Message from Mr Maunder

When I started in my role as Headteacher at St Boswells and Newtown Primary schools, I was full of excitement, motivation and pride in having my very own schools to lead. I was very much looking forward to getting to know everyone. I could never have predicted that after 3 weeks of being in post we would be facing school closure, dealing with life in lockdown and developing new approaches to home learning. However, I have been very impressed with how, as a school community we have rallied round, supported one and other and worked in partnership to ensure the best for our children.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the teaching staff and wider school team for making me feel so welcome, working hard virtually in our areas of school improvement and for all their hard work and dedication in ensuring the delivery of high quality learning and teaching. I look forward to the start of a new academic session in August and the return of our pupils.

School Re opening

Please note that Scottish Borders Council is managing the overarching education recovery plans and all initial communication to parents will come from SBC centrally via Groupcall and will be available on the SBC website via www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolreopening

We will provide details on specific local arrangements as and when we can as the plans continue to be finalised and until then are not able to provide further information.

Please be assured that both the Council and school are absolutely committed to ensuring that all parents have the necessary information well in advance of schools returning on 11th August.

Class Allocation

You will have received an email stating which class your child is in for next session and who their teacher will be.

We have composite classes this year and the allocation of children into these composite classes is based on our authority guidelines. Please be reassured, regardless of the class your child is in there are clear transition processes in place between teachers to ensure the learning is suited to the needs of each child.

Where possible, we will also ensure that children will receive the same opportunities throughout the year (such as trips, visits, performances etc.) as other children in their year group and opportunities will be identified for children within year groups to come together to share learning.

Please note that class structures may be subject to change should we have an increase of roll.

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**Staffing**

We welcome Mrs Linda Crookshanks to St Boswells Primary who will be teaching P5/6. Ms Currie will be working full time next session teaching P3. We are delighted that Mrs Foggin our DHT has had her contract extended for another year. Ms Jamieson will be remaining with us as Curriculum Support Teacher next session for 2 days a week.

**P7 Leavers**

We would like to say a special Good bye to all our P7 pupils. We are sorry our leavers have not had their usual rite of passage this year, but we plan to pop a little something in the post to each of them as a souvenir of their time at St Boswells. We will be having a special Virtual P7 leavers Assembly through Teams on **Monday 29th June at 2pm** for all P7s and their families. Details on how to access this to follow.

**Transitions**

We can now confirm that all transition information for our children will need to be on virtual basis rather than class/school visits prior to summer holidays.

Nursery and P1: Information packs have been sent home this week
Class teachers in the rest of the school will be arranging Team meet with their new classes on Friday 26th June. A ‘Meet the Teacher’ PowerPoint will also be uploaded to Teams and be emailed home.

Further information about P7 transition can be found by clicking the link below:

[https://www.earlstonhighschool.org.uk/parents-top/p7-transition](https://www.earlstonhighschool.org.uk/parents-top/p7-transition)

**Inspire Learning**

We are very excited to inform you that SBC are beginning the rollout of Inspire Learning to all our primary school pupils currently in P5-7 ahead of schedule.

Inspire Learning is our world class digital learning programme which is already transforming teaching and learning across the Borders for the benefit of all secondary teachers, children and young people.

Your child is set to receive their own iPad and a range of exceptional digital learning tools over the next few weeks (from 17 June). This will be delivered directly to your home. More details about the delivery will follow via Groupcall.

SBC have put together a short video, which we would encourage you to sit down and watch with your child. It will give you some more background and explain the benefits this groundbreaking programme will bring. You can view the video at [www.scotborders.gov.uk/InspireLearning](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/InspireLearning).

Your child’s iPad will be delivered directly to your home; also included in the pack will be some handy guides and information for parents.

Please visit [www.scotborders.gov.uk/InspireLearning](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/InspireLearning) for more information. You can also follow Inspire on Twitter @inspireSBC.

If you need support building your iPad at any point you can email the team at inspirelearning@scotborders.gov.uk and someone will get in touch with you.
Good Bye Mrs Blain
We would like to say a massive good bye to Mrs Blain who is retiring at the end of this session. Mrs Blain has been a key member of the St Boswells Primary Team for over 30 years. We wish her all the best in her retirement and will miss her greatly.

Thank-you
The Senior Leadership Team and staff would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our school. In particular, during the unprecedented times we have been facing over the past few months. There have been so many parents, carers and members of the community who have volunteered to help within our school over the course of this year. Together, in partnership we ensure the best for all our children.

Happy Holidays
We would like to wish everyone a relaxing Summer Holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 11th August.