

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to welcome you back to the new school year at Eassie Primary School. Firstly, welcome back to our existing pupils and their parents who all look refreshed and ready for another exciting term. It has been lovely to hear about all the holiday news.

Findlay, our new Primary 1 pupil has settled well and already seem as though he has been here for longer than five days.

I would also like to welcome Stephanie Whyte, big sister of Josh and Lillie Menzies who has joined the P4-7 class and hope she has a happy and successful time with us.

During our first assembly we thought about turning over a new leaf and the teachers shared with the children what they wanted to do differently this new term.

Staff News

We extend a warm welcome to Ms Crawford who has joined the staff at Eassie and will be teaching P1/2/3. We also welcome Mrs Boath, ASN teacher who will visit Eassie and provide support in 3 week blocks. Mr Colin Grant will be teaching Kodaly on a Monday afternoon to the P1/2/3/4 pupils. Mrs Fiona Lindley will be teaching P1-7 each Thursday afternoon to cover the class teachers' non-contact time.



Superstar Corner

Don't forget to let us know if your child has done something extra special that we can include here.

Make 10

This term our Make 10 positive behaviour system started on **Monday 19 August** and will finish on **Friday 1 November**. The children need to Make 10 7 weeks out of 9. The treat which will be chosen by the children will take place the following week.

Volunteers

We welcome any new volunteers to run lunchtime or afterschool clubs or help in school with different activities. Please contact me at school if you would like to help in any way or have any questions about volunteering.

School Dinners

School meals cost £1.90 per day and must be ordered and paid for in advance on a Monday. Payments should be by cash or by cheque to Angus Council.

Reporting an Absence

If your child is absent from school, please phone us first thing in the morning (9.45am at the latest) or e-mail eassie@eassie.angus.sch.uk to let us know why and ,if possible, advise when likely return to school.

Data Checking Sheets

If not already returned, please remember check the details are all correct, amend if necessary, sign and return the sheets to school as soon as possible to ensure that our records are up to date. Thank you

Health Promoting Grant

The school has been awarded a new Health Promoting grant of £276. We have ordered a Buddy Bench for the playground which will be funded with this grant and some school funds remaining from a previous grant.

PE Lessons

A reminder that pupils have PE lessons on a Monday afternoon and Thursday morning. Pupils should ensure they have a full PE kit in school on those days – shorts, t-shirt, indoor\sports shoes (eg trainers) and a pair of jogging-type trousers\leggings – as lessons may at times be outside. Long hair will require to be tied back and any jewellery removed for PE lessons.

Daily Physical Exercise

The P7 pupils are currently receiving training so that they may lead DPA lessons for the other pupils each week.

Brass and Strings Lessons

Brass lessons will continue on a Wednesday with Ms De Villiers.

Gardening Days

We have included a few gardening days throughout the year when children should come to school in their own clothes and each class will spend some time during the day out in the school grounds generally tidying up – this has worked well in other schools and the children are keen to help keep our school tidy. Parent helpers would be very welcome to join a class on the gardening days. Gardening days will be in the new school calendar which will be sent home shortly.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school at 9am on Wednesday 28th August. This year photographs will be of individual pupils and/or family groups. Please contact school if you wish to make arrangements for a family group photograph to be taken.

Parent Council meeting

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be at 7pm on Monday 2nd September in the school. This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting of the Council. All parents are welcome to attend. One of the items on the agenda will be the School Traffic policy which includes arrangements for collecting children at the end of the school day. Anyone wishing to raise any matter in advance should contact the school or the Chairman, Mr Bruce Pattullo at b.pattullo@talktalk.net or tel. 01828

Meet the teacher/Curriculum Information Parents' Evening – Wednesday 18th September 6.30 - 8.00pm

The purpose of this evening is for you to meet the teachers and to find out more about the curriculum and new developments in particular. The evening will consist of an introductory talk from myself and then workshops delivered by the staff and children in their classrooms. I am sure that you will find it an interesting and informative evening. More information will follow.

Dalguise

P7 pupils will be joining the other P7 pupils in the Kirriemuir Cluster at the PGL Dalguise Outdoor Centre from 11 to 13 September. This is always a fantastic 3 days with children abseiling, mountain biking, climbing etc and a chance to make friends with other children in the Kirriemuir Cluster.

If any of the P7 parents would like more information about Dalguise or wish to discuss anything about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Walkwise Road Safety Training - Primary 1 and Primary 2

This training will take place this term and will be delivered by parent volunteers and staff at Glamis in Glamis village. Parents of Primary 1/2 pupils will be notified about it soon. If any parents would like to help with this training please contact the school office.

Charity Shop

A reminder the charity shop in Coupar Angus is our fund-raising event for school funds this year. Setting up will be on Saturday 22nd September, the shop will be open from Monday 23rd to Saturday 28th September and everything will have to be cleared from the shop on the Saturday. We hope that everyone will be able to help us collect in goods for sale. We hope to involve pupils from the P4\7 class in working in the shop at some time during the week. We require adult volunteers to man the shop, set up and clear away. If not already returned, please complete and return your form to school as soon as possible so that we can make all the necessary arrangements.

Kirrie Splash

We hope to raise a team of 6-8 swimmers aged 6 years or over to take part in the Kirrie Splash fund-raising event at Webster's Leisure Centre during the afternoon of Saturday 28th September. Forms have been given to interested pupils in the P4/7 class for return to school as soon as possible.

Harvest Celebration

We will hold a Harvest Celebration in school at 2pm on Thursday 3rd October. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Joint Headship

Glamis and Eassie children and staff enjoy coming together on different occasions including clubs and lessons and for joint staff training and meetings and we are looking forward to building on this partnership working this session.

I normally split my time between Glamis and Eassie on the following days;

Glamis – Monday all day, Wednesday morning and Friday all day.

Eassie – Tuesday all day, Wednesday afternoon and Thursday all day.

I can be contacted at either school (**Glamis phone number is 01307 840291 or email glamis@glamis.angus.sch.uk**) and can meet with parents at either school if necessary.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Jayne Ferguson

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Head Teacher

Diary Dates

28 th August	School Photographer
2 nd September	Parent Council meeting
11 th , 12 th , 13 th September	P7 Dalguise trip
18 rd September	Meet the Teacher/CFE evening
23 rd – 28 th September	Charity shop
28 th September	Kirrie Splash
3 rd October	Harvest Celebration
4 th October	Term Ends
21 st October	Term Starts
4 th November	Parents' evening 4 - 6.30pm
28 th November	In service Day 2 (school closed to pupils)
29 th November	In service Day 3 (school closed to pupils)
2 nd December	St Andrew's Day Holiday
3 rd December	Christmas Outing
10 th & 11 th December	Christmas performances
19 th December	Christmas Lunch\Party
20 th December	Term Ends 12 noon