



<u>2021 Autumn & Winter Term</u>	
Monday 30 th August	Milk Fund Closes
Friday 3 rd September	Flu vaccination form return date – please give to your child for collection in class.
Week beginning 20 th September	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 28 th September	Flu Vaccination (provisional date)
Friday 8 th October	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 25 th October	First Day of Winter Term
Friday 12 th November	In Service Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 22 nd December	Last Day of Winter Term
<u>2022 Spring & Summer Term</u>	
Thursday 6 th January	First Day of Spring term
Wednesday 16 th February	In Service Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 17 th February	Holiday
Friday 18 th February	Holiday
Friday 1 st April	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 18 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 2 nd May	Holiday
Thursday 5 th May	In Service Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 6 th June	Holiday
Friday 30 th June	Last Day of Summer Term

Welcome back! This is our first newsletter of 2021/22 session. Our monthly newsletter gives an overview of key dates, information and what's coming up in school. Look out for our newsletters on the last Friday of the month.

Minimising the risk of Covid-19 spread

As you know, we will be reviewing our control measures over the next four 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.

Flu Vaccination

'Flu is serious. With coronavirus (COVID-19) around it's more important than ever to get the flu vaccine this autumn to protect yourself, others and the NHS.'

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/immunisation/vaccines/flu-vaccine>

Flu vaccination forms are coming home today. We are trying to support as high an uptake up of flu vaccination as possible. Please fill in and return your flu vaccination form by **Friday 3rd September**. We know this is a tight turnaround but we want to ensure we get all forms back so they can be collected by NHS staff at the end of the week.

Communication

Next week, we'll be sending out information which will help you keep up to date.

SeeSaw

We'll be using SeeSaw to share our Learning Aims and you can share photos, videos and achievements with the class teacher, too. We are refreshing our SeeSaw classes. We will send out the information you need for SeeSaw next week.

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.

Data capture information

We'll be issuing new data capture forms next week, where you fill in your contact details etc. However, if you've changed your number or email, please let us know now, so we can get in touch in an emergency etc.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be by video call this term. More info to follow – watch this space.

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 and we'll get back to you.

School Lunch/Milk

Lunch

Lunches should be pre-ordered via iPay Impact. P1-4 are entitled to a free school lunch. School lunches for P5 – P7 cost **£2.40**. If you need any more information, please contact Hayley in the office.

Milk

Milk costs 24p per day, paid termly. Ordering milk this Term will be done online through iPayImpact until Monday 30th August. Please return the milk slip to school to let us know that you have ordered milk.

Fife Council can provide free school meals and a school clothing grant if you are on a low income. Apply online at Fife Direct

<https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/topics/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.display&p2sid=2B4FC2A2-EEFE-793D-C67878ACFFB0B251&themeid=2B4D39FB-1CC4-E06A-5201AAA15FE8C653>

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Water Bottles

We encourage the children to bring a bottle of water each day. The children will bring their bottles home each night to be washed and should bring them into school filled the next morning. As and when they require more water throughout the day they will be able to refill. Please see attached Fife Council Guidance.

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

Mairi MacGregor
Headteacher

WATER IN SCHOOLS - GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

Recent research has shown that many children are not drinking the recommended amount of fluids per day.

The Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in schools (Scotland) 2008 states that pupils must have access at all times to free, fresh drinking water. Water quenches thirst and does not damage teeth.

It is also advised that fruit juice is limited to meal times as frequent exposure can cause dental erosion which damages tooth enamel.

Therefore water bottles for use within class teaching time should only contain fresh drinking water

Guidance for the use and care of bottles

- *Bottles should be emptied and washed daily in hot soapy water (above 60°C) rinsed and left to air dry. Refer to manufactures guidance for cleaning.*
- *Bottles can be pre-filled each morning prior to leaving for school, to avoid unnecessary queuing at the water coolers. (Filled bottles can be stored in the fridge overnight to chill)*
- *All bottles should be named with a permanent marker.*
- **Only** *water is allowed in the bottles.*
- *Bottles will need to be replaced if they become damaged in any way.*