

School Motto: **T**ogether **w**e **a**re the **H**eart of **H**unter

A huge welcome back to school for session 2022-2023! I am beyond delighted to be joining the Hunter community as the new Acting Head Teacher. I have been made to feel so welcome by everyone and I am excited to take the school forward this academic session.

We start the session with a roll of 171, split over 7 classes. Our children have returned to school enthusiastic and ready to learn, looking smart in their school uniforms. Thanks to all parents for supporting us with this! I have been visiting classes this week and are pleased to report all children are settled, and are 'ready to learn'.

We are all hoping for a fully settled year this year compared with the last three school sessions. As always should anything change, I will keep parents/carers updated.

Wishing everyone a fantastic year ahead!

Mr. Gary Campbell
Head Teacher (Acting)

Our School Vision:

Here at Hunter Primary School we aim to be
Happy, Understanding,
Nurturing, Truthful,
Equal and Respectful.



Please follow us
on Twitter:
@HunterPrimary



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school or by emailing one of the addresses below:

office@hunter-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

headteacher@hunter-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

gw07baddeleyeileen@glow.sch.uk

Office email

Mr. Campbell's email

Mrs Baddeley's email



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Staffing and classes update

Please see below staff and class details for the 2022-23 academic session:

Head Teacher (Acting)	Mr. Gary Campbell
Principal Teacher	Mrs. Eileen Baddeley
Primary 1 (Room 1)	Miss Laughland
Primary 2/3 (Room 2)	Ms. McAdam (Mon/Tues) and Mrs. McHugh (Wed-Fri)
Primary 3 (Room 4)	Mrs. Rasul
Primary 4 (Room 5)	Ms. Holmes
Primary 5 (Room 6)	Mrs. McLaughlin
Primary 6 (Room 8)	Mrs. Hodge
Primary 7 (Room 9)	Miss Taylor
CCC Teacher	Miss Mooney (P.E. and Health and Wellbeing) (Mon-Thur)
Additionality Teacher	Mrs. Menzies (Mon/Tues)

Support Staff:

Mrs. Shearon - Team Leader
Mrs. Macmillan
Mrs. Millar
Mrs. Hendry
Mrs. Black
Mrs. McCuaig
Mrs. Kelly
Mrs. Crawford
Mrs. Glen

Janitor:

Mr David Hughes

Please note, this will be the only newsletter which children will bring home for you to read. From September, newsletters will be available on our school app with notifications posted on our Twitter feed. However, if you would still like to receive a paper copy, please contact our school office and let them know. Thank you.



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School communication: Twitter, School App, Google Classroom

We have recently reviewed the number of communication systems in Hunter Primary and have condensed these to hopefully make it easier to access important and relevant information. South Lanarkshire Council endorses the use of **Twitter**.



Please follow us on Twitter **@HunterPrimary** where we will regularly post school communication including photographs of learning, useful hints and tips, diary reminders, useful community links and many more.

School app – This is our primary means of communication, and we strongly encourage parents/carers to download it to your smart phone if you have not done so already. Please also share this with friends and family. With the use of the instant message service, we will be posting almost all school letters on the app where possible. This will help us with our Eco agenda and reduce the amount of paper being sent home. Moving forward, I will now be updating the '**dates**' section within the app - this will include important up and coming diary events in school (not just the useful school lunch options).

To download school app: In your smart phone app store, search 'School App for Parents' (see logo opposite), download and install. Navigate to locate 'Hunter Primary School' and type in the access code **2012**. Alternatively, please scan the QR code to take you directly to the downloadable link.

School App for Parents



Google Classroom – We will be using Google Classroom slightly differently this year. Google Classroom is an excellent tool for a range of learning activities in and out of school. We have now moved away from Glow blogs and instead, class teachers will post weekly homework activities, as well as showcasing the class learning journey via the use of photographs and in some instances, video.



Google Classroom

Parents/carers will be issued with a letter shortly that will contain all relevant joining instructions and access to online platform **Glow** (which is required in order to access Google Classroom).

Please note: when Google Classroom is set up, we ask parents/carers **do not** contact the class teacher through this platform. Please instead contact your child's teacher via school office in the first instance.

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School Uniform

Uniform is expected for all Hunter pupils. Our uniform is plain **black or grey** trousers/skirt/pinafore and a **white shirt** and tie. **A red/white or grey polo top /cardigan** (with or without school badge) can also be worn. **A black/red or grey jumper/sweatshirt** can also be worn.



Indoor shoes

To help maintain our clean carpets, we ask all children to **bring a pair of soft indoor shoes** to change in and out of at break times. These will be stored safely in the cloakroom areas. Please help us by labelling shoes with your child's name and room number.

