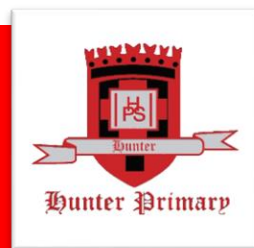


Hunter Primary Newsletter – August/September 2025



School Motto: ***Together we are the Heart of Hunter***

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new session! It has been an extremely busy period for us as we return to the new session, and prepare for our HMIE Inspection. Thank you to all our parents/carers who have supported us by completing the pre-inspection survey. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the team from Education Scotland from the 8th of September, and we cannot wait to showcase all that we do so well in Hunter!

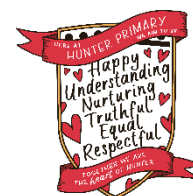
Our Primary 1 children have settled into school routines extremely quickly! They are a super positive bunch of youngsters, and we are looking forward to working with you and supporting their learning journey throughout their time. Additionally, many of our classes have been mixed up a little, with children meeting their new class and settling in well. We look forward to seeing those of you who can manage our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Monday 1st September from 2.15 pm.

Here's to a super 2025-26 session!

Mr. Gary Campbell, Head Teacher

Our School Vision:

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



Please follow us on
Facebook Groups:

**Hunter Primary
School, East Kilbride**



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

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

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Office email

Mr. Campbell's email

Mrs. Baddeley's email

Mrs. McLaughlin's email

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Staffing and classes update

We have recently said a temporary farewell to Mrs. McLean who has begun her maternity leave. We will keep you all updated with all the baby news when we hear it. Hunter has also said what we hope is a temporary goodbye to Mr. Lindsay (last sessions Room 4 teacher). Mr. Lindsay has taken up a temporary post in another school and we wish him all the best!

We welcome to our staff Miss McIntyre who begins her first year of teaching. Miss McIntyre will be teaching the children in Primary 3/4, Room 4 and will be supported by Mrs. Baddeley. Mr. Morrell also joins us on a temporary basis (Tuesday PM and Wednesday all day). Mr. Morrell will mainly support Room 7, but will be supporting other classes too.

Mrs. McLaughlin was successful at interview for Acting PT recently. Mrs. McLaughlin will continue to be class committed on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

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

Support Staff:

Mrs. Shearon - Team Leader
Mrs. Millar (Monday – Thursday)
Mrs. Hendry (Monday – Thursday)
Mrs. Black (Tuesday – Friday)
Mrs. McCuaig
Mrs. Kelly (Monday, Thursday and Friday)
Mrs. Crawford
Mrs. Glen (Tuesday and Wednesday)

Janitor:

Mr David Hughes





School communication: Facebook, School App, Google Classroom, ParentsPortal



We are delighted by the response of our new Facebook Group page which has replaced 'X'/Twitter. Our Facebook page will showcase learning and some key important updates. Access to this is moderated and any parent/carer adding will be asked a series of questions. Those who do not answer, will not be permitted access. We hope you enjoy viewing all the great learning that takes place in the school.

School app – This is our primary means of communication, and we strongly encourage all parents/carers to download it to your smart phone. 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. Keep an eye on the '**dates**' section within the app - this will include important up and coming diary events in school.

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 – All pupils will now have been issued with Glow and **Google Classroom** information. In order to access Google Classroom, you are required to sign into Glow. Google Classroom is an excellent tool for a range of learning activities in and out of school. 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

Please note: we ask parents/carers **not to** contact the class teacher through this platform as not all staff access this part of the classroom. Please instead contact your child's teacher via school office in the first instance.

