

# August Newsletter 2024



TEAM  
Together Eastbank Achieves More

## Welcome

A very warm welcome back to our Eastbank family and a big Eastbank welcome to all of our new staff & children. We hope you have all enjoyed a lovely summer break and like us are looking forward to a super year ahead!

## The Eastbank Team 2024-2025

### Head Teacher

Mrs Minnis  
Monday-Wednesday



### Acting Head Teacher

Mrs Walker  
Thursday-Friday



### Depute Head Teacher

Mrs Armstrong



### Principal Teacher

Mr Kiernan



Primary 1  
Primary 2/1  
Primary 2  
Primary 3a  
Primary 3b  
Primary 4  
Primary 5/4  
Primary 5  
Primary 6  
Primary 7/6  
Primary 7

Mrs Lawson  
Mrs Angely  
Mr Cairns  
Miss Steele  
Mrs Nicholson  
Miss Crichton  
Miss MacLachlan  
Mrs Milligan (Mon/Tues) & Miss Pearce (Wed-Fri)  
Mrs Fraser (Mon/Tues) & Mrs Pentland (Wed-Fri)  
Miss Cameron (Mon) & Mrs Clark (Tues-Fri)  
Mrs Campbell

Miss McIntyre  
Mrs Kelly  
Mrs Henderson  
Mrs Kelly  
Miss Krybus  
Miss Watt  
Miss Wilson  
Mr Scott

Child Development Officer (am)  
Clerical Assistant  
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Support for Learning Worker  
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Janitor

## School Vision & Values

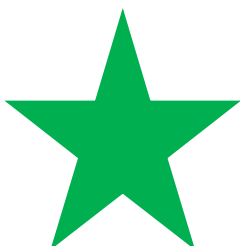
Last session we updated our school values and after a full school consultation the following five values were selected:



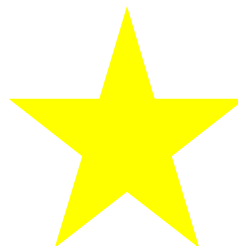
Appreciation



Respect



Safety



Responsibility



Team Work

As a school we will promote and celebrate these values. We look forward to working with children, staff, parents and our wider school community to launch a vision we can all be proud of.

### Attendance

Full attendance and punctuality are key factors in helping our young people to be successful. These are skills that last a life time. If your child has to attend a medical appointment this should be made out-with the school day and where this is not possible a copy of the appointment should be shared with the school via the school office.

If your child is ill or unable to attend school for any reason you must contact the absence line on **0141 287 0039** on the first day of absence. If your child continues to be absent you must call the line each day or provide an estimated return date. If we do not know why your child is absent you will receive a call or text.

To make sure you receive the right support you require, parents and carers should still contact the school directly to report absences of a sensitive or personal nature, for example:

- Bereavement
- Serious illness, for example, an absence which is going to last more than one week
- Injury, for example, broken limb
- Contagious diseases or illness

### School Uniform

Our pupils have returned to school looking extremely smart in their new school uniforms. We work hard to ensure this continues throughout the year and plan to do this once again. We would appreciate it if all parents and carers could ensure all items of clothing and footwear are **clearly labelled** to ensure that if any are misplaced they can be returned promptly to their owners. Jogging trousers and leggings are not school uniform. Uniform is:

White Shirt	School Tie	Yellow Polo Shirt	Black Jumper/Cardigan	Black trousers	Black skirt/pinafore
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Uniform can be ordered from:

- B.E.Schoolwear, 35 Argyle Street, Glasgow, G2 8AH
- Order on-line at: [info@border-embroideries.co.uk](mailto:info@border-embroideries.co.uk)
- Order on-line at: [www.blossomsschoolwear.com](http://www.blossomsschoolwear.com)
- Blossoms Schoolwear Shop East Kilbride Shopping Centre Unit 36, Southgate, G74 1LT



Please visit our Uniform Bank located in the School Entrance Hall – all uniforms are in good condition (if not brand new) and are freshly laundered. A BIG thank you for all donations, it is so appreciated.

### Parents Portal

Parents Portal is designed to replace the 'schoolbag run' and provides online access to a range of school related services to parents/carers.

It will provide access to Parents/Carers with information about school and will allow 24-hour online access to:

- Complete/update the annual data check process electronically
- Update their own as well as their child's details at any time
- View the school calendar
- Complete electronic permission slips and consent forms

parentsportal.scot

As the Parents Portal develops, you will see more services being introduced in the future including online placing requests, report cards, payments for trips and activities.

### Car Parking

I would like to remind all adults to park safely away from the school and walk with their children to the gates. Parents and carers are kindly asked not to use the staff car park for picking up and dropping off. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### Exiting Procedures

Thank you so much for your support in maintaining our exit procedures at 3pm. P1-P3 will exit from our Infant Gate and P4-P7 will exit from the Senior Gate. Your co-operation with keeping the Infant Gate area clear following our 'pick up & go' advice and P4-P7 pupils exiting from the Senior Gate is appreciated. Children with a younger sibling can leave through their sibling's gate.

