

# Turriff Primary School Newsletter

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## **Welcome!**

Welcome to a new school year and a warm welcome to all our new parents and carers who have joined us this term. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer and your children have enjoyed their first week in their new classes. It has been a busy start to the term and the year is looking fun filled with open mornings, afternoons and evenings, cafes, assemblies, and reasons to celebrate. Look out for café and assembly information coming soon and in September's newsletter I will share some key dates with you for the year so you can plan for any events you would like to attend.

## **Meet the staffing team for 23/24**

We are delighted to welcome back Dee Jones to the school, Miss Jones will teach a variety of classes this year as one of our core staffing teachers providing Non-Class Contact Time for class teachers. We have three probationers joining us this school year, Miss Winton, Mrs Lister and Miss Leggat and two new PSAs also, Vicky Redpath and Elijah Smith. Miss Strachan will return from maternity leave in term two. There is a full staffing list for your information at the end of this newsletter.

## **Assistance and Therapy Dogs**

We are excited to continue working with Yogi and Cindy, two assistance dogs that will be coming in to school at the end of every month to work with small groups and a class each month. This means all classes will visit the dogs to meet them but also hear from their owner about their training and their work as assistance dogs, therapy dogs and water rescue dogs. Can you please inform your child's class teacher or the main office if your child has an allergy to dog hair and therefore should not touch the dogs when they visit.

## **Mobile phones and smart watches**

A reminder of our mobile phone policy is attached. No phones should be in bags, they should be in the office or with the teacher during the school day. Smart watches should not be active for communication whilst in school.

## **Class Curricular Newsletter**

At the beginning of the new week please click [here](#) to access your child's class curricular newsletter for term one. Please do take the time to read it so you are aware of the learning planned. (A reminder with link will be sent when the newsletters are live)

## **Uniform**

The pupils look **so** smart in their school uniform, a big thank you for ensuring they are in school colours every day. PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING! Please ensure your child has a PE kit in a bag to change in to. Some crocs, sliders and sandals have been worn this week, the pupils are very active at break and lunch but also participate in the daily mile each day and teachers often take the learning outside, please ensure footwear is either shoes, boots or trainers for their safety at school.

A reminder that we keep a huge amount of preloved uniform in the school including navy jumpers and cardigans, trousers, skirts and pinafores and polo shirts. The rail and boxes are sitting at the front of the school next to the office, please take what you need so you are stocked up – no charge.

If you would like to order new embroidered school logo uniform, please visit our website [here](#) for more information on stockists and suppliers. You can only order online but at any time.

## **School Meals**

Pupils are welcome to take in a packed lunch from home (please no fizzy juice) or have a school meal. There is no charge for pupils in P1-P5. A school meal costs £2.65 for pupils in P6 and P7. I would encourage any families in receipt on any allowances and or credits to click [here](#) to apply for free school meals regardless what year group your child is in because if you qualify for free school meals you will receive payments over each holiday period when the children are not eating in school. You will automatically be awarded a school clothing grant also.

## **School car park**

The bus lane is for taxi and bus pickups and drop offs only. The car park attached is for staff. Please do not enter this area and use the main car park and drop off point also.

Please reverse park in the main car park and use the drop off point for just that, do not park and leave your car in this area. If everyone uses this area properly the car park will be less congested.

Thank you for your help in this matter and please share these messages with anyone that picks up/drops off your child.

## **Aberdeenshire Life Education Centre (ALEC)**

At the end of September, we will welcome our ALEC Educator (and his giraffe Harold!) into the school to deliver interactive health and wellbeing sessions for every class. There will be a parent session also, please see attached letter for more information.

