



# Cuiken Callout

June 2019

Summer is almost upon us which means another school year is drawing to a close. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Cuiken Family for all of your support over the past year - you really are the best 😊

## **Staffing**

This time of year brings excitement as the school year draws to a close but it can also mean staffing changes.

The lovely Gwendy Powell will be leaving us at the end of term to take on a new role at Garvald. Gwendy always greets any member of the Cuiken Family with a huge smile and has been such a positive influence with our breakfast club. I am sure you will all agree that Gwendy will be a huge loss however we wish her all the best for her new adventure. Tracy Hamilton, who currently works in the office, will take on extra hours and breakfast club responsibility in Gwendy's absence.

Our 2 visiting specialists will be moving onto different schools within the authority due to our staffing structure. Our music teacher, Elaine Callaghan, will be a great loss to our school community. She has worked with many families over the number of years she has been at Cuiken and has inspired many to pursue further musical opportunities. Her work with our school choir and class assemblies has been fantastic and her new schools are so lucky to have her and her expertise. Our art teacher, Gemma Goodwin, has been with us for 2 years and her creative flair in working with the children and wonderful displays that grace our school corridors will be sorely missed.

Mrs Hughes begins her maternity leave and we wish her all the love and happiness as a Mummy of 2. Karen Hancock and Kerry Dolan will begin their new roles as Depute Head Teacher in the new session.

## **Communication**



We have listened to the views of our Cuiken Family and we will be launching our new school app in August. The aim of the app is to improve school communication and reduce our photocopying and paper consumption costs. This will prevent schoolbags being swamped in paper, letters being 'lost' and grown-ups not being aware of school events. Our parent council are currently trialling the app and details of the launch will be shared on our return to school in August.

## **Session 2019-2020**

There will be an additional 2 staff in-service days next session and these proposed dates are Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. These dates are to be approved by the Scottish Government and we are also waiting clarification that the Nursery will be closed on these dates. We will have more information in August but thought it would be useful to have these dates in advance as we know the impact this will have on working arrangements and childcare.

## **End of term arrangements**

School will finish at the normal time of 12.25pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June and children are welcome to dress down for the day (at no extra cost). We wish you all a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

