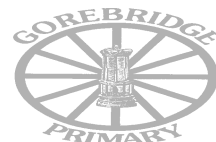
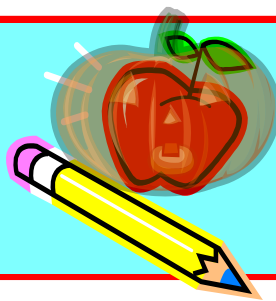


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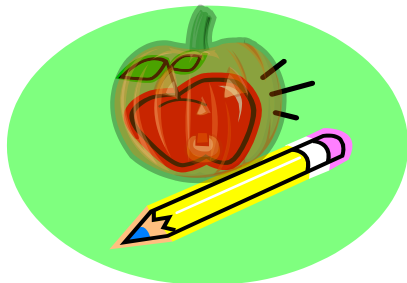
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Caring, Preparing for Life...

Dear parents, carers and friends of Gorebridge Primary,

What a fantastic few weeks I have had at Gorebridge. I'm absolutely delighted to be here and I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know everyone.

There are so many good things that have been going on in the school. In the short time that I have been here we have had BOATS numeracy session, which was really successful with positive feedback and also last Friday we held a STV Big Breakfast Appeal. This was a great success with many of our families coming to school for breakfast and being kind enough to give us donations. Through this event we have managed to raise £400 for children affected by poverty in Scotland. Being part of this event allowed me to see the fantastic partnership that exists within our school community.



Reminder for Parents/Pupils

- Please remember to bring money for school lunch daily - £2.00 if not in receipt of free school meals
- Please be aware that the 3 disabled parking bays to the front of the school are for blue badge holders only!
- Please remember to supply your child with indoor shoes/P.E kit and make sure these are labelled with your child's name to prevent being lost.
- Please be aware that no dogs are permitted in the school grounds.

October 2018 Newsletter

Over the remainder of this session there are further exciting events planned and also exciting developments with regards to school improvement. You will be able to see our detailed plans shortly; however the following items are our main priorities for the session:

- Raising Attainment and achievement in Literacy and Numeracy (numeracy priority year)
- Improving curriculum and learning, teaching and assessment: Improving digital learning
- To promote Health and Wellbeing for staff, pupils and parents
- Closing the attainment gap between the most and the least disadvantaged children (Project Equity)

I hope you all have a fantastic October holiday when it comes. I know I will have many positive moments to reflect on during my break and will be back raring to go after the holiday.

Best regards,
Mr Wood

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 10th October – P7 Trip to the Risk Factory

Friday 12th October – Break for October Holiday

Monday 22nd October – In Service Day

Tuesday 23rd October – All resume from October Holiday

Wednesday 10th October – Parent Council AGM

Wednesday 24th October – PTA Halloween Disco

Wednesday 24th October – P5 trip to Dynamic Earth (Rainforests)

Friday 26th October – Gorebridge Gab

Thursday 1st November – P6/7 Girls Soccer 7's – Lasswade

Friday 2nd November – P5H/M Assembly

Monday 5th November – PTA Meeting

PARENT PAY/School Meals

I am delighted to inform you that our school Parent Pay system has been a success with the majority of our parents with 292 pupil account being activated already, with only 56 pupils still to register, which is 83% of our children!

If you have not already done so could you please activate your child's account to pay for school meals, trips, milk and many other items. Midlothian Council are trying to eliminate cash handling within the schools and make all schools cashless.

I would like to make parents who are not a fan of online payments know that your child's Parent Pay account can also be topped up at your local



using the code we provide, this means you do not need to supply bank details online.

*Please remember that If you have already set your account up, please **do not** send your child with cash to pay for lunches etc as this can cause confusion to the system and is time consuming for the catering staff during the busy lunch service.*

If you need help setting your account up or have lost the original letter sent home with your activation information please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff in the school office.



Bicycles and Scooters

Please note that it is the responsibility of Parents/Carers to ensure that your child is able to take their bicycle/scooter to and from school safely wearing a helmet. Children should bring their bikes into the playground through the main gate where they must dismount and walk with their bikes/scooters through the playground to the bike shelter, where they can secure them safely. We have a large number of small children and buggies/prams in the playground and wish to avoid any accidents.

Parent Council & PTA News

Our next PTA Meeting will be held on Monday 5th November at 9:00am.

PTA AGM – Wednesday 10th October

ALL WELCOME, would be lovely to see some new faces ☺

PTA Halloween Disco dates – Wednesday 25th October:

Tickets are available through Parent Pay

P1-P3 6:00pm – 7:00pm

P4-P7 7:15pm – 8:15pm

We are still looking for parent helpers for both discos if anyone is free to help!

WET MORNINGS

Winter is fast approaching! On mornings when the weather is particularly wet/stormy, the cloakroom will be opened from 8:40am! On mornings such as these, please do not send your child to school early. Could you please also make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather and that you put their names clearly on all of these beautiful new winter coats, hats and gloves.

Head Lice

There have been some reports of recurring head lice in school. Thank you to everyone for keeping us informed.

We appreciate how frustrating this problem is, unfortunately as you are aware, this is a nationwide problem and not only a concern at Gorebridge Primary School.

Please check your child's hair and the rest of your family's hair this evening. If your child has head lice they should only return to school once they have been treated. Please continue to check your child's hair regularly. Treatment for head lice is available free of charge from your pharmacy through the Minor Ailments programme. If you require further advice please contact your local pharmacist who will be more than happy to assist.

