



Onthank Primary School Newsletter - August 2016

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Convention.

New Term

We hope you all had a good holiday. We welcome new staff and pupils to Onthank Primary — Mr Boyd P7B, Miss Breen P7BR, Miss MacIver P1-3G, Miss Adam P3H and Mrs Saxelby P2M. Letter has been issued with staff and classes and is also available on the website.



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.

Mrs Jess

We would like to wish Mrs Jess a long and happy retirement, She has been part of Onthank staff for 32 years. She has been an asset to the school and her enthusiasm has been recognised by all. We held a special assembly to mark her retirement where pupils presented/read Mrs Jess poems and sang her favourite songs. Look out for the pictures in the Kilmarnock Standard.



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

This year we will be working to maintain our Green Flag status. We are continuing with our recycling programme: P1s old/unused wellies, P2s DVDs, P3s CDs, P4s Shoes, P5s are Litter Picking, P6A Mobile Phones, P6K old glasses (for Vision Aid), P6S Christmas Cards, P7B Paper Recycling Boxes, P7BR Rag Bags and P7C Plastic. Every class in school has an Eco Monitor who is responsible for switching off lights when not in use. We are continuing to look after our gardens in school. If you can help with gardening in any way, please contact Mrs Findlay at the school. 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 - otherwise 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.



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.

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.



Health & Well Being

In Health and Well Being all classes have been learning about 'Mindsets'. All learners are encouraged to embrace challenges, show determination and perseverance and to acknowledge mistakes as part of the learning process, 'Growth Mindset'. Those with a 'Fixed Mindset' tend to give up on challenges and are afraid to fail. "Try" atops the dinosaur is on the look out for pupils with a 'Growth Mindset'. Pupils are encouraged to celebrate new "pathways" in their learning.



New School Lunch Menus

New 3 week menus have been issued to all pupils. Next week, beginning Monday 5 September we are on week 1 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.



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, £1.40 for 2 or more children and 70p each child thereafter for 3 or more children (£2.10). 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. Thanks to Emma Whyte from Asda who helps in Breakfast Club on Wednesdays.



Nut Allergies

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

Health - Re Childhood Infectious Diseases

Please may we ask for your cooperation in this important matter. One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment for leukaemia that puts them at risk from measles, chickenpox and shingles. If they come in to contact with anyone suffering from these conditions the pupil requires to be given some protection against them. Unfortunately this has to be given within 72 hours of the contact. We would ask therefore that if your child develops measles, chickenpox or shingles that you inform the school **immediately** so that appropriate action may be taken. Your child is not at any risk from this situation, however, the health of our pupil does depend on your cooperation in this important matter.

Uniform

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

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.



PTA

Thank you to Denise McMillan and Claire Wilson for all their help and support with their PTA roles as Chairpersons. They worked tirelessly to raise funds for the school last year, but they have decided to step down from their post. They have expressed that they would still like to support the PTA. Karen Thomson and Anne Lochhead will be organising events in the coming year. If you would like to help please contact either of them or Mrs Findlay (see letter overleaf).

August Star Pupils

PRIMARY 1: All of P1, Chloe Ronal, Charlie Higgins, Maia Wason, John Wyper.

PRIMARY 2: Greg Salisbury, Keira Bennett, Aaron Harper, Emily MacMillan, Calum Brown, Billy Halliday.

PRIMARY 3: All of P3, Jake Downs, Tom Baird, Liam Rogerson, Tom Reid, Dylan Torrance, Oskar Chisholm.

PRIMARY 4: Marcus Hettrick, Stuart Anderson, Jamie Salisbury, Tyler Qua, Brandon McGaw, Lia Townsly.

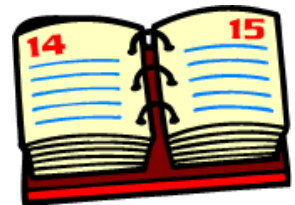
PRIMARY 5: Holly Fleming, Clayton Marshall, all of P5E, Josh Barrowman, Ellie Lewis, Lucie Thomson.

PRIMARY 6: Declan King, all of P6K, Abbey Stewart, Alex Kirkpatrick, Owen Campbell, Ben Robertson, Olivia O'Neill.

