

# Eastern Primary School Newsletter

October 2013



## Eastern Primary School Vision –

Our children will be **included**, **safe**, **healthy**, **caring**, **active** and **responsible**

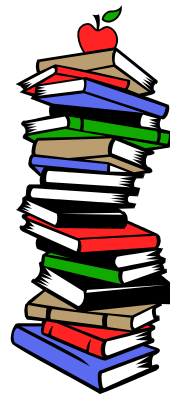
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Welcome back to another busy term ahead. This term we will be delighted to welcome our new Principal Teacher of Additional Support, Mrs Catherine Caldwell. She will have particular responsibility for supporting children with additional support needs. We expect Mrs Caldwell to start sometime very soon.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Leslie and Mrs Gray who have both recently had beautiful baby boys! Mrs Armstrong will be the teacher in P2a until Mrs Gray's return.



Thank you to the parent volunteers who have recently helped to move our library to a bigger, brighter new home at the front of the building. This space will also be useable as a parent room on certain days of the week - more information to follow very soon.

**Drivers are reminded not to use Camperdown Street as a drop off or collection area.**

**The road has double yellow lines to ensure children on foot can enter and leave school safely.**



### Wet Weather

We have received a number of requests to allow children into school before our start time of 9.00am when weather is poor. In common with many other schools we are unable to do this due to lack of appropriate space. We are only insured to have children in the building when we can provide appropriate levels of staffing. We cannot provide this for all children before 9.00am.

Please send your child(ren) to school as close to the start of our day wearing clothes to match the weather conditions. Many thanks.

Welcome to **Heather Whyte** who is our **School and Family Development Worker**. This is a new role within Dundee City Council and she will work across each of the Grove Cluster Primary Schools – Eastern, Barnhill and Forthill. Her remit includes **working with individual children and families**, **signposting services** which support families, working with **groups of families** on relevant issues as well as offering **drop-in sessions**. We will keep you informed of the opportunities on offer as they arise. Please contact the school if you would like to contact Heather.

### SCHOOL DINNER MONEY

Please use the plastic dinner bags provided.

When possible, please pay for the week's meals on a Monday – your support is extremely helpful – thank you.

Parents are reminded that dogs are not allowed on school premises and extra attention should be paid when supervising your pet near children.  
Thank you



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Parents, carers and family members are invited to join us on the dates shown in bold. More information will follow regarding these events	
28.10.13	Harvest Gathering for Mary's Meals
30.10.13	<b>Halloween Disco Evening</b>
01.11.13	Masterclasses start
07.11.13	<b>P6a Class Assembly</b>
14.11.13	<b>In Service Day</b>
15.11.13	<b>In Service Day</b>
21.11.13	Tempest Photography Day
26.11.13	<b>Parent Council Meeting 7.00pm</b>
28.11.13	<b>P6b Class Assembly</b>
05.12.13	Christmas Fayre
09.12.13	PLLs Home
12.12.13	<b>Infant Nativity</b>
17.12.13	Pantomime
19.12.13	<b>Church Service</b>
23.12.13 - 03.01.14	Holiday - End of Term 1
30.01.14	<b>P5a Class Assembly</b>
31.01.14	<b>Scottish Evening</b>
06.02.14	<b>P5b Class Assembly</b>
12.02.14	<b>Valentine's Disco Evening</b>
13.02.14	<b>Inservice Day</b>
14.02.14	Holiday
17.02.14	Holiday
20.02.14	<b>P2a Class Assembly</b>
25.02.14	<b>Parent Council meeting</b>

Fancy dress optional!

Individual photographs will be taken on this day.

Organised and run by P7 for the rest of the school who visit the stalls during the day.

'Babes in the Wood' at The Webster Theatre, Arbroath for P1 - P7

Come along and enjoy a night of all things Scottish - dancing, poetry and music

Names on EVERYTHING please. Already we have a large collection of uniform we are unable to match to children! Unclaimed uniform will go in our rag bag unit at the end of each term.

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