



## Cuiken Callout

April 2019

I can't believe that we are only a couple of days away from the Easter holidays-where has the time gone?!

### **Staffing**

I am delighted to announce that we have been able to appoint 2 Acting Depute Head Teachers to cover Mrs Hughes maternity leave. Our very own Miss Karen Hancock was successful in her application as well as Miss Kerry Dolan, who is currently Principal Teacher at Hawthornden Primary School. Both candidates will bring a lot of expertise and experience to these roles and we are very excited for our Cuiken Family to grow. Mrs Hughes continues to work 2 days a week and will return to full time work in June. Miss Hancock will be released from class on a Friday as well as a Thursday until June to support the leadership team. Mrs Cummings will teach P1a on a Thursday and Friday during this time.

We would like thank Mrs Stirling for all her hard work over the past year and wish her lots of love and luck as she begins her maternity leave. Mr Abbott and Mrs Galbucci will remain Acting Principal Teachers and return to class. I appreciate that both P2/3 and P7 have had staffing changes this session therefore Mr Abbott and Mrs Galbucci's development and preparation time will be covered by our visiting specialists and Mrs Hughes.

We welcomed 2 new faces to our Nursery this term – Pat Duncan and Rosemary McCallum. Both have settled in well!

### **School Priorities**

#### **– Vision and Values**

A massive thanks to all of our grown-ups who volunteered with our community mural. There will be opportunities next term for everyone within the Cuiken Family to add to this!

### **Building**



Work continues to progress with our extension and we continue to work closely alongside Hadden Construction. I have regular meetings with the site manager to discuss future plans as well as raising any issues. If you have any specific questions then please do not hesitate to contact the school and I will also keep you updated in each Cuiken Callout on how the works are coming along.

### **School Crossing**

Just a reminder that we do have a school crossing guide who is there to support our Cuiken Family when crossing the road. It has been brought to our attention that some pupils are not using our guide, instead crossing further up the street. We have highlighted this in assembly and we would appreciate if you could chat to your children about this also.



## **Security**

We have had to change our fire exit plans due to the building site meaning we no longer lock the playground gates. Our gates are now fitted with secure latches at the top to ensure the safety of our pupils. Our janitor closes these at 8.55am and reopens them from 3.05pm. If you enter the playground earlier than 3.05pm PLEASE can you ensure the gates are closed behind you.

## **Enhanced Nurture Provision**

Our Enhanced Nurture Provision was recently reviewed by colleagues from Midlothian Council, with their focus being 1.3 Leadership of Change and 3.1 Ensuring Wellbeing, Inclusion and Equality. I am delighted to let you know that this visit was extremely positive and the hard work that has been put into the ENP over the past year was identified as a strength. An action plan has been developed in partnership with the authority and we are looking forward to developing our Provision moving forward.

## **Parent Council**



The next meeting of the Parent Council will be Tuesday 7th May at 7pm. It would be great to see members of the Cuiken Family there.



Just a reminder that the last day of school before we break for Easter is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.  
Have a lovely couple of weeks with your families and we look forward to seeing you on  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.