



The Cuiken Callout

July 2016

As we approach the end of another school year, I just wanted to write to inform you of some recent changes within our staff teams.

Nursery Staffing:

Thank you to Fiona Hyde who has been with us this since Christmas and to Ashley Harkins who leaves the Cuiken Nursery Team to take up a new post at Bilston Primary School. We can now confirm the Nursery staff team as follows.

Debbie McFarlane	Senior Childcare and Development Worker
Ann Affleck	Childcare and Development Worker
Gem Barratt	Childcare and Development Worker
Laura Barfoot	Childcare and Development Worker
Claire Hamid	Childcare and Development Worker (mornings)
Nikki Lenaghan	Childcare and Development Worker (afternoons)
Susan McCall	Learning Assistant (afternoons, days to be confirmed)

Good luck to those children leaving Nursery to transition to Primary 1, particularly those who will be attending a different Primary School. Exciting times ahead!

Provision Staffing:

Mrs Hilary Downie has decided to reduce her working week to three days. Two days will see her continue in her Support for Learning role and the third day she will provide Miss Hancock with Principal Teacher cover.

Mrs Deborah Kinnaird has been successful in gaining a post at Strathesk Nursery as a Childcare and Development Worker. We will miss her knowledge and skills enormously but wish her the very best in her new post.

We also have to say goodbye to Alison Hutchison who has been with us one day a week in a Family Support role. This has been very successful and something we would like to continue in the future if funding can be secured.

Office Team

A huge thank you to Mrs Jeanette Shillito who has been working additional hours in the school office to cover our vacancy. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Wendy Powell has been successful in her application for the office assistant post and will join the team in August.

Specialist Teaching Team

Our specialist teaching team remains the same next session with the exception of Mrs Dot Smith who will be leaving us. We have really enjoyed the addition of Dance for our classes over the past two years and hope that Mrs Smith will join our team again in future years.

School Meals

The new school meals menu will be distributed during the first week back.

Holiday Dates

The holiday dates are available on the Midlothian Council website. Paper versions of this will be distributed to pupils on the first week of the new school term.

Primary 7

I would like to wish all our Primary 7 leavers well as they leave Cuiken and move on to High School. We will miss them all but wish them every success for the future. For some families this will be the end of their partnership with Cuiken Primary School. I would especially like to thank them for the support over the last few years and wish them well for the next stage of their exciting journey ahead.

Please check the school website for further news and photographs from school activities and events at <http://cuiken.mgfl.net/> and twitter @Cuiken_PS.

School will close at 12 Noon on Friday 1st July and will open again to pupils on the 22nd August 2015. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our staff, children and families a very happy summer holidays.

Joanna Taylor
Head Teacher

