



# Deerpark Primary School

## Newsletter

November 2020



**Dear Parent / Carer**

Welcome to our new newsletter.

We hope to issue a newsletter every month keeping you up to date with all our news.

We will, of course, continue to use Dojo to share more immediate news with you.

In order to reduce the use and cost of paper we will email this newsletter to you.

If you require a paper copy please let the school office know and we will make sure a copy comes home to you via the schoolbag.

### **Communication**

We continue to use Groupcall email as much as we can to share school information with you and reduce the transfer of paper between home and school. However, we are aware that some of our families are still not receiving these. Please check that you are receiving emails from the school. During these times it is incredibly important that we have up to date details for you, including up to date email addresses and phone numbers.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Due to current restrictions imposed by Covid this section will be very limited. However we look forward to a time when we have a full diary of school events that we can welcome you to.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Inset Day (School closed to pupils)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Interim Reports issued to families

P1H Party - 22<sup>nd</sup> December afternoon

P2/3A Party - 22<sup>nd</sup> December morning 10.30am -12.00

P3R Party - 18<sup>th</sup> December morning 10.30am -12.00

P4S Party - 18<sup>th</sup> December afternoon

P5H Party - 17<sup>th</sup> December afternoon

P6S Party - 16<sup>th</sup> December afternoon

P7G Party - 15<sup>th</sup> December afternoon

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - School closes at 1pm for the Christmas holidays

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - School reopens for Term 3.



## Suitable Clothing

As we try to spend time outdoors it is essential that pupils come to school with appropriate outdoor clothing. We have ordered waterproofs for all the children in school but it is equally important to make sure that all children come to school with a warm waterproof jacket and suitable shoes which are suitable for all weathers.

Guidance has recently changed regarding P.E. In Clackmannanshire, PE will take place outdoors when possible and indoors when the weather is inclement. If Forth Valley move to Level 4, P.E. would have to revert to always being outdoors.

## Staffing Updates

Mrs McLuckie has now finished up for her Maternity Leave. We wish her all the best for the new arrival and look forward to hearing whether Baby McLuckie will be a little boy or girl.



## Focus for this Term

We are very busy right now planning and organising our Christmas events. We are planning events ensuring we are COVID safe. Once the rest of our plans have been finalised we will let you know the arrangements. Christmas party dates are listed in the 'Dates for the Dairy' section of the newsletter.



## Reporting

Normally, in November, we would hold a face to face pupil/parent consultations. However, due to COVID restrictions we are unable to offer this. Instead, families will be issued with an interim report which will be issued on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## Pupil Voice

Mr Patterson met with the Pupil Council last week for the first time this session. They are extremely keen and excited to be part of the school improvement planning cycle and have some great ideas on how we can make Deerpark Primary the best school it can be! We look forward to working with them and hearing more about their plans.



## Appeals



We are looking for donations of bark for our Loose Parts Play area. If you are able to donate any or know people who could help us out please get in touch with us. You can do this by phone or send me a Dojo message.

## Water Bottles in School

The children are encouraged to drink water throughout the school day to keep them hydrated. Research has proven that remaining hydrated improves learning. Water bottles should go home each day for a wash and returned to school each day. The children should only have water in their bottles - no juice or flavoured water please. The children are able to have juice at break and lunchtimes. Energy drinks should not be sent to school.

## Head Lice

Head Lice are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact, therefore it is important that hair is checked regularly. Head lice cause itching and they can be treated using wet combing and medicated shampoos that are widely available from the chemist. Please be aware that many treatments require multiple applications.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, and for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Rice and the staff team.



*We always encourage our school community to work together and achieve our goals as a team!*