



November 2020

Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

It has been lovely to welcome back the children after the two week holiday. They have all come back and settled very quickly, which is great!

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We have had a very busy first week back and today in particular has been fun, coming to school dressed in a Halloween costume is very exciting! It was very odd having Superman, Witches, Harry Potter and many other characters share their learning at our assembly!!

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We also had a lovely surprise at our assembly as we opened the Abercromby Time Capsule that was buried at the old school. It contained newspapers from 1949 and 1950, rationing coupons and a half penny. What a wonderful experience for our children to see these items.

70 years of Abercromby history



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Massive thanks also goes to our Parent Council who made a donation to allow the children to have a drink and a snack during their Halloween activities. The perfect end a very fun day!

#### **Notices for Parents**

##### Parking



We have included a letter from PC Allen to this newsletter this month. When we returned to school after the holidays, it was brought to my attention that some families across the campus were not parking appropriately and PC Allen has prepared a really helpful letter updating you all about where to park safely and what could happen if you park in an area that is deemed unacceptable. Please take the time to read the letter to keep yourself aware of parking rules.

Thanks for your understanding with this.

##### Hot Lunches

From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, we will be providing a hot lunch. The menu includes options such as macaroni, hot dogs and sausage rolls. There is a 3 week cycle and we will share the menus via our Class Dojo pages.

##### Attendance



If your child is unwell and is absent from school, please remember to call the school office on **01259 722972** to notify us of this absence. It is extremely important that we are able to account for every absence every day, especially if self-isolating.

Thank you for your support with this.

## Parental Survey



Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the parental survey that we issued at the end of term. We only managed to get a small amount of responses but it was helpful feedback- thank you!

If you missed this, here is the link again:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-n2EjWGxWOOKDR1Vd2H3auMoi5MJYpD21QTH78oTU8GwpkA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-n2EjWGxWOOKDR1Vd2H3auMoi5MJYpD21QTH78oTU8GwpkA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

As stated on the form, we are would normally have face to face Parent Consultations in November. Under the existing guidance, we are unable to accommodate this. As a Cluster and as a staff team, we feel that a written interim report would be the most suitable alternative to this and would provide you with information about your child and their progress. Please keep an eye out on Class Dojo as we'll let you know when they are going home nearer the time!

### Letter from our Chief Education Officer

On Friday morning, we shared a letter on Class Dojo from Lorraine Sanda regarding the protection levels in Scotland. Clackmannanshire has been placed on Level 3 effective from today, Monday 2nd November. This useful link will take you to the Scottish Government website and explains what this means for us as an authority.

<http://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/pages/protection-level-3/>

**We also sent a Dojo message last night about the need to wear masks in the playground for drop-off and pick-up times. We thank you for your support in keeping each other safe.**

## Dates for your Diary – November



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| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>     | Hot Lunch menu begins             |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Team Abercromby meeting at 6.30pm |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> | Armistice Day                     |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>    | Staff Development Day             |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>    | Flu Immunisation Day              |

On our next newsletter, we will share some dates for December!

## Parent Council- Team Abercromby



Team Abercromby are hosting their next meeting on [Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm](#).

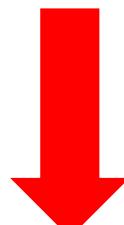


Please use this link to access the Google Meet.

<https://meet.google.com/epq-jccz-yyn>

We really hope that you can log in and join us, it's a great way to get involved with the life of the school- especially just now, when physical access to the school is not permitted.

Please keep scrolling below to see the letter from PC Allen re parking around Tullibody South Campus!



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30.10.20

Dear Parent / Guardian,

A new school term, colder weather, fears about Coronavirus, it is a difficult time for many. Since the completion of our new incredible Tullibody South Campus parents have faced challenges with adapting to the new road layout and the appropriate areas to drop off and collect their children. Whilst new road markings and signs have been installed there still appears to be a combination of confusion regarding where is safe and a willingness to ignore the measures put in place to safeguard each and every child attending school and nursery.

One important aspect of the campus design and the surrounding area was the introduction of **Park and Stride**. This involved the upgrading of all surrounding footpaths, making them wider, the resurfacing, providing excellent light for the darker afternoons and the installation of numerous zebra crossings. The Park and Stride purpose is designed to allow parents to safely parking at the rear of the Chapel (as indicated in the attached photos) and walk their child to the campus.

I have taken a little time to work out some simple facts about your walk.

The distance from that car park to the campus entrance is approximately 200 metres. That equates to only 262 steps and takes around 70 seconds to walk. Not only is this the safest means of getting your child to school/nursery, it's also great for both you and your child's overall wellbeing. 262 steps morning and afternoon each day across the school year amounts to 167680 steps. That is a massive **135 kilometres** of exercise and fresh air. Think of those calories burned on the run up to Christmas!!

If we all adjust to using the facilities that have been installed this will also have a significant impact on reducing congestion in the area of The Orchard, Talisker, The Maltings and the surrounding streets. In turn this will ease further parking issues for our local residents.

To make the explanation of the parking as clear as possible I have drawn up some maps clearly indicating where you can and cannot park. I hope this allow better understanding of what is acceptable and serve to ease the stress of that cold morning school/nursery run.

Please:

**DO NOT BLOCK THE PAVEMENT OR ROAD** - please allow the road and footpath to be kept clear, this will ensure emergency services are able to attend timeously to any incident.

**DO NOT STOP OR PARK ON THE BEND OF A JUNCTION**

**DO NOT STOP OR PARK ON YELLOW LINES DURING HOURS OF OPERATION**

**DO NOT BLOCK RESIDENTS' DRIVEWAYS**

Failing to adhere to this request will sadly result in Fixed Penalties being issued to offending parents and consideration of prosecution. All alternative means of dealing with this ongoing issue have, for some, been ignored.

For those parents who have adhered to and adjusted to the new layout and are walking their children, of which there are many, I would like to extend my thank you. Let's work together to improve the safety of our roads and footpaths for our local children.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q. I have a blue disability badge, where can I park?**

A. If you are a Blue Badge holder you ARE permitted to park on double yellow lines providing you are not posing a danger to others. (Please refer to your blue badge scheme booklet). The badge must be clearly displayed. The safest area I have established is assessed to be the area immediately before the no entry area next to the block of flats containing 1-19.

Please remember the purpose of the badge is not to facilitate a shorter distance for your passenger[s].

See map marked in green.



### **Q. Can I stop on the yellow lines just to let the children out? I am not parking.**

A. Stopping on the double yellow lines is not permitted and may result in a Fixed Penalty being issued. If all parents simply stopped on the double yellow lines there would be a significant increase in the danger posed to your child and others as they alighted.

### **Q. Can I let my child out whilst I am stationary at a Zebra Crossing? They will be quick.**

A. Once again you are not permitted to allow your children to alight from your vehicle at a crossing. You may be issued with a penalty. The danger posed is significant and it causes unnecessary congestion in the area. Please consider the drivers in your rear view mirror who also want to get to their destination as quickly and as safely as possible.

**Q. Can I park or pull in on white zig zag lines?**

A. Parking on the white zig zag lines at a crossing can result in a £100 fine and 3 penalty points.

**Q. Where can I park?**

A. As stated in this document, the Park and Stride facility at the rear of St Bernadette's Chapel is perfect. It is safe and a short distance from the school. If you still find that this is too far there is limited parking in the garage area within Newmills near to flats 33-51. Again I have marked these areas in green.



If you live on the School Road side of the school please continue to utilise the car park at the Tullibody Civic Centre.

If anyone wishes to discuss or seek clarification on any points please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or PC Heidi Clark on <tel:101>.

Warm regards,

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