



# Thornliebank Primary School

## and Nursery Class



### October 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

I can't quite believe we're at the October Week already... It doesn't seem that long since we were making sure everything was ready to welcome the children back after the summer. It has been a very busy couple of months here in school and nursery, particularly with all the new routines to get used to. The children have shown great resilience since returning, and we continue to support them to re-engage with their learning, friendships and school life in general. Thank you for your continued support throughout this time and I hope that you and your family are able to enjoy a break during the October Week holiday.

Kind regards

Mrs Miller (Head Teacher)

#### House Captains and Vice Captains

We are delighted to announce that our House Captains and Vice Captains for this year have been elected! Primary 7 pupils created manifesto videos which were shared with all the classes who then cast their votes. The results are as follows:

Brodie - Corey Hutcheson (HC) and Lauren Glennie (VC)

Dean - Anaya Ihsan (HC) and Crystal O'Hara (VC)

Kelburn - Beth Lennon (HC) and Sophie Judge (VC)

Stirling - Brooke Paterson (HC) and Amy Motherwell (VC)

Congratulations to our House Captains and Vice Captains! Miss Cameron will be working with these children to plan some exciting house events to take place after the October holiday.

#### Hallowe'en in a Box!

Our Parent Council have very kindly offered to provide a Hallowe'en party for every class on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. The children are allowed to come into school dressed up on this day and each class will have a party in the afternoon where they will enjoy competitions, games and treats. A separate letter was issued with all the details. We are very grateful to our Parent Council for organising this for the children this year, and for adhering to all the relevant Covid guidance to make this possible. Thank you!!

## Staff News

You may be aware that the Scottish Government has set aside money for schools to help support educational recovery following school closures. As a result, we have been allocated an additional teacher until June 2021. Miss Bethany Thomson was successful at interview in September and will be joining us as Recovery Teacher after the October holiday. Miss Thomson will mainly be supporting pupils in Primary 1, 4 and 7 in Literacy and Numeracy. We look forward to welcoming Miss Thomson into the Thornliebank staff team.

## Class Videos

You should have received an email with a link to your child's class video. We hope this gives you an idea of what the school day looks like, and what happens in the classroom day-to-day. We are still unable to invite parents into school so are currently unable to organise our usual 'Find Out More' and 'Kids Take Over' days, so the videos are intended to give you the information and insight that these events would normally provide. There will be another video from each class before the Christmas holidays, focused on the learning taking place in Literacy and Numeracy. Thank you to all the parents and carers who completed the online survey to give permission for your child to feature in the video.

## Parents' Nights

We are going to be arranging appointments for phone calls to take place instead of face-to-face parent meetings in November. This decision has been made after consultation with parents/carers and staff, and in line with recent guidance from East Renfrewshire Council. We will be using the usual online booking system for parents/carers to arrange an appointment and you will receive a more detailed letter by email later in October.

## Achievements and Friday Treat

We continue to celebrate achievements in classes as we are still not able to have assemblies. On Fridays, golden envelopes are delivered to classes with certificates for children who have been nominated by their class teacher or other members of staff. We have been recognising children who have been displaying Kindness, Respect and Effort - three of our Core Values. Children have also been recognised for excellent work in Literacy and Numeracy, good sportsmanship in PE lessons, having a positive attitude to learning and helping adults. We are very proud of all of the children's achievements and these are shared with the whole school every week on Mrs Miller's Monday Message. Once a month, one or two pupils are chosen from each class for a Friday Treat. This reward is for children who are consistently well behaved and who consistently demonstrate our Core Values and remember our three visible consistencies (Meet & Greet, Talking Voices and Walking in School). There will be another Friday treat after the October holiday.

### Holidays and In-service Days

As you will know, the October Week holiday starts at hometime on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, with the children returning to school and nursery on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October is an in-service day and staff will be undertaking a range of development activities in school and online on that day.

# october holiday week