September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

It’s hard to believe that the October Week holiday is almost here already! Please remember to keep checking your child’s bag and our website www.townhill-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk for more information. We now have 150 followers on Twitter - great! Please follow us @townhillps to keep up to date with everything happening in school!

STAR OF THE WEEK
The following children received a Star of the Week Award in September:

Room 1  Chloe Savage, Charlie Robertson, Zac Moody, Emily Law
Room 2  Brooke Duris, Iain Clark, Jayson Miller, Olivia McLelland
Room 3  Rachael Hunter, Lily Garvie, Lily Sands, Ava Donohoe
Room 4  Ruairidh Munro, Nathan Rahman, Rory Inkster, Lucy McLean
Room 5  Mya Ramsey, Lucas Sexton, Olivia Newberry, Hannah Allan
Room 6  Evie Carlyle, Alfie Anderson, Layla Finlay, Mitchell Lerry
Room 7  Alfie Crawford, Rhys Budd, Aris Seferi, Jordan Hendry
Room 8  Maria Brat, Abbie O’Neill, Logan Aikman, Vince Cunningham, Kelsey Brannan, Nathan McCafferty, Lucy Morison
Room 9  Shawn Smith, Karis Jones, Zak Holland, Kirsten Campbell, Leon McDonald, Ava Wood, Jayden Hartley, Logan McPhee
Room 10  Kaleb Hawkins, Codie Carter, Kodie Brannan, Ben Young, Skye Aitkenhead, Evan McDermott
Room 11  Kieran Budd, Carly McAulay, Adam Monie, Amy McLean, Cameron Sandilands, Lauren Sale
Room 13  Logan Cortes, Robyn Milligan, Dylan McCafferty, Stephen McPhee, Duncan Morton
Room 14  Lewis Forrest, Andrei Brat, Kyle Davidson, Luke McAulay, Rune Martin

BUDDIES
Our P1 and P7 buddies have been enjoying getting to know each other and have taken part in Buddy Lunch and Buddy Afternoon. The next Buddy Lunch will be on Friday, 12th October.

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The next Buddy Afternoon will have a Hallowe’en theme and will be held on Monday, 29th October.

EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES
Mrs Henry has been working again this session with our Active Schools Coordinator, Lesley Scanlan, to provide a variety of active lunchtime and after school clubs for pupils across the school in addition to girls and boys football, netball, choir and recorder. Children at various stages in the school have already had opportunities to take part in Judo and Tae Kwon Do. Please look out for letters from Mrs Henry and our own staff offering a variety of opportunities over the course of the year.

Our P7 children have started their Leadership Training with Lesley Scanlan and will soon be ready to offer lunchtime clubs for our younger pupils. They are really showing us what super role models they can be and that they are very Effective Contributors. Well done, Primary 7!

P7 DAVIS CUP EVENT
Our P7 pupils and staff were thrilled to visit the Emirates Arena in Glasgow on Wednesday, 12th September to watch the Davis Cup team practise! The children had a great time and Mrs Henry commented on their fantastic behaviour. Well done, P7!

A huge thank you and well done to Zack McCormick who caught Jamie Murray’s signed tennis ball and donated it to the school! It’s now in pride of place in our trophy cabinet! Thank you, Zack!

PE CLOTHING
For health and safety reasons it is really important that the pupils are properly dressed for P.E. Whilst it is not school policy to insist on specialised clothing on P.E. or sporting activities, children should be dressed appropriately. Outdoor trainers must not be worn in the gym hall. Gym shoes must be in good condition to ensure safety, with soles intact and Velcro straps securely fastened. Trainers must be laced up for PE. A school polo shirt or plain tee-shirt should also be worn. Cropped tops are not appropriate for school.

The wearing of jewellery, including pierced earrings, during P.E. sessions is also not allowed for safety reasons. Although it is preferable and safer for earrings to be removed during PE those which cannot be removed can be taped over to prevent any unfortunate accidents. It would be very helpful, and save a lot of time, if you could help your child to do this at home. Thank you.

