



Spittal Primary School
February/March 2018
Newsletter



A very warm welcome back to term 2 in Spittal Primary and a Happy New Year to all of our families!). I'd like to thank everyone for their support these last few months in Mrs Paterson's absence. In the meantime, Miss Thomson will continue to support me in her role as Acting Principal Teacher. We have had a few staff absences of late and have tried to ensure continuity for your children during this time.

It is with mixed feelings that we share the news of the demolition of our 'auld' school building. Many fond memories have been created and I know the Spittal Community will be sad to see the building go. However, the children are now getting very excited about their super-sized playground. We look forward to seeing how this will look as progress is made over the next year.

Mr Stephen Miller (Acting) Head Teacher

Contact Details - It is essential we have your current number and the name, address and telephone number of someone in addition to yourself that we can contact in the event of your child being unwell or in an emergency. Please notify the office or send your child into school with a note if there are any changes to your own or your child's emergency contact details. Thank you!

Absences - It is important that parent/carers alert the school to any child absences. Otherwise your child will be marked as 'unauthorised'. The school make every effort to follow-up on any unauthorised absences by telephone call or text message - both of which is accounting for quite a large cost within our budget. If you could alert the office to any school absences on the automated service by leaving a message with your child's details (including class) and expected date of return. You can do this by calling 0141 634 5861 and choosing option 1. You can do this the night before or on the morning (prior to 9am). Thank you for your support with this matter.

School Uniform - There has been a decline in children coming to school with full school uniform. Please ensure your child wears uniform at all times. Tracksuit trousers and hoodies should not be worn in to school. **Indoor Shoes** - Just a reminder that all children change from their outdoor shoes into indoor shoes when we come inside. Can you please ensure that your child has indoor shoes which are also used for gym. All jewellery should be left at home on gym days.

Thank You.

Credit Union - Please remember our Credit Union now runs on a Tuesday and you are still able to send money in for your children to become Savvy Savers.

Breakfast Club - Our Parent Group runs the Breakfast Club which provides a **free** breakfast of toast, cereal and juice in our dinner hall between 8.30 and 8.50 am every morning. The children are supervised by parent helpers in the Breakfast Club. **There is no extra supervision in the playground between 8.50 - 9.00am.** Can I please remind you that the Breakfast Club is **not** a "before school child care service". We ask that children are not dropped off before 8.30am and we ask all parents to encourage their child to show excellent behaviour and respect to our volunteers at **all** times.

Busy, busy, busy! We have been incredibly busy over the last few months and thank you for your support. Our **Rookie Rockstars** was an immensely popular event with many parents and children reporting how much they thoroughly enjoyed the show. Parents who purchased a copy of this CD should now have received this.

Christmas - Our annual Toy Sale raised £310, Our Christmas Fayre raised £1041 and our most recent school disco raised £148. Many thanks to our enterprising children and to our very small, but active, parent council 'Friends of Spittal' group for all of their help and continued support - much appreciated.

Coming up - Keep an eye on further letters coming home updating you on any upcoming events and important dates. This year is Spittal PS and Nursery Class 60th anniversary and staff are currently very busy trying to organise exciting events for ALL!