



Simonside News



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the summer break! On behalf of the staff, I would like to welcome all new children and families to Simonside – I can guarantee that you will love it here!

There have been some exciting improvements undertaken in the holidays, both inside and out – our key stage 2 yard has been resurfaced (at last!) and we will now hand the job over to the School Council to decide on playground markings. The immersive curriculum is off to a flying start this year with launch days already under out belts! Please look on twitter for photos @simonsideschool.

For those of you who are new to school, please be aware that there is a list of provisional diary dates on the reverse of this newsletter with details to follow. We are all keen to settle in to our learning and new routines and I look forward to seeing you all at parents' evening but please don't hesitate to call in to see me if you would like to discuss any aspect of school life before then. Mrs. Bland

Child care provision – after school cosy corner

Child care provision is available after school everyday at our cosy corner club **until 5.00pm costing £3.00 per session.**

To avoid disappointment, it is vital that you inform us on a Monday which days you need for the week. Thank you.

School Dinners



School dinners for KS2 children cost £2.10 per day (£10.50 per week). We request that all school dinner money is sent in on a **MONDAY** in an envelope clearly stating the child's name, class and amount of money contained for that week. The school packed lunch option will be available for children to choose - Monday Y 2/6, Tues – Y3/5, Wed – Y4/2, Thurs Y3/5, Friday Y4/6

Attendance Matters @ Simonside

As you know, we have been working incredibly hard over the past year to improve our attendance figures and this year, we are determined to make it our best yet! Our usual 'island-hopping' pirates have abandoned ship and have been replaced with 'slither'-ing snakes, which will grow each week when the classes have an attendance of 96% and above; the termly class prize will be won by the class with the longest snake and, as usual, the prize will be decided on by the children so the possibilities are endless! In addition to attendance monitoring, we will also be closely monitoring children's punctuality as missing just 5 minutes a day can soon add up to a lot of learning loss. Please support your child by helping them to 'beat the bell' and arrive in school by 8:55am (remember, doors close promptly and any arrivals after this time will be marked as late). Should you have any concerns regarding your child's punctuality or attendance or you would like any support and advice, please get in touch - we will be more than happy to help.

Uniform and PE Kit Reminder

Please make sure that your child has a school PE kit **every** day; this should always include trainers and plain blue/black or grey tracksuit bottoms for the colder weather. Leggings and earrings are not permitted.



Earrings & Hair-cuts policy



For safety reasons, children must take earrings out for school.

No extreme hair-cuts or colours please!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club runs from 8am to 8.55am every day at the increased cost of **£2.20** per day. Great fun activities and a choice of breakfast is served! Entry before 8.30am.

Road Safety

Please be considerate to local residents when parking and take great care with children at busy times on Glasgow Rd.

Key Stage 2 - HEALTHY TUCK SHOP

OPEN Tuesday & Friday during morning break. The tuck shop has been very popular with children so far and we encourage pupils to choose from a range of healthy snacks.

E.g. tube yoghurt & juice = 50p

