



Onthank Primary School Newsletter - August 2017

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Everyone under the age of 18 has all rights in the Convention.

Welcome Back

We hope you all had a good holiday. We welcome new staff and pupils to Onthank Primary — Miss Black P2B, Miss Kerr P2K, Miss White, P4W, Mrs Irving P5D/I and Miss Easton P1-3G, Mrs Hart, Mrs Christie and Mrs MacDonald—Classroom Assistants. Congratulations to Miss Breen who is now Mrs Granger and Miss MacIver who is now Mrs MacLeod. Letter has been issued with staff and classes and is also available on the website.



Baby News

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Franchi on the birth of their baby boy.



Pupil Collection

If you are collecting/dropping off more than one child and would like the older child/ren to go in/out a different door please send a note to the class teacher.

Sal's Shoes

Thank you to everyone who donated their shoes on the last day of term. Fifteen black sacks of shoes were collected and delivered to their warehouse.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please let us know (525477) before 9.30 am. If you do not contact us we will text you on the emergency contact number given to us. Data Forms and Consent Forms have been issued to update details and contact numbers and must be signed and returned even if there are no changes. If details change throughout the year, please let us know.



Eco Update

We are delighted to announce we can maintain our GREEN FLAG STATUS. We worked well together to complete all the criteria. We are continuing with our Eco Programme: P1s—old/unused wellies, P2s-DVDs, P3s—CDs, P4s—shoes, P5s—litter picking, P6A—mobile phones, P6K—glasses, P6M—greetings/ Christmas cards, P7B—paper, P7C/M—plastic boxes, P7S—Rag Bags, Mrs Williams—ink cartridges and Gaelic Classes—batteries. As an Eco School we are trying to minimise the amount of paper we use. This newsletter is available online @

onthankprimary.btck.co.uk If you would like to receive a paper copy in future please complete the tear off slip at the end - the newsletter will be posted online at the end of every month. If you filled in a form last year for a paper copy and would still like one can you please request it again this year. We plan to celebrate our 4th Green Flag on Thursday 7 September—Litter Pick / Walking Bus. Everyone can wear something green—non uniform.



Facebook

If you are taking photographs at a school event, we ask that you only take your own child/children. We would appreciate that you do not post photographs of other children or members of staff on Facebook.

Fit 15

We have decided to replace the 'Daily Mile' with 'FIT 15'. This will allow teachers and pupils more choice in terms of the physical activity they undertake as we continue to promote an active lifestyle in the school.

Medication

If your child requires medication during school hours—please complete a Medical Consent form from the office and hand in the prescribed medication with your child's name. Medication should not be kept in your child's schoolbag.

Playground

We ask that parents do not approach other children in the playground. Please come into the school if you have anything you wish to discuss. We have supervision in all playgrounds from 8.45 am.

August Star Pupils

PRIMARY 1: All of P1, Leo Massantini.

PRIMARY 2: Erin O'Connor, Maia Wason, Mya Stebbings, Brooke Miller.

PRIMARY 3: James Callaghan, Lyle Bolland, Erin Patterson.

PRIMARY 4: Katie Brown, Mia Duff, Emily Thomson, Oskar Chisholm.

PRIMARY 5: Kyle Duff, Jay Richmond, Pheobe Black.

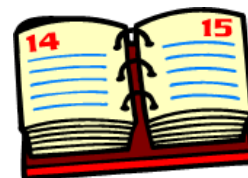
PRIMARY 6: Abbe Ferguson, Angeline Bain, Emma McCulloch.

PRIMARY 7: All of P7.

MRS FINDLAY'S HEAD TEACHER AWARD: Neve Robertson



Dates for your Diary



Friday 1 September
Wednesday 13 September
Friday 15 September
Monday 18 September
Thursday 28 September
Friday 29 September
Tuesday 3 October
Monday 9 October
Friday 13 October
Monday 23 October
Tuesday 24 October
Tue 7 + Wed 8 November

P7 Sportshall Athletics Heat
Open Afternoon—P1s 1.15 pm / P2-P7s 1.45 pm
Holiday!
Holiday!
Parents' Evening from 5.00 pm
MacMillan Coffee Morning 9.00 am—12.00 pm
Parents' Afternoon from 3.00 pm
Whole School Group Photograph—weather permitting
School closes at 3.00 pm
Inservice Day
Pupils return 9.00 am / Flu Immunisations
Tempest Photographer in to take Individual and Family Photographs



G. Findlay

Please complete the tear off slip below if you require a paper copy of the school's newsletter.

