

# NEWS LETTER

## Dates for your Diary

Mon 15th Mar-P4-7 return to school  
Fri 12th Mar-P4-7 Feis Rois  
Wed 17th Mar-NSPCC online session  
Fri 19th Mar-Comic Relief -Super Heroes  
Fri 19th Mar-P4-7 Feis Rois  
Fri 19th Mar-P1-7 Active Schools, pm  
Wed 24th Mar-Easter Egg Hunt  
Thurs 25th Mar-Egg Decorating Competition, am  
Thurs 25th Mar-Whole School Art  
Thurs 25th Mar-Parent Council Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm  
Fri 26th Mar- Easter Assembly  
Fri 26th Mar-P1-7 Active Schools, pm  
  
Fri 26th Mar -School Closes for two weeks, return on Monday 12th April

## Daily Procedures

*Please see the reverse of the News Letter for all of the procedures in place for Covid health and safety which we are carrying out in School.*

## ACTIVE SCHOOLS

*Amy Niven will be in school on Friday afternoons for whole school Active Schools on following dates:*

*19th/26th March*

*Easter Break*

*16th/23rd April*

**See PE notes.**

Dear Parents

Welcome back to School P4-7!

Absolutely fantastic to have everyone back and we can all try to get back to some normality at School and in our learning.

Let's look ahead to Term 4 with a big smile!

Mrs McDevitt

## NSPCC

On 17th March children will be taking part in online session (programme) led by NSPCC. The Class Teacher will do follow up activities, it is very important and essential our children can keep safe. At the moment we have the link for P1-3 but expect to also have the link for P4-7 now that it is confirmed they are returning to school. A letter to Parents was sent by Groupcall on Wednesday 10th March.

## Egg Decorating

On Wednesday 24th March there will be an Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Eggs are being supplied by Kirkcudbright Tesco Community Fund.

On Thursday 25th March all children will decorate boiled eggs. Mrs McDevitt will judge the competition and award prizes.

## PE

On PE days please can pupils come to school in their PE kit; leggings, joggers, warm top and sweatshirt, due to no changing in school. Please also send in a spare set of warm clothing (weekly) as some pupils who previously got wet outside had no spare clothes to change into. Daily Mile spare trainers (do not buy these) also needed thank you.

## FOREST FUN

Later in Term 4 we will be revisiting outdoor Forest Fun and learning in the Natural Environment.

Further details to follow.

## Comic Relief

We are taking part in Comic Relief, Come to School as a SUPER HERO on Friday 19th March . Please send in a wee donation. I'm sure it will be a Fun Day! It is also PE day, please can pupils wear warm clothes under their outfit.

## UPDATES

Please remember any updates on pupil health issues or contact details should be sent to the office if there are changes.

## PARENT COUNCIL

*Next meeting will be a Zoom Meeting on Thursday 25th March at 7.30pm. A link will be sent nearer the time.*

## Rag-Bag

Next collection Friday 7th May, remember this is a good Fund Raiser.

## WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

Please remember warm coats, hats and gloves each day. It may also be beneficial for children to bring in spare clothes i.e. spare socks and trousers as Daily Mile will continue in all weathers.

We wanted to make sure that you were fully informed of planned arrangements for P4-7s return to school on Monday 15th March.

### School Transport

The taxi will collect P1-7 pupils who normally travel on the school taxi service. Pupils must wear a face mask on all school transport journeys. Both school and the driver have spare face masks available. Sanitising gel will be provided for all pupils using school transport.

### Lunch

The normal menu will be followed as before. Menu Choices were made before the Christmas break and will be served in the dining room. A groupcall message will be circulated to confirm choices for the first day back. Primary 1-3 lunches are free. All pupils need to bring a NAMED water bottle (filled if possible please) as cups cannot be provided at the water fountains These can be plastic drink bottles. Remember a daily snack too.

### Arriving and Departing School

Pupils should arrive at school between 8.45am and 9.00am. Primary 1-3 pupils will enter school through the pupil Hall entrance. In the mornings, teachers will greet pupils and guide them to sanitise their hands. Senior pupils (P4-7) will enter school via the main front entrance. At 3.00pm **P1-3** pupils will be collected from the main gate as usual. Please let the school office know if another adult is picking up your child. P4-7 pupils will use the side gate. **In the school grounds and at the school gates, all adults must wear a face mask and social distance 2m, thank you.**

### Primary Learning

Both classes will return to their regular class teaching, P1-3 led by Mrs Harrison and Mrs McCall, P4-7 Mrs Kirk and Mrs Graham. Once again all pupils will have individual bags with all necessary resources, provided by the school. (No pencil cases thank you). Pupils will receive reading books to take home. On alternate Thursdays, Mrs McLeman will be the class teacher for part of the day; delivering Art. We also ask that pupils do not bring toys into school. **School diaries will continue to be used for any home communication between parents and teachers and for any homework. Primary 4-7** please try to complete all learning tasks by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> when the shed will be open to drop off the completed home learning pack.

### Windows / Ventilation

Windows must be open in all rooms for ventilation. Extra layers can be worn if necessary . The heating is on and the school is warm

### PE

We will continue to deliver as much PE as possible outside (weather permitting). **On PE days please can pupils come to school in their PE kit;** leggings, joggers, warm top and sweatshirt, due to no changing in school. Please also send in a spare set of warm clothing (weekly) as some pupils who previously got wet outside had no spare clothes to change into. Daily Mile spare trainers (do not buy these) also needed thank you.

**Mrs Harrison** Tuesdays and Thursdays apart from 1st 2 weeks it will be Fridays **Mrs Kirk/Mrs Graham** Monday pm/Friday pm  
**Term 4 will be Thursdays due to Active Schools on Fridays.**

### Illness

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. **We will ask you to collect your child if they are coughing, appear to have a high temperature or seem unwell.** Please let us know immediately if a member of your family is self-isolating; your child (ren) will not be able to attend school and must self-isolate with family members.

### The School Office

There will be an 'Office Drop Box' placed in the school reception for all letters and notes. Please tell your child to hand in any letters using this box, thank you. All visitors must sign in at the school office, under the "Test and Protect" procedures. A regular school Newsletter will be sent home, or emailed to all families. We will also share all letters and newsletters on the School Blog and Facebook Pages as a further means of communication. I can confirm that all Covid19 Risk Assessments are completed. Parents and visitors are still not allowed in school unless pre-arranged. Please phone or email school with any in the first instance. After School appointments can be made to meet with a member of staff.

If you have any further questions, please contact any of the email addresses below.

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