



# PAPDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Pre-school—P7  
Parents Evenings  
Wed 1 + Thurs 2  
October  
Book Fair  
Tues 30 Sept—  
Fri 3 Oct  
Also open on Parents  
Evenings 6—8pm

Extra  
In Service  
Day  
Monday 15  
September  
School Closed  
for pupils.

Welcome to our first Newsletter of session 2014-15 and an especially warm welcome to our new Pre-school and P1 children and their families, to all our new children and their families elsewhere in the school and to the new members of our staff team who you will see below.

This week we say farewell to two members of staff, Inga Adams class teacher and Bill Drever, janitor. Inga and Bill, between them, have been part of our permanent staff team for nearly 50 years and we would like to thank them both for their dedication to our school and wish them both a long and happy retirement.

The annual Orkney Science Festival has provided our older classes with lots of Workshop opportunities which will feature on our Year Group Blogs on our website in due course and you'll be able to get a flavour of them from photos and text there.

There are a number of dates for your diary for the rest of the term, information and reminders for our school community contained in this Newsletter too. As always please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Jane Bruce—Head Teacher

## Welcome to Our New Staff



Miss Paige Archibald (1E's Teacher)



Miss Kerry Burns (2S's Teacher)



Mrs Marie Pinkerton (7E's Teacher)



Miss Lauren Copland (3S's Teacher)



Mrs Nora Rendall (SfLA)



Mrs Audrey Harcus (EYSW)

## Cycling to School/

Whilst responsibility always rests with the parents to decide whether their child cycles to school we would recommend following safety advice that children should only be considered ready if they have either completed the cycle training successfully or are currently being trained and you are satisfied that they understand and can safely execute the correct procedures highlighted in the guidance booklets issued to all children involved in cycle training. Children should not cycle on the school grounds during the school day, this includes the car park area where the cycle racks are located.

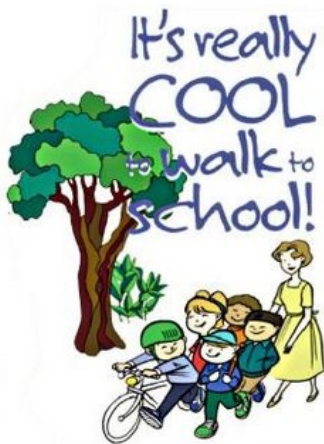


## PAPDALE'S TOPSHOP

Whether you are looking for a school top for your child or you would like to donate one that they have grown out of please call past the school reception at the main entrance for more information.

Tops of all sizes and styles are available for a small donation of your choosing to school funds.

## Children Walking to School/



We would strongly encourage children to walk to school using the Lollipop Crossing points wherever possible. The recommended routes to access the rear playground when arriving at school are through link doors beside the school main entrance or in front of the Primary wing. The cycle/walkway running from KGS to Willowburn Road can also be used but care should be taken (at the Infant Hall end) to stay on the walkway as service vehicles may also need to access the school kitchen. Please note that only service vehicles and catering staff are permitted to use this access.

## Parking and Dropping off at School/

Inappropriate parking around the school can also compromise the safety of children. This includes stopping on the double yellow lines in Willowburn Road, using the service vehicle only access at the end of the Infant Hall as a drop off point and blocking access to car parks by parking inappropriately where there is no space or by using one of the taxi/disabled spaces.

We would ask for extreme care when manoeuvring, particularly reversing, in the car parks as children may be present.

Whilst we appreciate that parking spaces are always at a premium we would encourage all motorists to park responsibly to keep all the children as safe as possible.



## Morning Line Up

It would be really helpful if parents accompanying their children to school in the mornings would take the whistle for line up as their cue to leave the playground.

Line-up is the official start of the school day and an opportunity, when required, to pass on any important information the children need to know for that day. Having parents present during this period can be distracting for all the children, particularly those children whose parents are present, making it difficult for them to settle.





# EVENTS AND INFORMATION

## SCRAPSTORE

### *Information Evening for Parents*

Tuesday 9 September

6.00

Papdale Primary Staffroom

All Welcome



## School Bus

For children who are on our school bus could Parents/Guardians please inform the school if their child is not going home on the bus at any time. This can be done via a phone call to the school office or note to the class teach-

### *Improving Education at Papdale Primary School with our School Improvement Plan 2014–15*

This leaflet has gone home  
with your child, please  
look for it in your child's  
school bag

## Bram Club

*Salvation Army Hall*

*Tuesdays*

*P1–3 6.00–7.00*

*P4–6 7.15–8.15*

*P7 Upwards 8.00–9.15*

*All welcome*



Mrs Adams

Mr Drever

End of Term

School Closes for the October Break on Friday 10 October at 3pm  
New Term Starts Monday 27 October

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SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014/2015 (all dates are inclusive)

<b>TERM 1</b>	<b>Tuesday 19 August - Friday 10 October</b>	<b>39 days</b>
<i>October holidays</i>	<i>Monday 13 October – Friday 24 October</i>	
<b>TERM 2</b>	<b>Monday 27 October - Friday 19 December</b>	<b>40</b>
<i>Christmas holidays</i>	<i>Monday 22 December 2014 – Friday 2 January 2015</i>	
<b>TERM 3</b>	<b>Monday 5 January - Friday 27 March</b>	<b>57</b>
<i>Schools closed</i>	<i>Wednesday 11 - Friday 13 February (In-service)</i>	
<i>Spring holidays</i>	<i>Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April ( includes Easter Monday 6 April)</i>	
<b>TERM 4</b>	<b>Monday 13 April – Friday 26 June</b>	<b>54</b>
<i>Schools closed</i>	<i>Monday 4 May (May Day holiday)</i>	
		<b>190 days</b>
<b>Staff Only: In-service days are:</b>	<i>Monday 18 August Thursday 23 &amp; Friday 24 October Wednesday 11 &amp; Thursday 12 February</i>	