

Wednesday 19th June 2013



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am still waiting for confirmation of all staffing for next session, however classes have now been allocated. We have arranged a "Meet the Teacher" time on Thursday afternoon. During this time the children will meet their new Teacher in their new classroom. This is a good opportunity for our new Teachers to meet their class before the summer holidays.

Primary 1	Mrs Houston Ms Elliott (Mon and Tues) and Mrs Rennie (Wed, Thurs and Fri)
Primary 2	Mr Houston To be confirmed
Primary 3	Mrs Clark Mr Miller
Primary 4	Newly Qualified Teacher (4 days) To be confirmed (1 day)
Primary 5	Newly Qualified Teacher (4 days) Acting Principal Teacher (1 day)
Primary 6	Mrs Morton
Primary 7	Mrs Broadfoot

Newly Qualified Teachers teach for 4 days per week and have non class contact time for 1 day. They are also allocated a Mentor who supports them during their first full year of teaching. Our new P4 Teacher will be mentored by Mr Miller and our new P5 Teacher will be mentored by Mrs Clark.

Mrs Cavanagh will continue in the role of Specialist Support Teacher, working with small groups and individuals on a Wednesday.

CCC Teacher-I am waiting to hear the name of the Teacher who will cover classes to allow Teachers 2.5 hours non-contact time per week.

I am hoping that Miss Murray and Mrs Laccarini will be able to return in August.

Sadly, we will be saying Goodbye to Mrs Brunton next week. Our allocation of clerical hours has been reduced by 20 hours and Mrs Brunton will be moving to another school. Mrs Brunton has been a valued member of staff for many years here at Spittal and will be greatly missed.

The Acting Principal Teacher post has been advertised and interviews will take place on Monday. Hopefully the successful candidate will be able to start in August. This post will have a teaching commitment as well as some management time.

