



We hope that you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed the lovely weather we had. We have had a really positive start to our session so far. The pupils at Udston are a credit to their families in terms of their behaviour, positive attitude, sheer pride in their school and the wearing of their uniform. Many thanks for that. We hope that over the course of the year, we will continue to grow and develop as a school community. Below is a list of staff who are already working alongside your children.

Room 1: P1 - Mrs Brown and Mrs McAulay
Room 2: P1 - Mrs Findlay-Conaghan and Mrs Lee
Room 3: P2 - Mr Fotheringham and Mrs Goulding
Room 4: P2/3 - Miss MacDonald, Mrs Smith and Mrs McMillan
Room 5: P3 - Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Kelly
Room 6: P3/4 - Mrs McCort, Mrs Reeks and Mrs Burns
Room 7: P4 - Mrs Cowden and Mrs Jamieson
Room 8: P4/5 - Mr Johnston and Mrs Fisher
Room 9: P5 - Mr Cooper and Mrs Orr
Room 10: P6 - Mrs Simpson and Mrs Orr
Room 11: P6/7 - Miss Brown and Mrs Ramsay
Room 12: P7 - Mrs Shaw and Mrs Ramsay

Miss Arneil will be teaching Digital Learning across the school.

Mrs Fearnside-Brogan continues to be our 'Attainment Champion' this year, using our Pupil Equity Funding grant. She will be working closely with children throughout the school over the course of the year, as well as having her part-time Acting PT remit.

We are delighted that Mrs Turnbull is back following her maternity leave. This session, Mrs Turnbull is in school three days per week and Mrs Drennan continues her Acting DHT on the other two days. As ever, we work very much as a team, and it is so important that we communicate on an on-going basis to support our pupils' wellbeing and learning.

Absences and Attendance

Please report all absences to the school between 8:30 and 9am. It is vital that absences are phoned in or the school office staff spend valuable time and a great deal of our budget phoning to check on absent pupils. Regular absences have a detrimental effect on children's progress, as well as their friendship groups and general confidence. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Information Updates and Permission Forms

You will shortly be receiving the above forms. We ask that you complete these and return to school as soon as possible.

Parental Consent Form (EV5). This form gives permission for the year for all educational trips. You will be notified when the trips are due but this form will be used to give permission for the year.

Annual Data Check. This form gives us details to help us contact parents (e.g. emergency contacts) and requires to be up-dated every session. This form must have two emergency contacts, a parental contact and one other such as another family member or close friend.

Responsible Internet Use and Media Coverage forms are also required to be completed and these will be issued in the near future.

Photography Permission forms are also required to be completed and returned. This includes permission for your child to appear on our school website and Twitter page.

It is vital that parents contact the school if your contact details change over the session as we need the most up-to-date contact details if your child is unwell or injured at school.

Free Meal Entitlement & Clothing Grant Support

Please be reminded that applications can be made online at www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk or telephone 03031231011.

Although all P1-3 children are entitled to Free School Meals as part of the Scottish Government's initiative, if your circumstances entitle you to any of the benefits mentioned above, it is important you still apply for them each year.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council work very hard supporting school developments, planning fundraising events and promoting the school in the wider community. Everyone is welcome at Parent Council meetings - please come along!

To keep costs down, and ensure our ongoing commitment to our Eco Flag Status, we are continuing to use our school website 'www.udston-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk' as one of our main forms of communication this year. Future newsletters, as well as regular updates, will be uploaded to the website for families to read. **If you cannot access the website, please complete and return this tear-off slip as soon as possible.**

Child/Children's Name _____ Class _____