

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to welcome you all back to a new year at Stoneferry Primary School or to those of you who are just joining our school, I would like to welcome you as your child begins their school journey here at Stoneferry. I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer, we certainly had lovely weather this year! It has been wonderful to get to know the children this week. Thank you very much for ensuring your children look smart and are arriving at school on time. As I have walked around the school, I have been very impressed with their behaviour, manners, and attitude towards work, they have settled very quickly and have made an excellent start to the new year.

You will shortly be receiving a class newsletter detailing what your child will be learning this term, but below are a few reminders and information about the school day, school lunches, school uniform, reading, attendance and celebration assembly.

### **Timings**

The school doors open at 8:35am and school begins at 8:50am.  
All children get a 15 minute break mid-morning and a 45 minute lunch break.  
School finishes at 3pm.

### **Attendance**

Although attendance is generally very good at Stoneferry, one thing I did want to share with you very early in the term, is about a national agenda which you will almost certainly have heard about via the media. The Government has been explicit in its intention to pursue excellent attendance for all children. This was published in their document '[Working together to improve school attendance](#)'. To us, the expectation is clear: that children should attend every session when the school is open. However, we do recognise that there will be exceptional times when it is not possible to attend school e.g. illness, medical appointments etc, but you must ensure you contact the school office to let us know if your child is not attending.

Weekly we will be celebrating the class with the highest attendance and attendance will be discussed at parents' evenings.

### **Reading**

Your child will take part in reading sessions daily and with a teacher weekly, but in addition to this, we ask that you continue to listen to your child read at home at least three times a week to ensure they are a Regular Reader. This will enable your child to become a more confident, fluent reader. Please discuss the book with your child and then sign and date their Reading Record book each time you hear them read.

### **School Dinners**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: school meals are free.

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: the cost of a school meal will be £1.50

### **School uniform**

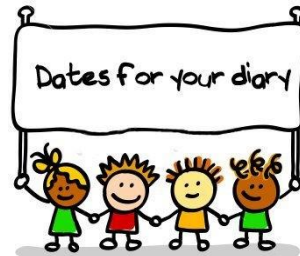
Although it is not necessary to have school branded uniform, all uniform should adhere to the school colours. Please ensure all clothing and water bottles are clearly named because we appreciate how expensive they are, and we want to be able to return any found items.



### **Celebration assembly**

Starting week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> September, our Friday celebration assembly for Years 1 – 6 will be changing. One child per class will be awarded with the class award and one Headteacher award will be given out for the whole school.

If your child is receiving an award, you will be telephoned on a Wednesday to be invited into school to see your child presented with their award in our whole school assembly on the Friday of that week at 2:30pm. Please arrive promptly at 2:25pm as the assembly will begin at 2:30pm. We ask for no more than two adults to attend to ensure everyone can fit into the hall. Younger siblings are welcome, however we do kindly ask that you leave, should they become disruptive.



Please note that more information will follow about key events.

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Jeans for Genes
- Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Cycle to school week
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 & 6 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October -Flu Immunisation
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 3pm - School closes for half term
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - School reopens after half term

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely  
Jane Havercroft  
Head of School