PRIMARY 7: Jamie Alderson, Niamh Burnett, Elise White, Devon Reid, Abigail McPherson, Daniel Robertson.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13 September	P1C + P1L Parents' Information Afternoon
Wednesday 14 September	P2-P7 Open Morning / P1M + P1MCK Parent's Information Afternoon
Friday 16 September	Holiday!
Monday 19 September	Holiday!
Friday 23 September	Rag Bag uplift
Thursday 29 September	Parents' Evening from 5.00 pm
Friday 30 September	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Tuesday 4 October	Parents' Afternoon from 3.00 pm
Friday 7 October	School closes at 3.00 pm
Monday 17 October	Inservice Day
Tuesday 18 October	Pupils return 9.00 am
Tuesday 25 October	Flu Immunisations
Tue 1 + Wed 2 November	Tempest Photographer in to take Individual and Family Photographs



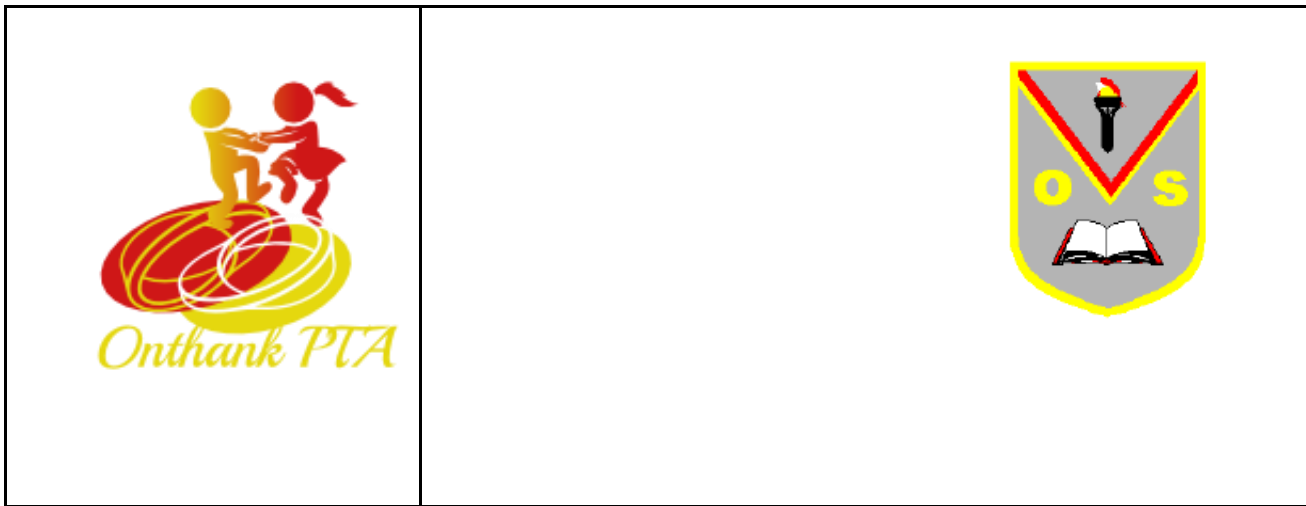
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Please complete the tear off slip below if you require a paper copy of the school's newsletter.

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

Child's Name _____ Child's Class _____

Signed _____ Date _____



PTA Annual General Meeting and appeal for new members

Dear Parents,

The Committee of Onthank PTA is holding its AGM on 5 September 2016 at 6.30 pm in room 2 of the North West Area Centre and any parents who are interested in joining the PTA are invited to attend. No special skills are needed to be a member of the PTA, just a willingness to give of your time and a desire to support your child's school. We will be delighted to welcome any new members.

The three main roles of the Committee, the Chair, Treasurer and the Secretary will be nominated and voted for at this meeting. At present we have no nominations for Chair so if anyone is keen to take on this role please do let us know. The PTA meets just a few times each term, currently on a Monday evening. It brings together parents, teachers and others from the school community. Events organised previously include school discos, quiz nights and bingo nights. All monies raised are used to supplement the school's own funds by buying additional equipment or supporting one off activities.

The Committee also maintains a volunteer list. This list is for parents who cannot commit to attending meetings, but who would be willing to help the Committee when needed e.g. to supervise discos. If you would like to put your name down as a volunteer and have not already done so last year, please complete the section below and hand it in to the office.

We look forward to seeing some new faces at the PTA meeting. Please come along and help. Your support is vital to the ongoing existence of the PTA and our continued running of events such as the Halloween and summer discos. And the funds we raise will enhance the experience of your children at Onthank school.

I would like to like to be a volunteer member of the PTA.

Name of Parent:

Child's Name & Year:

Contact Number and E-Mail Address: