



# August 2015 Newsletter

After a long, not so hot, summer, it's been lovely to welcome all the children in to school this week! Our new children have settled in very well but I am sure there will be some tired little faces this weekend!

## Staffing/School Roll

The school roll at the present time is 35 pupils. Class structures this session are:

P1-3	Miss Preston
P4-7	Mrs Nicolson/Mrs Maxwell
SLAs	Mrs Thomson and Mrs Milne
Cleaner/Caretaker	Lorrayne Shaw
Admin	Miss Jones (Tuesdays and Fridays)
PE	Mrs McLay or Ms Woods (EVERY Tuesday afternoon)
Music	Mrs McLean (alternate Friday afternoons)
Non-contact Teacher	Miss Wood will be in school Wednesdays
Support for Learning	Mrs Edmiston will be in classes Thursday mornings

## Absence/Sickness

If your child is unwell or will be absent from school, please let us know as soon as possible. If we have not heard from you by 9.30, we will call you to ensure that your child is safe and with a parent or carer.

## Learning Context for this Term

Both upper and lower school will be learning about Deanston and the surrounding area, the focus is on geography but we will also be looking in to some of our local history. If you have any expertise, knowledge or contacts please get in touch as we greatly appreciate your input.

## School Meals

**£2.10 - school meal or school packed lunch.** Primary 1-3 are entitled to a free school meal. Can money please be sent in on a Tuesday as Miss Jones will be in school? We would be grateful if you could ensure that upper school pupils know what they are having for lunch daily. We are trying to encourage independence and have devised a system whereby they will identify their lunch choice each day, in class.

## PE

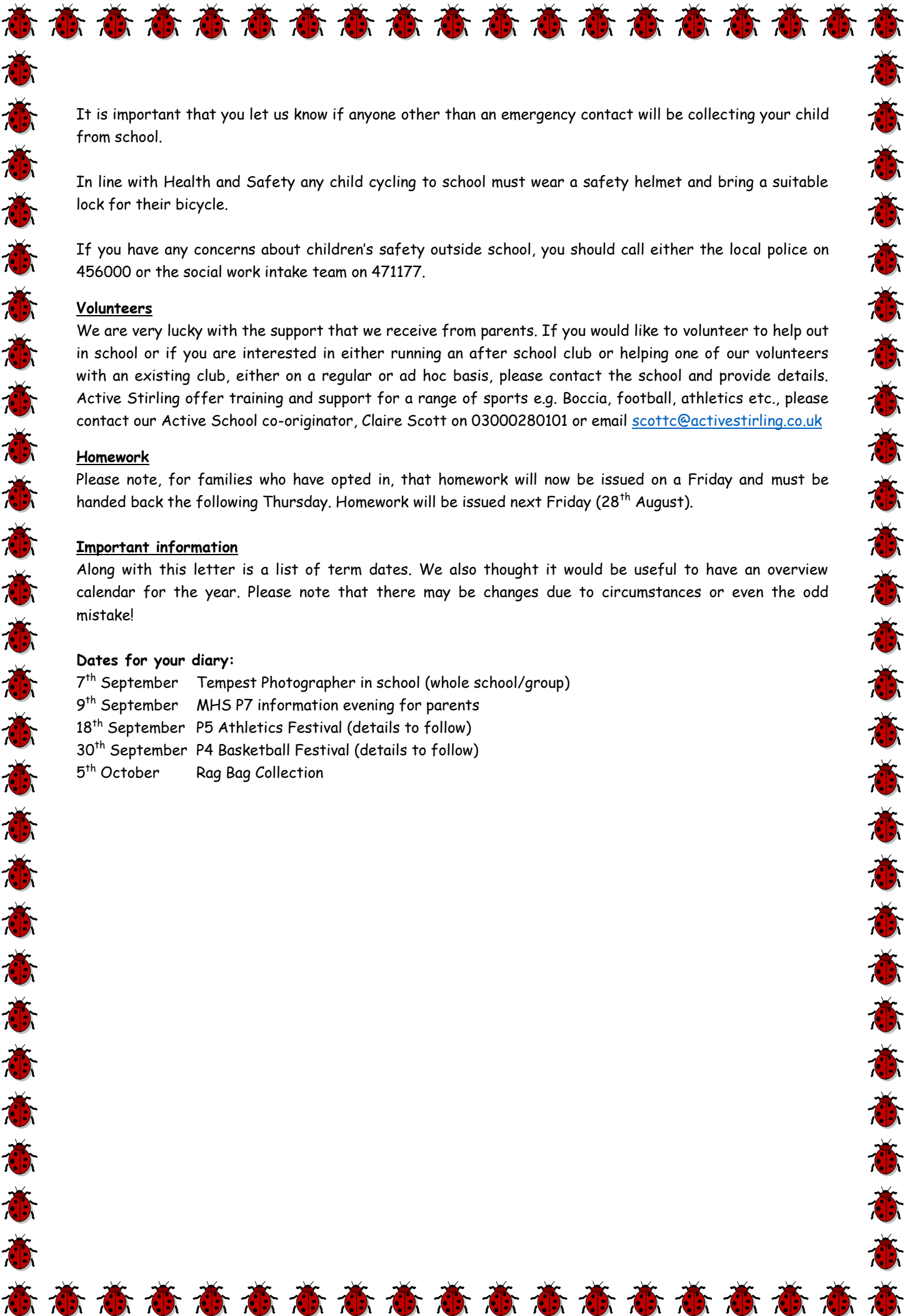
Pupils should bring their PE kit in school on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. PE kit consists of shorts, T-shirt and soft gym shoes. In the interest of safety and following council guidelines, all jewellery must be removed before a lesson. Our PE specialists will be in school Tuesday p.m. weekly and class teachers will usually deliver another session during the course of the week.

## Contact

We are all happy to discuss any concerns you may have however, it may be useful to make an appointment or give us a call at lunchtime as it can be hectic first thing in the morning when the children are coming in to school.

## Keeping Safe

Please make sure that the car park is kept clear at all times; especially at the start/end of the day; children should **not** be in the car park at any time. If you wish your child to walk home from school, please let us know. One call or note is sufficient to let us know that they have your permission to walk home each day. If your child is walking home alone please ensure that they know the safest route and reinforce the message to children that, if they are expecting to be met from school, or if they get home and there is no one there, that they should return to school and we will endeavour to contact you.



It is important that you let us know if anyone other than an emergency contact will be collecting your child from school.

In line with Health and Safety any child cycling to school must wear a safety helmet and bring a suitable lock for their bicycle.

If you have any concerns about children's safety outside school, you should call either the local police on 456000 or the social work intake team on 471177.

**Volunteers**

We are very lucky with the support that we receive from parents. If you would like to volunteer to help out in school or if you are interested in either running an after school club or helping one of our volunteers with an existing club, either on a regular or ad hoc basis, please contact the school and provide details. Active Stirling offer training and support for a range of sports e.g. Boccia, football, athletics etc., please contact our Active School co-originator, Claire Scott on 03000280101 or email [scottc@activestirling.co.uk](mailto:scottc@activestirling.co.uk)

**Homework**

Please note, for families who have opted in, that homework will now be issued on a Friday and must be handed back the following Thursday. Homework will be issued next Friday (28<sup>th</sup> August).

**Important information**

Along with this letter is a list of term dates. We also thought it would be useful to have an overview calendar for the year. Please note that there may be changes due to circumstances or even the odd mistake!

**Dates for your diary:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> September Tempest Photographer in school (whole school/group)
- 9<sup>th</sup> September MHS P7 information evening for parents
- 18<sup>th</sup> September P5 Athletics Festival (details to follow)
- 30<sup>th</sup> September P4 Basketball Festival (details to follow)
- 5<sup>th</sup> October Rag Bag Collection