes have been chosen by the pupils and are a chance for our children to develop skills for Learning, Life and Work as defined by the curriculum. The children will be given a choice on which group they join and in partnership with an adult define the activities the group will undertake.

We would love to have parent helpers join some of our Meethill Committees on a regular basis so watch this space for more information coming soon!



»» HOLIDAY DATES



- Friday 13th October - Last day of term 1
- Monday 30th October - First day of term 2
- 16th and 17th November - Inset day (school closed to pupils)
- Friday 22nd December - Last day of term 2
- Monday 8th January - First day of term 3