## **Parent Council**

The next Parent Council meeting is the AGM on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm. Please do come along to the Community Room at the school then to join in and find out more about the work of the Parent Council. Part of the Parent Council's work is fundraising, their fundraising efforts has recently help pay for the P7 year group to have a leavers' fun week, Friendly Friday resources and they paid for the 6 new playground markings in their entirety, their most recent fundraiser was the creation and sale of the 2023 TPS calendar and a summer disco. The committee also help me as a Head Teacher review school improvement planning and policy. Please do come along and get involved. To find out more about the TPS parent council click [here](#)

## FOCUS ON...

Every month we will focus on an aspect of school life to share with Parents and Carers

### House Points

Every pupil in P1-P7 belongs to one of the school's 4 houses, Craigston (blue), Delgaty (green), Forglen (red) and Hatton (yellow). The pupils can earn house points when they show the values of Happy, Respecting and Achieving or one of our Super Seven Learning Powers during the school day. The points are physically given by staff to pupils in the shape of circular purple tokens worth one point or a gold star token worth 5 points. Points can also be accumulated on a tally chart displayed in every classroom. The points are counted every 6-8 weeks and the house with the most tokens win the House Treat. The House Treat means a non-uniform day and a fun afternoon. House Treats, we have enjoyed in the past include a visit from a magician, movie afternoon, games, an ice cream from the ice cream van, a disco and a crafting workshop. The next House Treat is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, parents and pupils will be informed of the winning house at the start of that week. P1 families – houses will be shared ASAP!

Kind regards



Mrs Fiona Eaton

Head Teacher

TURRIFF PRIMARY SCHOOL 2023/24 STAFFING	
<b>SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM</b>	
Mrs Fiona Eaton	HT
Mrs Gemma Addison	DHT
Miss Alex Harris	DHT
VACANCY	PT
<b>CLASS TEACHERS</b>	
Miss Ellen Mclean	P1A
Miss Louise Marr	P1B
Mr Mathew Crockett	P1/2
Mrs Hannah Forbes M.T / Mrs Jan Smart W-F	P2A
Mrs Jacq Masson M-W / Mrs Sam Watson Th,F	P2/3
Mrs Meryl Plevy	P3A
Mrs Kirsty Neish T-F/ <i>Miss Erin Strachan Mon</i>	P3B
Miss Leanne Winton M-Th / Mrs Claire Underwood Fri	P4A
Mrs Lucie Lister M,T,Th,F/ Mrs Hannah Forbes Wed	P4B
Mrs Fiona Wallis	P4/5
Miss Katie Leggat M,T,Th,F/ Mr George Anderson Wed	P5A
Mrs Lucy Baldwin	P5/6
Mr Oliver Pritchard	P6A

Miss Claire Smith	P6/7
Mrs Ashi Arif-Hall	P7A
Mr Angus Swan	P7B
<b>NON-CLASS CONTACT TIME TEACHERS</b>	
Miss Dee Jones	
Mrs Jacqui Crighton	
Mrs Lisa Bowie	
<b>PUPIL SUPPORT</b>	
Miss Helen Geddes	PSW
Mrs Kirstin Gauld	PSW
Miss Christine Steiner	NNP
Mrs Janette Cooper	PSA
Mrs Sheila Chalmers	PSA
Mrs Christine Williams	PSA
Mrs Barbara Raeburn	PSA
Mrs Kristina Watts	PSA
Mrs Victoria Redpath	PSA
Mrs Sam Gordon	PSA
Mrs Susie Garven	PSA
Mrs Eileen Milne	PSA
Mrs Jakki Robertson	PSA
Mrs Alison Gordon	PSA
Mrs Lorraine Stephen	PSA
Mrs Yvonne Henderson	PSA
Mrs Helen Johnstone	PSA
Miss Claire Massie	PSA
Sandy Ogg	PSA
Ann Ali	PSA
Elijah Smith	PSA
<b>ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TEACHERS</b>	
Mrs Sharon Huxtable	IPT
Mrs Katherine Sim	ASL
Mrs Cheryl Harris	ASL
Mrs Elizabeth Webster	ASL
Mrs Steph Newbould	ASL
Mrs Louise Galloway	ASL
Mrs Rachael Scullion	ASL
<b>OFFICE STAFF</b>	
Mrs Nicola Barclay	
Ms Lesley Duncan	
VACANCY	
<b>JANITORIAL STAFF</b>	
Mr Derek Mackie	
Mr Marc McLaren	