

**Eddleston Primary School**

**Newsletter 3: November 2019**





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**Head Teacher’s Welcome **

Dear Parents/Carers,

What can I say? I can’t believe that it’s November already!

Our learners have been engaging in some very exciting learning and have been showcasing some of this on our new Twitter page, which many of you now follow.

Please enjoy continuing to look through our newsletter with updates on what learning experiences our pupils have been/will be involved in.

Kind regards

***Miss Lorna Murdoch***

Head Teacher

**Staffing update – P5-7**

Mrs F. Taylor (P5-7 Class Teacher) will be leaving Eddleston to take up another teaching post within Scottish Borders Council. Mrs Taylor’s last day with us will be Thursday 19th December 2019.

We would like to wish Mrs Taylor every success in her new post.

We are currently working our way through the recruitment process and will keep you updated as much as possible.

**Staffing update – P2-4**

We are delighted to announce that Miss B. McDougall has joined us from Dumfries & Galloway Council. She has been placed in P2-4 for the remainder of session 19-20. We are very excited to have her join our team.

**Concerns/Issues**

If you have any concerns regarding your child at Eddleston, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Class Teacher in the first instance. We will continue to always do the best that we can to assist and support in every way possible.

If you wish to speak with your pupils’ Class Teacher regarding a confidential issue, this should be organised through an appointment. This is to ensure that the time and location of the discussion are mutually agreed and enough time is allowed for a discussion.

**Winter weather **

As we head into the winter session, the days begin to get colder and wetter! Thus, we ask that you ensure that your child comes to school appropriately dressed for this weather. This includes wearing a warm jacket/coat and appropriate footwear for wet and cold weather.

**‘Rag bag’ collection**

We are collecting for the ‘Rag bag’ collection, which is **Thursday 14th November**. If you have any clothes, shoes, belts etc that you no longer require, we would be most grateful for any donations you were able to give to us.

**Parent Council**  ****

**Chair:** Mr Alan Wise

**Next meeting**

**Date:** Thursday 28th November 2019

**Time:** 6:30-8:30pm

**Location:** Eddleston Primary

**Future meeting dates**

23rd January 2020

26th March 2020

14th May 2020

**Playground noticeboard**

Please note that our playground noticeboard has been updated and will detail school and school-related local community news/updates. If you would like to display anything, please contact the school office.

**Wider achievements**  ****

At Eddleston Primary, we feel that it is very important for us to recognise that our pupils achieve both inside and out with school. Thus, we feel that it is important for our pupils to share these successes with their peers.

These achievements could include musical successes, sport or an achievement in a specific hobby.

Please let us know about any achievements outside school that your child would like us to know about – we would be delighted to highlight these at our weekly assembly. Please send in or email certificates/details to the School Office.

**Absence reporting**

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ensure that you let the school office know by 9am. This allows us to notify the Class Teacher of the absence and to contact urgently, any parents/carers whose child has not been registered at school that morning.

**Harvest**

We would like to say a massive thank you to our pupils, parents and carers for their overwhelming generosity in contributing to The Peeblesshire Foodbank collection. Three Primary 6 pupils very much enjoyed taking the goods we’d collected, to the foodbank.

**School lunches**

To ensure that all pupils enjoy their daily lunches, please ensure that you discuss with their child what lunch they have ordered. We have had some issues with pupils not liking what lunch has been ordered for them, which can result in pupils not enjoying their lunch. We would also ask to ensure that all lunches are booked for pupils who require one, in particular after holidays, as this can be a time where lunches are easily forgotten to be ordered.

**‘Bite and a Blether’**

Our Primary 7 will be engaging in the ‘Bite and Blether’ sessions on a rota basis. The will enable our Primary 7s to engage with our local community.

**Pupil Council**

We’re delighted to announce below, our new Pupil Council Representatives for this session. We’re very much looking forward to working with them to look at how we can make Eddleston Primary even better!

P2 – Ellie Wylie

P3 – Samuel Anderson

P4 – Alice Bartlett

P5 – Calum Peebles

P6 – Jamie Macrae

P7 – Hugh Stewart

**Borders’ Forest Trust**

Both our classes will be working in partnership with Anna Craigen at the Borders’ Forest Trust. This is a partnership which our pupils have previously engaged in and will very much benefit from again in the coming months.

**‘Countdown to Christmas!’**

* **2nd Dec.** – Local holiday (School closed)
* **4th Dec.** – ‘Into Film’ working with P5-7
* **10th Dec.** – Christmas lunch
* **13th Dec. – Christmas Fair - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**
* **13th Dec.** – ‘Christmas Jumper Day’
* **16th Dec.** – Whole-school trip to Brunton Theatre’s production of ‘Cinderella’
* **17th Dec.** – P2-4 class party
* **18th Dec.** – P5-7 Christmas party
* **18th Dec.** – Christmas showcase
* **19th Dec.** – Christmas service – Eddleston Parish Church
* **19th Dec.** – Last day of term
* **20th Dec**. – School closed for Christmas break

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**Eddleston Community website**

Both our classes will be working in partnership with Kathy Kinder, who runs the Eddleston Community website. Pupils will have ownership of the school page on the website and will be responsible for uploading news and photos to the site. A very exciting project for our pupils!