

| <b><u>2021 Autumn &amp; Winter Term</u></b> |  |
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| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October              | Last Day of Autumn Term                  |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October             | First Day of Winter Term                 |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October*          | Dynamic Earth Trip, more info to follow  |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021**     | Flu Vaccination                          |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021*      | Parent Council Meeting, 6pm, venue tbc   |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November            | In Service Day – school closed to pupils |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December         | Last Day of Winter Term                  |
| <b><u>2022 Spring &amp; Summer Term</u></b> |  |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January            | First Day of Spring term                 |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February         | In Service Day – school closed to pupils |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February          | Holiday                                  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February            | Holiday                                  |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April                | Last Day of Spring Term                  |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April               | First Day of Summer Term                 |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May                  | Holiday                                  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May                | In Service Day – school closed to pupils |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June                 | Holiday                                  |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June                | Last Day of Summer Term                  |

Date changes \*\*

New dates \*

Welcome to a bumper edition of our monthly newsletter. We have had a lot going on and a lot coming up!

### **What's been happening**

#### **House captains**

We are delighted to announce the election of our new House Captains and Vice Captains. Well done to all our P6 and P7 pupils who stood to be a House Captain. They showed confidence and resilience in developing their speeches and delivering those to their House teams. The pupils who were unsuccessful in the election are part of the wider leadership team in their house. They will help support their House teams in the playground. Our House Captains have already attended a meeting of Parent Council, Fife Council staff, Contractor and Councillors to discuss work in our **Playground Improvements (see below)**. The House Captains have also worked together as a group and with their wider team to plan how to run **Two Wheel Friday (see in upcoming events)**.



#### **Playground**

As you will know we have been improving our playground over the last few years in partnership with our Parent Council. Grass was installed last session, with further remedial work being carried out over the summer. The grass next to the bin cage is looking really healthy and is now due to be cut and fed. The grass next to the top shed requires further work which will be starting shortly. Fencing will be erected to protect the area.

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Unfortunately, we recently found dog poo on our new grass! We want our playground to be the best environment possible for our children. **Please ensure that there are no dogs in our playground at any time.**

### **Parent Consultations**

Thank you to everybody for signing up to this year's parent consultations online. This has been a new challenge for staff and parents adapting to the new system and we appreciate your patience with this. Our teachers have managed to have meetings with all of our families. If you have not had a meeting or wish to discuss something further please contact Hayley in the school office.

### **What's coming up**

#### **Two Wheel Friday**

We are restarting Two Wheel Friday. Our House Captain teams have planned so we can do this safely for our new pupils. We will review the plan after the holidays:

- P1 – P7 can ride scooters, skates or skateboards. No bikes or hoverboards yet please
- P1 and P2 will have their own area
- If your grown up gives you a helmet to wear, make sure you wear it
- No sharing scooters etc
- Do not play where people are scooting – use the back area, grass or shelters
- Be careful not to bump into people! <https://fb.watch/8cfL4zw2Lh/>



#### **Harvest**

We are making plans to celebrate Harvest across our whole school. These will, of course, depend on guidance. More information to follow.

#### **Dynamic Earth, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

In the run up to COP26, we are learning about looking after our world and the impact of climate change. Our trip to Dynamic Earth will be an amazing opportunity to learn more about our planet. More information to follow.



#### **Flu Vaccination, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Our Flu Vaccinations are set to take place in school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

For more information <https://www.nhsinform.scot/flu-vaccine/the-vaccines/the-child-flu-vaccine>

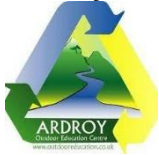


If you have not yet returned your consent form, or have any questions, please contact Hayley in our office.

#### **Parent Council, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 6pm – all welcome!**

Our Parent Council do a wonderful job supporting the work of our school, fundraising and organising social events for our pupils. They also organise community events and already have plans in motion to celebrate Halloween. To get involved and keep up to date on Parent Council Meetings and events check out their Facebook page - [Coaltown of Wemyss Parent Council](#)

## Ardroy 2022



We have super news on Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre – residential are back on the agenda! We will be in touch with our senior pupils and their families shortly with more information. Watch this space!

### General Information

#### **Safety at the end of the day**

For all our pupils' safety, **please leave the car at home**. If you cannot leave the car at home, **please park further away from school and walk**. **Our zigzags should be kept clear at all times** to keep our children safe.

#### **Parent Portal**

We are encouraging parents and carers across Fife to sign up to Parent Portal. This is a new system across all Fife schools, which will be a one-stop shop for lunches, permission slips, parents' evenings and more. Over time, more functions will be added.

#### **Minimising the risk of Covid-19 spread**

As you know, we will be reviewing our control measures over the next few weeks. In the meantime, thank you for continuing to support our current measures:

- **Come dressed for all weathers** – ventilation is a key strategy for keeping everyone safe. It can be quite cool indoors in school. We will be learning outdoors whenever we can
- Staggered arrival at school – we have limited numbers in our cloakroom in the morning. Our doors are open from 8.55am – 9.15am so we don't have a squash and a squeeze
- Avoid congregating in the playground or at the gates – please try to stay 2m apart
- Face coverings for adults in the playground and moving around the school building
- Regular handwashing for pupils and staff
- If anyone in your family is showing symptoms of Covid-19, please stay at home and book a PCR test.
- Limiting visitors to school. All visitors to school are by appointment only. Hand sanitizer should be used on entry to the building.

**If you have information to share with us, a worry or a query, please get in touch right away. on 01592 583420 or email [coaltownofwemyssps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk](mailto:coaltownofwemyssps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk) and we'll get back to you.**

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office, if you have any questions or queries.

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