I would prefer to receive a paper copy of the school's newsletter.

Child's Name _____ Child's Class _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Promoting Positive Behaviour

We are continuing with our positive behaviour reward system which proved to be very successful. Every week a pupil in each class will be chosen as a Star Pupil. This pupil will be recognised at assembly and given a special OPS pencil and a certificate which is displayed in the main corridor for one week then given to the pupil to take home. This award can be for a variety of reasons e.g. being kind, honest, trying their best etc. Star Pupils are named in the monthly newsletter. All pupils in the school also have a sticker chart. The aim is to earn stickers to complete a full sticker chart and be rewarded with a prize from the "treat tray". Again stickers can be earned for many good reasons e.g. good work, neat writing, displaying manners, being helpful etc. There is also a "Golden Table" on Fridays in the dining hall, to which pupils are invited for good behaviour in the dining hall. We are continuing with our whole school programme of 123 Magic. We have recently produced a school policy on Respectful Relationships which is available to view on our website under RRS.



Health & Well Being

Good mental health allows children to develop resilience and grow into well-rounded healthy adults. In term 1 we will explore different emotions and understand that all emotions are acceptable but it is how we deal with them that matters. All pupils will be given the opportunity to try some coping strategies to encourage relaxation e.g. mindfulness, meditation, art therapy, humour and exercise.



New School Lunch Menus

New 3 week menus have been issued to all pupils. Next week, beginning Monday 4 September we are on week 3 of the menu. The menus can be viewed on the school website. If any parents / carers would like to sample school lunches please contact the school. All pupils in P1-P3 are entitled to a free school lunch. School lunches cost £2.05 and can be paid through ParentPay.



Breakfast Club

A reminder that our Breakfast Club runs daily during term time from 8.15 am - 8.45 am with a selection of breakfast cereals, toast and drinks. All pupils can register for Breakfast Club at a cost of 90p per day for the 1st child and 60p each child thereafter. Pupils who are in receipt of a dinner ticket also have free breakfast entitlement. This is an opportunity for pupils to meet their friends and take part in activities.



Nut Allergies

We are committed to a whole school approach to the Health and Safety of all pupils. We have pupils and staff in school who have severe nut allergies. We ask that pupils do not bring nuts/or nut related products to school.



Jewellery

For Health and Safety purposes we would appreciate if pupils would keep jewellery to a minimum of a stud earring and a watch. Jewellery should be removed for PE activities.

Birthday Cakes

We are more than happy for you to send a birthday cake into school for your child's birthday, but we ask that the cakes are bought from a shop and are in a sealed box/packet and do not contain nuts.

Uniform / Jewellery

Everyone looks very smart in their red school uniforms. We would ask that all items are labelled including packed lunch boxes, jackets and bags.

Cycling To School

It is very important that all children who cycle to school must wear a safety helmet. All bicycles should be secured with a lock. Children are reminded to push their bicycles in the playground.



Achievements

Please let us know if your child has achieved an award or recognition outside the school. We will share the good news at assembly. The children have settled in well. We are looking forward to achieving the best for our children.

We're Going Back To School





PTA Newsletter



Onthank's Parent Teachers Association

Onthank PTA is a volunteer group comprised of parents of children at the school, as well as some members of the teaching staff. The PTA raises funds each year to supplement the school's own funds and this enables the purchase of items, or the funding of activities, that would not otherwise be possible. We will be organising a number of fundraising events again this year and details of these will be posted in this newsletter each month, so please keep an eye out for that. The first of these events is likely to be the Halloween disco. The support and help of all parents in the school, not just those who have are PTA members, is vital to the success of the group. Please provide whatever assistance you can over the course of this coming year.

Come and join us

All parents are welcome to join the PTA. If you feel you could help in any way please pass your name to the office and we will be in touch with you, or speak to one of the members of the PTA.

We only hold a few meetings per year so the time commitment is not too much and it would be lovely to get some new parents into the Group.

Your Children
Will Be Proud
Of It.

Get Involved.
Be In The Know.

The Children
Will Benefit
From It.

Meet New
Friends!!

Many Hands
Make Light
Work.

You'll
Feel Good
About It.