

**Eddleston Primary School**

**Newsletter 1: September 2019**





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**Head Teacher’s Welcome **

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be writing this newsletter as the newly appointed and very proud Head Teacher of Eddleston Primary School.

I would like to thank Mrs Miglis and Mrs Hamilton for their support in ensuring that Eddleston had a smooth transition in Headship and thank them for their leadership throughout their time at Eddleston Primary.

In our monthly newsletters, you will find up-to-date information about all the exciting teaching and learning taking place in Eddleston Primary!

I look forward to working in partnership with you throughout your child’s Primary Education.

Kind regards

***Miss Lorna Murdoch***

Head Teacher

**Staffing**

***(2019-2020)***

**Head Teacher**: Miss L. Murdoch

**Class Teacher P1-4**: Miss N. Watt / TBC

**Class Teacher P5-7**: Mrs F. Taylor

**Temporary Class Teacher:** Mrs S. Walker

**P.E Specialist**: Mrs G. Pye

**Music Specialist:** Mrs A. Inglis

**Support for Learning**: TBC

**Classroom Assistant**: Mrs S. Wilson

**Additional Needs Assistant**: Mrs K. Black

**Primary School Administrator**: Mrs J. Mackenzie

**Janitor**: Mr S O’Hara

**Catering Supervisor**: Mrs W. McAllister

**Cleaning Assistant**: Mrs M. Sidorjakova

**School Chaplain**: Rev. C. Macdougall

**Local Integration Officer**: PC L. Harper

**School Nurses**: Ms C. Macdonald & Ms J. Haley

**School Improvement Plan**

**Priority 1:** Assessment – To raise attainment and develop lifelong learners through the consistent use of formative assessment strategies ensuring that Eddleston learners are assessment capable.

**Priority 2: Individualised Pupil Profiles –** To develop high quality ‘Personalised Learning Profiles’ which accurately reflect significant attainment and achievement in all aspects of a young person’s life.

**Cluster Priority: Numeracy –** To increase Teacher confidence in the assessment of Numeracy and to ensure that more accurate data is based upon a shared approach to moderation in Numeracy across the Tweeddale Cluster.

**Twitter/School website**  ****

**Twitter - @EddlestonPS**

We have re-launched our Twitter page. This page will be used to showcase the learning taking place in our school and to highlight key updates.

Please ‘Follow us’.

**Website – www.eddlestonprimary.co.uk**

We have re-launched our school website, which contains key information and updates about our school.

*Please note that our Social Media accounts should be used respectfully. They are not a forum for posting concerns about the school. Any concerns should be addressed directly to Eddleston Primary.*

**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

**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.

**Peeblesshire News**  ****

Please look out for Press releases in the Peeblesshire News from Eddleston. We are very keen to share and highlight learning and any key successes/involvements within the local community.

**Free school meal entitlement / Pupil Equity Funding**

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The Scottish Government has provided funding to schools across Scotland to support equity in learning for all children. The amount per school is based on the number of pupils with a free school meals’ entitlement and is worth £1200 per child.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, we would encourage you to register for this.

**‘Pupil groups’**

We will be trialling a new way of enabling pupils to become involved in the wider aspects of the school. Pupils will vote to choose a club to take part in, which will focus on whole-school development. Pupils will have a choice of 3 clubs - RRS (Rights Respecting Schools), Eco-Committee and JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officers)

  

**Flu immunisations**  ****

Please note a change of date for the flu immunisations.

**New date – Wednesday 2nd October**

**Acknowledgements**  

We would like to say a massive thank you to Mr & Mrs Stewart for making and installing football goals for our upper school pupils. They look fantastic and the pupils are thoroughly enjoying using them.

We would also like to say a massive thank you to the Parent Council for covering the cost of the Scottish Book Festival tickets for the whole school to attend this event. The pupils had a fantastic time engaging with a variety of books and Authors.

**Staffing**  ****

Miss N. Watt (P2-4 Class Teacher) will be leaving Eddleston to take up another teaching post within Scottish Borders Council. Miss Watt’s last day with us will be Thursday 26th September 2019.

We would like to wish Miss Watt every success in her new post.

**Dates for your diary**  ****

* **10th Sept.** – Tempest photographer in school (Individuals & family photos)
* **9th Oct.** – Coffee morning - Parent engagement (Details to follow)
* **3rd Sept.** – P5-7 Class assembly – 9:30am
* **25th Oct.** – Harvest Service
* **5th & 6th Nov.** – Parent consultations – Details to follow
* **6th Dec.** – Christmas Fair – Details to follow
* **16th Dec.** – ‘Cinderella’ pantomime trip to Brunton Theatre
* **17th Dec.** – P1-4 Christmas party
* **18th Dec.** – P5-7 Christmas party
* **19th Dec.** – Christmas Service
* **31st Jan.** – Scottish Showcase
* **26th Feb.** – Tempest photographer in school (Class groups)
* **19th March** – P1-4 assembly – 9:30am
* **3rd April** – Easter Service
* **19th May** – P5 Countryside Day – Kelso
* **26th & 28th May** – Parent consultations

**School holidays – Session 19-20 **

**Autumn term**

* Monday 19 Aug 2019 - Staff resume, in service day
* Tuesday 20 Aug 2019 - In service day
* Wednesday 21 Aug 2019 - All resume
* Friday 11 Oct 2019 - Last day for pupils and staff – mid-term holiday
* Monday 21 Oct 2019 - In service day
* Tuesday 22 October 2019 - All resume
* Thursday 07 Nov 2019 - Staff in service day
* Friday 08 Nov 2019 - Staff in service day
* Monday 02 Dec 2019 - St Andrew's Day holiday, school closed
* Thursday 19 Dec 2019 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

**Winter term**

* Monday 06 Jan 2020 - All resume
* Thursday 13 Feb 2020 - Last day for pupils - February holiday
* Friday 14 Feb 2020 - Staff in service day
* Wednesday 19 Feb 2020 - All resume
* Friday 03 Apr 2020 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

**Summer term**

* Monday 20 Apr 2020 - All resume (Good Friday falls within Spring break)
* Thursday 07 May 2020 - Staff in service day
* Friday 08 May 2020 - VE Day holiday, school closed (replaces Monday Bank Holiday date)
* Tuesday 30 Jun 2020 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

**Casual holidays**

Each [learning community](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20009/schools_and_learning/637/learning_communities) allocates **2 casual holidays** for pupils and staff which are usually aligned to their local festivals.

**Tweeddale**

* Friday 11 Oct 2019
* Wednesday 19 Feb 2020