ParentsPortal – All SLC schools have now moved to this platform which will allow parents/carers to do a variety of things including completing permissions, viewing end of session reports. Thank you for your continued patience in setting this up. If you continue to experience any difficulties, please contact the school office for help. Further information can be found at www.parentsportal.scot

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School Uniform

Uniform is expected for all Hunter pupils. Our uniform continued to be 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

Children will receive 2 hours of quality P.E. per week. On P.E. days, we encourage children to come dressed wearing their red polo shirt and have their shorts on under their school bottoms/skirt or access space to change, instead of wearing a shirt and tie. **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	Wednesday
<u>Primary 2, Room 2</u>	Thursday	Friday
<u>Primary 3, Room 3</u>	Monday	Wednesday
<u>Primary 3/4, Room 4</u>	Tuesday	Wednesday
<u>Primary 4/5, Room 6</u>	Tuesday	Thursday
<u>Primary 5/6, Room 7</u>	Wednesday	Thursday
<u>Primary 6, Room 8</u>	Monday	Thursday
<u>Primary 7, Room 9</u>	Tuesday	Wednesday



The school day at Hunter Primary

Breakfast Club: 8.15 – 8.45 am (all children welcome)

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.



Promotion of Fruit (health snack/Fruit and book)

We are actively promoting children to come to school with a healthy morning snack. Additionally, all classes undertake 'Fruit and Book' sessions (this may look slightly different in the upper stages). This initiative is almost daily and your child should be able to tell you which days it takes place. On these days, we are asking parents/carers to provide a piece of fruit. Extra fruit will be made available in the main office after lunch for anyone who would like some.



Hunter Primary **School Improvement Priorities 2025-26**

As we continue to progress into our 2025-26 session and reflect on all the work that was undertaken last session, please see below our 3 main strategic priorities for this year:

Priority 1: *Raising Attainment (Literacy Writing)*

Continue to develop and engage in 'Creating the balanced writer' (Explicitly Teaching Writing) pedagogy as a whole school approach to develop high quality learning, teaching and assessment experiences that raises attainment in Writing.

Priority 2: *Raising Attainment (Numeracy and maths)*

Continue to develop Numeracy and maths curriculum pedagogy and planning through exploring and implement new scheme(s) of work to ensure a consistent and progressive approach across the school.

Priority 3: *Outdoor Learning/Play inc. Skills Framework:*

Develop outdoor learning opportunities across the school linking with SLC Skills Framework which includes Skills Masterclasses.

Priority 4 (Learning Community Priority): *Improving School Attendance*

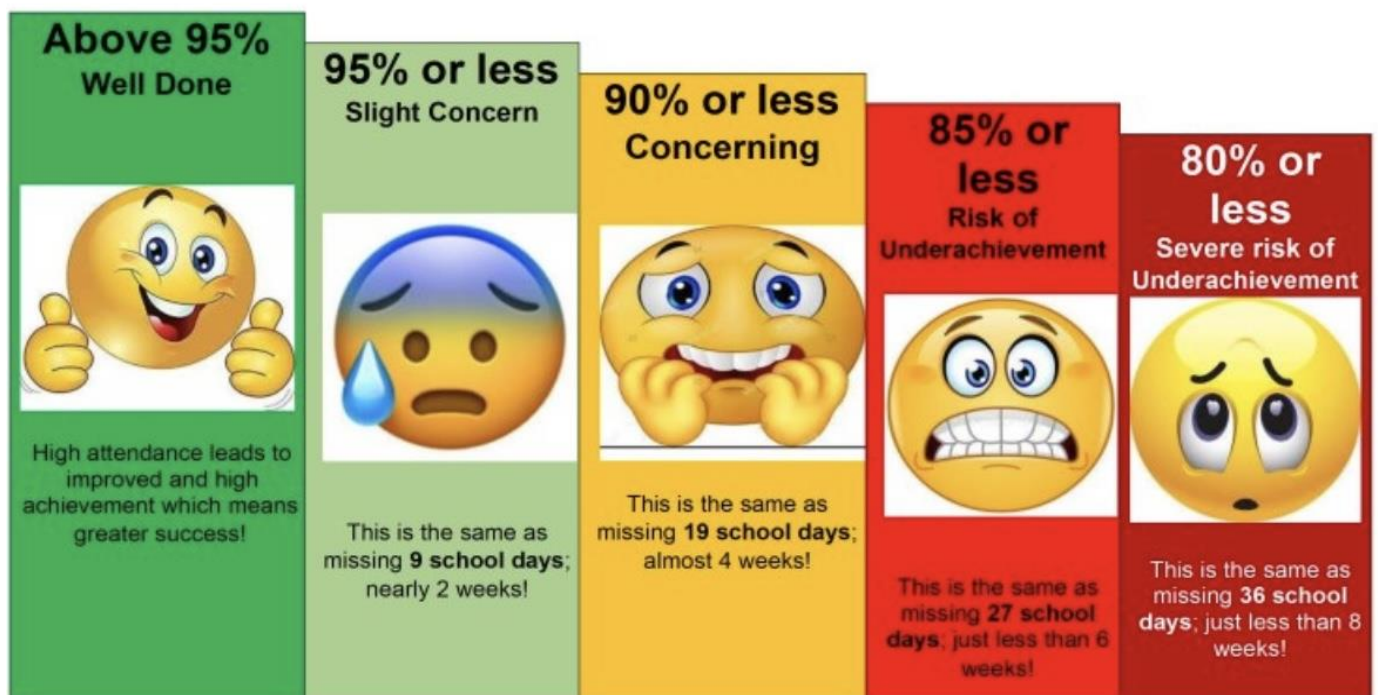
Create a toolkit to improve attendance across the learning community. Looking at Policy, procedures and data analysis.

