



DEERARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are now at the start of our third week of this session and I am delighted to see our children back in the school building. I am very proud of the way our children have shown their resilience and have settled into school routines.

Having changed the drop off and pick up at the beginning and end of the school day, we can see that this is now much smoother and children can now enter and leave the playground in a safe, calm manner.

A reminder of these times:

8.50am - 2.50pm - Primary 1

8.55am - 2.55pm - Primary 2/3 and Primary 3

9.00am - 3.00pm - Primary 4, Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7

I realise that this has been a very anxious time for us all and I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your continued support as we navigate our way through the changes that are required in order to continue to follow Scottish Government guidelines and keep everyone safe.

Staffing Updates

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Smith joins our staff team today and will now take Primary 6 for the rest of this school session.

I would also like to welcome back Mrs Allan, one of Learning Assistants back to the Deerpark team.

Curriculum

At present, our priority is the Health and Wellbeing of all children and staff and therefore our curriculum for the next few weeks will reflect this. As children settle and get back to some form of normal, Class teachers will plan a more broad and diverse curriculum. We will continue to provide regular learning updates on Class Dojo. Class teachers will update their Class Story regularly so you can see what the children are learning in class.

Important Updates

Envelopes containing extremely important documentation were sent home via school bag post on Wednesday 19th August. It is VITAL that this information is checked and returned to us by Wednesday 26th August.

Please ensure that our office have current, up to date details for you all. It is important that we have the most current details in case we need to get in touch with you.

School Vision, Values and Aims

We continue to consult with our families, staff and pupils on our school vision, values and aims and hope to be ready to share these with you by the end of September.

Consultation with Parents

I am keen to work closely with the school community and collaborate as much as we can. The best way to move forward is to do so as a team. Over the next few weeks we will be sending out a consultation around our School Improvement Plan and our Pupil Equity Funding. We will also be consulting on a 'Positive Relationships' policy. We appreciate your support with these initiatives. Feedback is a gift and together we can make Deerpark Primary the best school it can be.

School Packed Lunches

Up until now, school packed lunches have only been available for those children in Primaries 1-3 and those families who are in receipt of Free School Meals. From today (Monday 24th August) school packed lunches will be available to ALL children at the cost of £1.50 per day.

I have attached a copy of the menu. Should you wish to order a school packed lunch please arrange for payment through ParentPay.

Mobile Phones

Any child who brings a mobile phone into school should hand them into the class teacher at the start of the day for safe keeping. These can be collected at the end of the day.

Coronavirus

We continue to follow all relevant national guidance and have carried out all the required risk assessments to help protect the health of pupils and staff. However, if a child start to show symptoms of COVID-19, we have put in place the following arrangements:

- The child will be taken to a separate designated area in the school.
- We will make contact with you and you will be asked to collect your child/ren from school.
- Parents/carers will be asked to book a test via www.nhsinform.scot
- You should arrange for your child and all members of the household to stay at home until the test results are received.
- If the child test result is confirmed as positive, the family will be contacted by local NHS Health Protection staff who will provide advice, answer any questions you may have and work with you to identify any potential close contacts who may require to be followed up.
- The child or young person and all members of the household will be advised to self-isolate at home for 14 days.
- If the test result is negative the child or young person will be able to return to school.
- If you are unsure what the symptoms of COVID-19 are, you can find more information on NHS Inform: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>.

As always, should you have any comments, queries or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Yours sincerely,



Mrs Rice
Head Teacher

Primary Packed Lunch Menu 2020/21

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Assorted Wholemeal Sandwich	Assorted Finger Roll	Assorted Wholemeal Sandwich	Assorted Finger Roll	Assorted Wholemeal Sandwich
Item 1	Fruit Jelly Pot	Mini Sausages	Chocolate Muffin	Pasta Pot	Assorted Yoghurt
Item 2	Mini Biscuits	Tangerine	Raisins	Apple	Cookie
Drink	Bottled Water	Bottled Water	Bottled Water	Bottled Water	Bottled Water

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Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Assorted Finger Roll	Assorted Wholemeal Sandwich	Assorted Finger Roll	Assorted Wholemeal Sandwich	Assorted Finger Roll
Item 1	Citrus Sponge	Pasta Pot	Cheese & Crackers	Apple Muffin	Sausage Roll
Item 2	Apple	Raisins	Tangerine	Yoghurt	Fruit Jelly Pot
Drink	Bottled Water	Bottled Water	Bottled Water	Bottled Water	Bottled Water

3 choices of fillings daily: Cheese, Turkey and Tuna Mayo

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Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Assorted Wholemeal Sandwich	Assorted Finger Roll	Assorted Wholemeal Sandwich	Assorted Finger Roll	Assorted Wholemeal Sandwich
Item 1	Yoghurt	Chocolate Muffin	Mini Sausages	Cookie	Pasta Pot
Item 2	Mini Biscuits	Apple	Fruit Jelly Pot	Tangerine	2 Babybel Cheeses
Drink	Bottled Water	Bottled Water	Bottled Water	Bottled Water	Bottled Water

3 choices of fillings daily: Cheese, Turkey and Tuna Mayo