



GOREBRIDGE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Caring, Preparing for Life...

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends of Gorebridge Primary,

I hope you are all well and are starting to enjoy the start of Spring, it has been a busy time for us all since the February break.

The children have been involved in a range of fun experiences such as:

- The 'Immersive Dome Experience', kindly put on by our PTA
- World Book Day
- P6 Camp to Dalguise
- NSPCC visit on the theme of 'Speak Out Stay Safe'
- Fun Friday – 'Greatest Showman Singalong' (organised by our PTA)
- Sponsored walk for Muscular Dystrophy
- Football Festivals boys & girls
- Euro Quiz.

### Reminder for Parents/Pupils

- Please remember to pay online 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 at any time.

## Spring Newsletter 2019

Some of this fun has been offset by the children being involved with more 'testing' activities. The children are currently involved with our standardised testing fortnight, where they carry out assessments to help us assess where they are with their learning and their next steps.

### Dates for your diary:



*Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – BOATS*

*Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – P1&P2 Art Show*

*Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Church Service 10am*

*Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – All Break for Easter Break  
(12:25pm)*



*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – All Resume from Easter Break*

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Public Holiday*

*Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – P7 Camp*

*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – In-Service Day*

*Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Day*

## Inspection Update

You should have received an email this morning with the letter from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate regarding our recent inspection attached. As you will be able to read they are confident in our capacity to continue to improve and will not make any return visits. A grading of satisfactory means the strengths outweighs weaknesses. Many of the development points in the Inspection report we had identified through our self evaluation and had begun to make plans on how to move forward.

We have already addressed some points from the inspection, such as those regarding safeguarding, and are in the process of creating a detailed action plan as a follow up to this inspection. After Easter and into session 19-20 we will move forward with these actions at a pace. I have real confidence that we can improve. We have a strong team who are committed and passionate about improving outcomes for all our learners. We also have the benefit of having motivated learners and very supportive parents and partners.

Early in the Summer term I will look to share some of the actions coming from the inspection and also what is my vision for the school which is alluded to within the report. For me it is very important to involve all staff, parents, children and partners in creating a meaningful vision for our school. Revisiting our vision, values and aims is an important action for the start of next session. I would like to thank everyone for their efforts through the inspection process.



## Parent Council & PTA News

*Excitement is building as the Summer Fair draws near!!*

*The PTA are looking for items for their tombola stall. If you have anything that you can donate for this please hand in to the school office.*

*The Summer Fair is on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018*

*12:30pm – 2:30pm*

## 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.

## Pupil Equity Fund

We have been allocated £90,720 through the Pupil Equity Fund. We would like to consult you on how we spend this money. We currently have interventions in place that are making positive impact upon our learners and could continue with some of these interventions. Prior to Easter we will issue an online survey to ask your opinion on where we should allocate our funding. Below is an explanation of what Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) is:

Pupil Equity Funding is money that will go to your child's school to help them provide the best possible opportunities for children's learning.

In particular, it is there to help the school support children who experience barriers to learning and who might be falling behind or not getting the same chances in their education because their family is experiencing poverty or other financial difficulties.

This money is given to schools as part of the Scottish Government's Scottish Attainment Challenge.