

Hello everyone,

I cannot believe how quickly this week has gone and that we are now about to begin our October Break.

#### **MEET THE TEACHER:**

Many thanks for the number of lovely comments about the videos that were posted last week. Including yourself in a video takes many people out of their comfort zone and so a big thank you has to go to the teachers for putting themselves out there.

#### **PARENT PORTAL:**

As you are aware the Parent Portal has now been set up. It is really important that you sign up as going forward, all correspondence, including Annual Data Check Forms, Parents Evening Appointments and our calendar of events will be posted there. This will become our sole method of communication. It would be really helpful if you could sign up before the return of school, after the October break (19<sup>th</sup> October 2021). For more information and to sign up, please visit the following link

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/parentsportal>

#### **HOMEWORK CONSULTATION:**

Thank you to those of you who have completed the consultation on homework. The survey will remain opened until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and we are hoping that everyone will take time to share their views.

The staff and children are also being consulted on this. The consultation for children will be set as homework for the week after the October Break and will be available through their Google Classrooms. The questions for the children will be around the same themes but may be worded differently. The consultation process versus a voting process will also be explained to the children as many think we are voting to abolish homework!

#### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

I am sure many of you will know, there have been a few changes in relation to school lunches some of this related to Natasha's Law being implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The food is back being served on plates with cutlery. Not only does this make the food look more appealing, but there is no plastic or packaging waste. Please encourage your children to try something new from the menus which can be found below:

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/primary-menu>

#### **SPARE CLOTHING:**

Can we ask that as well as coming to school in wellies during the winter months, that the children have a spare pair of socks in their bags? Even fully kitted out in rain suits, there are occasions when wet feet cannot be avoided. After all, who can resist a huge puddle?

#### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

At the moment we have only one club running in the school. Apologies for the confusion with regards to the letter that came out. It is a standard letter from Active Schools. Another omission from the letter was that this club is for P3-7 only. Mrs Tait will run another club for the younger year groups later in the year.

Tony, our Active Schools Co-Ordinator, is looking to secure coaches to run other clubs but unfortunately there would be a cost attached to this and so we would have to consider how cost effective these would be to run.

If there are any parents out there who would like to run an after school club (at the moment with current restrictions it can't be a lunch time club) please contact us.

#### **IN SERVICE DAY:**

Can I just remind you that the children will not attend school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October as this is a staff In Service Day. We have a busy day planned with our Pupil Support Assistants engaging in training in relation

to supporting our children in their learning in literacy and our teaching staff revisiting our curriculum and how we will continue to deliver the best learning experiences for our children.

Please do not hesitate to contact us. Remember no question or problem is too small to discuss with us.

I hope everyone has a lovely week.

Fiona McKay

**Head Teacher**