



# SCHOOL BULLETIN 8

## May 2015

### STAFF UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome Ms Sarah Work to our team this term. She has replaced Ms Stuart in P2/3 who has been seconded as acting Head Teacher of the 3 peedie isles schools until the end of this term. Mrs Maureen Kemp has reduced her hours in the school and now works from 8.30am until 12pm every day. We are in the process of recruiting a replacement for the other half of this clerical post so please bear with us when the office is not staffed as it usually is.

### SCHOOL FAIR

Our school fair will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 11am-2pm here at the school. Letters will be going out shortly with requests for donations and parent council reps will be contacting parents directly asking for help in setting up, running stalls and tidying up as well so please expect a phone call. This event raises a significant amount of money for the school and enables us to provide enhancements to the children's learning that we could not otherwise provide. Last year we bought 15 new laptops and 2 iPads with school fund money along with the usual hiring of buses for excursions, paying for Christmas parties etc. As we only have this every 2 years we have to raise significant funds that will last for the 2 years.

### GLAITNESS SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council dates for the rest of the year are 7pm on 19th May and the 16th June. Anyone is welcome to pop along to a meeting just to see what we do and meet us.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Class photos will be taken by Fiona Scott on Tuesday 26th May, please can parents ensure that their children are wearing school uniform/school colours that day.

### INFECTION CONTROL

There are cases of sickness and diarrhoea in the school at present, please encourage good personal hygiene at home. Please make sure that you keep your child off school for 48 hours after the last instance of sickness or diarrhoea. With your help we can prevent the spread of infection throughout the school.

### HEAD LICE

There have been cases of head lice in the school recently. Please ensure you check your children's heads regularly.

## WASTE FREE PACKED LUNCH INITIATIVE

Class 5 are trying to encourage everyone who has a packed lunch in, or out of, school to try to make it as free of single use plastic packaging as possible. They have made leaflets for parents and carers to read with suggestions for alternatives to plastic packaging and some shocking statistics about the amount of plastics we use in food packaging. Their aim is to try to persuade everyone to give up their single-use plastic habits to help save the environment and save you money! There will be a competition for the best plastic free packed lunch with a prize of a lunchbox with compartments and a re-usable water bottle awarded at our last school assembly this term. To enter bring a photo or ask your teacher to take a photo of your plastic free lunch and add it to the display outside the dining hall with your name and class on the back.

## GLAITNESS CLUBS UPDATE

It's been another good year for the Glaitness after school clubs with Glaitness United winning the league for the second year running in the football, the badminton club enjoying plenty more success and one our netball players, Maddie MacDonald going to represent Orkney in the U13 Scottish Cup final. We would like to say a big thank you to all our current coaches and volunteers for the time and effort they give towards these clubs.

The success of the clubs is very much dependent on parents and volunteers to help run them. If you would like to be a club coach or just want to help out when you can, please contact the school or the parent council.

Finally, please can parents make sure that their children return all football, badminton and netball kit to the school if they have not already done so. Thank you.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photographs - school colours/uniform please.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Primary Schools Athletics Championships - selected P5-P7 pupils
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	P7 Transition Sports
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Fair, 11am - 2pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> & Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 KGS Transition Days
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Reports go out to parents
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day 1.15pm - 3pm, Picky Centre
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	P7 Leavers Service, 2.15pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of term
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	First day of term one 2015/16