Physical Education

The reopening of the changing facilities means children no longer need to arrive in school dressed down in joggers and a t-shirt for the day. Children can wear their red polo shirt and have their shorts on under their school bottoms/skirt or access space to change. **Strictly no football colours.** It is helpful if older children bring trainers (as their soft shoes/P.E.) due to a slippery games hall floor. **As always jewellery should be removed as a safety precaution.** It is extremely helpful from a Health and Safety perspective that your child **does not wear earrings** on P.E. days. If you cannot remove your child's earrings, **please provide your child with Micropore tape.** This can be stored in school. Acrylic nails are **strictly** not permitted in school. Pupils will be unable to take part in any P.E. activities. Please note, in times of good weather, classes may have both indoor and outdoor sessions. PE days for each class are listed below.

<u>Primary 1, Room 1</u>	Tuesday	Thursday
<u>Primary 2/3, Room 2</u>	Monday	Thursday
<u>Primary 3, Room 4</u>	Tuesday	Wednesday
<u>Primary 4, Room 5</u>	Wednesday	Friday
<u>Primary 5, Room 6</u>	Monday	Wednesday
<u>Primary 6, Room 8</u>	Tuesday	Friday
<u>Primary 7, Room 9</u>	Monday	Thursday



Primary 1

We are so proud to see our Primary 1 children in their school uniforms and they are enjoying getting to know the routines for each day. A reminder that indoor shoes are required for the children to change in to each day. They have had a lovely first few days getting to know their teacher and their P.7 buddies! Our P1 children will play in the playground space at the bottom of the playground towards the garden area where it is easiest to ensure their safety.

A few reminders-

- We are a parent free playground am - all children should be dropped off at the main gate as you enter the playground (next to MUGA pitch) where they will be supported to enter the playground by school staff and/or our senior pupils.
- Children should know if they are a school lunch or a packed lunch, please go over the menu with your child each day to ensure they are choosing a meal that they will eat (*see school app for daily lunch menu choices*).
- Snacks for playtime should be separate from the packed lunch to avoid any confusion for the child.
- A labelled water bottle.
- Please ensure **ALL** items are labelled with your child's name.

P.7 Big Buddies

Our P1 and P7 buddies have already taken part in their first Buddy activities of the session. My thanks go out to all Primary 7 pupils for making Primary 1 feel welcome and part of Hunter Primary. Big buddies have supported Primary 1 pupils in getting organised for break and lunch time, showing them where to play outside and important details such as where the toilets are. They also spent lunchtime with them showing them how to line up, collect their tray and what to do when they have finished their lunch. I just know this is the start of a great relationship between both big and small buddy. There will be many more opportunities to work together throughout the year. As soon as we have all photograph permissions back, keep a careful eye on our Twitter where we will post some photographs. Keep up the great work!



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The school day at Hunter Primary

Start: 9.00 am **Interval:** 10.30 – 10.45 am **Lunch:** 12.30 – 1.15 pm **End:** 3pm

Wet Weather arrangements



In the event of inclement weather, we will bring the children into school before the 9.00 am bell. As always this is dependent on staff supervision. **Two bells will** sound to indicate a wet start/break. Children will go straight to their classes in the event of a wet morning where they will be expected to change their shoes, wash their hands and then sit at their desk with a private reading book or chatting quietly until their teacher arrives. Each floor will be supervised, and senior monitors will be on hand to assist younger children. We ask that on days where weather is an issue then **please bring your child to school as close to the 9.00 am start time as possible** and refrain from dangerous parking for drop off. We also ask that unless a child is late for school that they are not brought to or dropped off at the main office. A waterproof jacket and sensible footwear is advised in the event of any delay to the wet weather bell.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that **all pupils** are welcome to come to the Breakfast Club. This runs daily and is available 8.15 – 8.45 am. There is no charge for this, and children will be offered the choice of **Weetabix/toast/fresh fruit and a cup of water/milk**. Pupils attending should report to the member of staff in charge to be registered in the building. Pupils will be dismissed into the main playground at 8.45 am.



WORKING TOGETHER...

Parental partnership is very important to us in Hunter, and we work very hard to build positive relationships with all our parents/carers, in order that we can work together to support all our children to reach their potential and feel happy and safe in school.

We are always here to help so, in the first instance, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via the main school office with any queries or concerns. I would ask that in all instances you contact the school directly and avoid posting any concerns you may have on social media, as in our experience, many worries can be easily resolved with a quick conversation.

Myself and Mrs. Baddeley are also here to help. Our door is always open, and you can contact us using our email addresses on page 1 of this newsletter, or by giving the school a call.

I am very much looking forward to working with you all. Here's to an excellent year in Hunter Primary!



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