Every child also has an outdoor PE slot each week. Pupils should bring tracksuit bottoms, trainers and a warm, waterproof jacket for this activity as they will go outside unless the weather is particularly bad.
P.E. is an important part of the curriculum and all children must take part unless there are physical or medical reasons, which prevent them from participating. If your child is unable to take part, please inform the class teacher in writing.

We work hard in Townhill to meet the government’s expectation that we will provide two hours of quality PE for our pupils each week and thank you for your support.

HOUSES

The children are now all busy earning points for their houses, with the results announced at our weekly assemblies. It’s looking close and we wonder who will win this term’s special treat! Our House Captains have been voted for by the children and are:

- **BAIRD** Logan Cortes, Katie Higgins
- **BURNS** Joshua Cormack, Olivia Keddie
- **LAUDER** Ariella Burt, Tom Kane
- **LIVINGSTONE** Kyle Davidson, Molly Hunter

Good Luck to all our houses!

ECO SCHOOLS

Congratulations to the ECO Committee 2016-2018, Mrs Allan and Mrs Kennedy who worked very hard to maintain our Green Flag status! The assessors were very impressed with all of the work we submitted on litter, waste minimisation and transport! We’ve lost count now of the number of Green Flags we have in Townhill! Great job, everyone!

NURTURE UPDATE

Please look out for information coming home soon about our re-launched Nurture Room – now known as The Garden Room! There will be an opportunity to visit The Garden Room on our Parents’ Evenings in October and hear more about the activities on offer.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP GROUPS

We are making changes to our Pupil Leadership Groups and will be sharing these with the children very soon. Please look out for information coming home before the October Week holiday!

CAKES

Whilst we are happy to celebrate our children’s birthdays in school, we are noticing a huge increase in the number of birthday cakes being sent in. Please bear in mind that we now have children in school who suffer from severe nut allergies and are therefore unable to eat any cake sent in. It would also really help our support staff if cakes were pre-cut and individually wrapped. You may also wish to consider individual cakes. Thank you for your help with this.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon, 1st October
3.00pm: Choir

Tues, 2nd October
Lunchtime: P7 R14 Leadership Training
PM: P2 Kerbcraft
3.00pm: P6/7 Boys Football Training

Wed, 3rd October
Lunchtime: P7 R14 Leadership Training
12.45pm: Recorder Group
3.00pm: P6 and 7 Girls Football

Thurs, 4th October
All Bright Colours Day - Harvest
9.30am: Harvest Assembly - pupils only
Lunchtime: P7 R14 Leadership Training
3.00pm: P7 Netball Training

Mon, 8th October
PM: P4 Rugby Taster Session - more information to follow
3.00pm: Choir

Tues, 9th October
PM: P2 Kerbcraft
3.00pm: P6/7 Boys Football Training

Wed, 10th October
12.45pm: Recorder Group
3.30-6.00pm: Parents’ Evening

Thurs, 11th October
PM: Boys Football Team out
3.30-6.00pm: Parents’ Evening

Fri, 12th October
Lunchtime: P1 and P7 Buddy Lunch
House Treat for the winning house

Mon, 22nd October
3.00pm: Choir

Tues, 23rd October
Lunchtime: P4 Cricket Club - more information to follow
PM: P2 Kerbcraft
PM: P6/7 Boys Football Training

Wed, 24th October
12.45pm: Recorder Group
3.00pm: P6/7 Girls Football Training

Mon, 29th October
PM: P1 and P7 Buddy Afternoon
3.00pm: Choir
Tues, 30th October
P1-7 Flu Immunisations
PM: P2 Kerbcraft
Lunchtime: P4 Cricket Club
3.00pm: P6/7 Boys Football Training

Wed, 31st October
3.00pm: P6/7 Girls Football Training

HOLIDAYS
School will be closed to pupils from Monday, 15th October until Friday, 19th October and re-opens on Monday, 22nd October at 8.55am, following the October Week break.

As always, please contact me at school should you have any questions or queries. Have a lovely October Week break!

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Head Teacher