Prize Giving and Leaver's Assembly

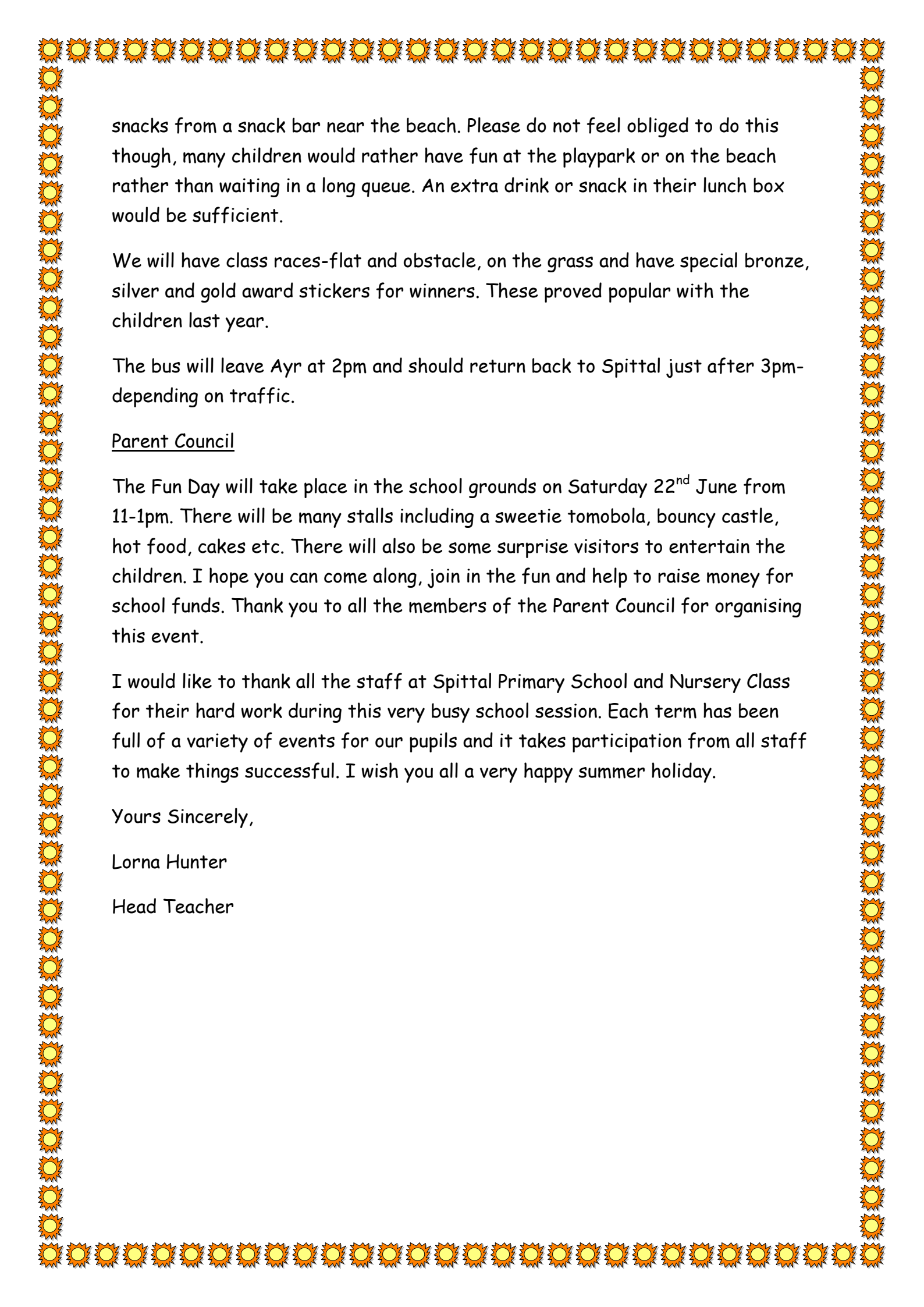
A reminder about this special occasion- our Annual Prize Giving and Leaver's Assembly will be held in the Assembly Hall on Tuesday 25th June at 1.30pm. All Primary 1 pupils will receive a certificate to celebrate their first year in school. There will be 3 prizes per class as well as Special Awards for individuals. Primary 7 will share with you their memories of their time at Spittal. We will be saying Goodbye to our P7s, Mrs Brown, Mrs Brunton and to our Depute Head Teacher Mrs Neil too.

Summer Trip and Sports

Due to the generosity and hard work of our Parent Council (various fund raisers and grant applications) and Mrs Neil (Kilt Walk) we do not need to ask for payment towards our Summer Trip this year. A huge thank you to them for this.

The buses will leave for Ayr at 9.30am on Friday morning. Children should wear their school tops but can wear more summery clothes and shoes e.g. long shorts, skirts, sandals, trainers. Please do not wear jeans as if they become wet, we have no means of drying them. I would also advise sun tan lotion and/or a waterproof-hopefully the dry sunny weather of late will continue!

Children also require a packed lunch-please let the Teacher of Office know if you would like to order a school packed lunch from our kitchen. Children may bring up to £5 as they will the opportunity to purchase cold drinks, ice cream or



snacks from a snack bar near the beach. Please do not feel obliged to do this though, many children would rather have fun at the playpark or on the beach rather than waiting in a long queue. An extra drink or snack in their lunch box would be sufficient.

We will have class races-flat and obstacle, on the grass and have special bronze, silver and gold award stickers for winners. These proved popular with the children last year.

The bus will leave Ayr at 2pm and should return back to Spittal just after 3pm- depending on traffic.

Parent Council

The Fun Day will take place in the school grounds on Saturday 22nd June from 11-1pm. There will be many stalls including a sweetie tomobola, bouncy castle, hot food, cakes etc. There will also be some surprise visitors to entertain the children. I hope you can come along, join in the fun and help to raise money for school funds. Thank you to all the members of the Parent Council for organising this event.

I would like to thank all the staff at Spittal Primary School and Nursery Class for their hard work during this very busy school session. Each term has been full of a variety of events for our pupils and it takes participation from all staff to make things successful. I wish you all a very happy summer holiday.

Yours Sincerely,

Lorna Hunter

Head Teacher