Our full Standards and Quality report highlighting key successes and achievements of session 2024-25 can be found on the school website and school app.



Attendance and Absence reporting

Children should come to school unless too unwell to attend. Our school attendance rates are usually very good however we see a direct correlation between attendance and attainment. Pupils with lower attendance rates fall behind their classmates, are less resilient and confident. All pupil attendance is monitored regularly and where an attendance rate falls **below 90%**, this is monitored weekly. Where there is a pattern of poor attendance the Head Teacher will contact the parent/carer to discuss whether there are any supports that can be put in place. It is also helpful to contact the school should you have any attendance concerns regarding your child. It is our priority to work together in partnership to ensure the best outcomes for all children.



If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office and leave a message on the answer facility (**option 1 to report a child's absence**). Please tell us your **child's name, class and specific reason for absence**. Please note a specific reason is needed to authorise your child's absence.

Attendance is recorded as either 'authorised' or 'unauthorised'. **We are unable to authorise holidays taken during term time unless you are able to provide a letter from your employer (on headed notepaper) to explain your reason for your holiday.** Absence through illness or appointments are 'authorised' where we have the exact reason for absence.

We thank you for your continued support with this.

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, Mrs. Baddeley and Mrs. McLaughlin 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.

If you have a skill or talent that you would like to share, and would like to get involved in the life of the school, please contact Mr. Campbell. We would welcome any parent/carer who would be keen and interested in running an extra-curricular club.

I am very much looking forward to continuing to build on the already strong partnership we have in our school community. Here's to an excellent year in Hunter Primary!



Diary Dates - September

Remember to keep an eye on the 'Dates' section of the school app as this can change weekly.

Tuesday 2nd September	-	P7 Sidekicks training (2 of 3)
Thursday 4th September	-	P6 Swimming (2 of 12)
Monday 8th September	-	HMIe Hunter PS Inspection (all week)
Tuesday 9th September	-	P7 Sidekicks training (3 of 3) UKTC taster sessions for Room 1 and Room 2
Thursday 11th September	-	P6 Swimming (3 of 12)
Tuesday 16th September	-	Selected JRSO pupils to JRSO Open Day (Hamilton)
Thursday 18th September	-	P6 Swimming (4 of 12)
Monday 22nd September	-	Individual/Family photographs
Thursday 25th September	-	P6 Swimming (5 of 12)
Friday 26th September	-	HOLIDAY 😊
Monday 29th September	-	HOLIDAY 😊

An updated Annual Events Calendar will be issued shortly.

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Spotlight on Learning – Meet our Classes 2025-26



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