

Innellan & Toward Primary School Newsletter

August 2016

Welcome back to everyone and I hope you all had a good summer break. It was really good to see all the children returning looking so well and chatting so happily to one another.

I would especially like to welcome – Rona, Izabella, Archie, Alf, Shay, Finn, Murdo, Xander and Oscar. I hope they all settle in quickly and enjoy discovering, exploring, learning and sharing experiences here at Innellan and Toward. I know you will all welcome our new pupils, parents and staff and help them to feel at home.

As always, if you have any concerns about anything please get in touch.

Cathleen Russell

Head Teacher

PE – weekly at Innellan School

Pupils from Toward will be bussed to Innellan School every Thursday morning for PE lessons with Mrs MacLean, starting this Thursday. In order to maximise the amount of PE time, lessons will be shared with Toward as will the cost of the PE teacher's time (this in effect allows us to double the amount of time as each school is paying for 1 ¼ hours each). It would be appreciated if the P1-3 pupils could come to school wearing their kit and bring their school uniform with them to change into when they return from PE. Pupils PE bag should contain gym shoes, shorts and tee shirt. All pupils should change out of their PE kit and into school uniform at the end of the lesson.

Nut Free Zone

Due to the number of pupils and staff who have nut allergies we request that you don't give your child nuts as part of their play piece or lunch. This includes nutty spreads.

Lunches

Menus are handed out a week in advance and we would appreciate it if you could complete and return them to the school, with payment, as soon as possible. Purses or envelopes should have your child's name on them as we collect everything first thing in the morning. Mrs Reynolds throughout the morning records, files and places orders and if your child's name is not clearly marked it is easy to get confused. It would be appreciated if those pupils who are having packed lunches have their lunch boxes clearly labelled so that we can try and ensure that they take the correct lunch box home. (If things are not labelled they will deny ownership. This applies to clothing as well – please write your child's name on everything.)

Equipment/toys

We would appreciate it if you could ensure that your child did not bring expensive items into school. It is very difficult for us to ensure that they do not lose or damage items and we are not insured for the loss or damage of personal items. If they do bring things into school staff cannot ensure that they are kept safe nor do they have the luxury of time to search for items that children misplace.

Pick up

We are very conscious of your child's safety and it is important that you inform us if someone different is going to be collecting your child from school or if they are going home with someone else.

Photographs

If you are taking any photos of your child within the school grounds and during school time, please do not take pictures of other pupils or members of staff unless you have full permission to do so from other parents/members of staff. This also applies for posting photos on social media/internet.

WOW Wednesday

Every Wednesday Innellan and Toward Primary School join together to share the curriculum resources. We do a 6 week block at each school. WOW Wednesday will commence next Wednesday 24th August, at Innellan Primary School. Please drop off / pick up your child from Innellan. If you have any transport issues, please contact Mrs Reynolds.

Local Area Study

During your child's time at Innellan Primary, they will be participating in a variety of Curriculum for Excellence topics, which may require them to go for short excursions into the local area e.g. beach or forest, to further develop their understanding of subjects covered and to enhance their learning.

As we will be working closely with Toward Primary during the year we will be extending the local studies to include the Toward area. Transport to and from Toward will be by staff cars or mini bus. We will always give the parents/guardians advance notice, by text, phone or letter, for any visits to Toward.

Permission Slips

Please complete and return the attached permission slips as soon as possible for WOW Wednesday and Local Area Studies.

Thank you for all your help and support in the ensuring that your child has a positive, safe and happy experience here at Innellan and Toward.