### Whole School Soft Start

All children are encouraged to go straight in to class from **8.50am** to get ready for the day and of course enjoy some 'play' and social time with their friends as well as fun challenges. Any children entering after **9.00am** should enter through the School Office Entrance Hall. Children entering school following the 9am bell will be marked as late.

## Healthy Snacks

As you are all aware we are a Health and Wellbeing Award winning Primary School and we always recommend a healthy snack! Please be mindful of healthy snacks as we start the new session – fruit, cereal bars, fruit juice and water are welcomed. We encourage our children to drink water throughout the day. Please provide a full water bottle labelled with your child's name for use during the school day and remember no fizzy drinks should be brought into school in line with all Eastbank Learning Community schools.

## P.E.

As you know we are committed to providing as many sporting experiences for our pupils as possible. We will continue to follow Scottish Government guidance on this. Each class will participate in 2 hours of quality PE lessons each week. PE can be delivered inside or out.

*As stated in Master Safety File 34P PE Code of Practice and Risk Assessments the following procedures should be followed:-*

- Pupils should change into suitable clothing and footwear for the activity.
- Pupils **must** not work in stocking soles and bare feet should only be allowed when conditions are suitable.
- Personal effects (e.g. jewellery, body piercing, items of religious significance, watches, hair slides and belts) constitute a hazard and may cause injury if worn whilst participating in Physical Education and must be removed.

We appreciate your support in providing your child with a T-shirt/Polo Shirt, shorts and lightweight sandshoes or trainers (**No football colours please**). Pupils are invited to bring their kit in a tote bag which can stay in school and be brought home periodically for washing.

It is a good idea to allow children to keep a kit in school as PE days can change throughout the session depending on the availability of Sports Coaches.

PE Days 2024		
Primary 1	Monday	Thursday
Primary 2/1	Monday	Thursday
Primary 2	Tuesday	Wednesday
Primary 3a	Tuesday	Wednesday
Primary 3b	Wednesday	Friday
Primary 4	Tuesday	Thursday
Primary 5/4	Tuesday	Wednesday
Primary 5	Tuesday	Thursday
Primary 6	Tuesday	Friday
Primary 7/6	Monday	Friday
Primary 7	Monday	Friday

## Administration of Medicines

If your child requires to be given any form of medicine during the school day inclusive of inhalers it is necessary to complete a medical form from the office before we can administer it. All medicines must be labelled with your child's name and the quantity to be given Please also let the office know if your child has stopped / started taking any long-term medicines over the summer period. It is vital that our Health records are kept up to date. Also, we kindly ask that any "3 per day" antibiotics be issued before and after school.



## Parent Council

Our Parent Council would like to invite all parent/carers to their Annual General Meeting on **Thursday 19th September at 6pm at FUSE**. Our Parent Council are a very important part of the Eastbank Team and we would ask you to try to join the AGM to find out what they do and consider the possibility of joining their team!

## Mobile Phones and Email Addresses


Please ensure that we have your most current mobile telephone number & e-mail address to allow you to receive updates. Also, please remember that if you wish your child to bring a mobile phone or digital device, including an apple watch to school then a consent form must be signed and returned to the Class Teacher. Over the past few years the number of mobile phones brought to school by the children has drastically increased. Please consider carefully if your child requires to bring a mobile device to school. Mobile phones will be stored in the classroom between 9am and 3pm at the owners own risk. Please use the main telephone line to contact the school at any point.

## Awesome August


Every month we have a house point challenge where children can earn tokens for their house by working together to:

# Awesome August



1. Come to school on time. 

2. Everyone should be in school uniform. 

3. Stand in a safe, smart line. 

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X previously known as Twitter/ Website

Don't forget to follow us on X @EastbankPri for the latest updates and good news stories / or just google Eastbank Primary X to have a look at our X page. We have over 1900 followers.

You can find more information about our school on our website: [www.eastbank-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](http://www.eastbank-pri.glasgow.sch.uk)

### Rights Respecting School

We are beginning our journey as a Rights Respecting School. We are looking for parent volunteers to be part of a whole school group to represent our full school community. If this is something you wish to be part of, please let the school office know or speak to Mr Kiernan or Mrs Walker.



### Final Remarks

We would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the continued importance of positive home/school relationships. We hold an open-door policy and will endeavour to respond to any parental queries as promptly and thoroughly as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact us at school, no matter how small or insignificant you feel it may be! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you so very much for the wonderful feedback and suggestions we received via our parent questionnaires. We will share the collated responses and our plans for school improvement in our September Newsletter.

Looking forward to another great year ahead!

Kind Regards

Gayle Minnis & Trish Walker  
Head Teacher/Acting Head Teacher

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