

**Pathhead School Newsletter – June 2021**

 **Leadership Team**

Mrs Jillian Mellis – Headteacher (nursery contact whilst Mrs Colmer on maternity leave)

Mrs Sarah Rollo – Depute Headteacher – P1- 3/4

Mrs Caroline Melvin – Depute Headteacher -P4-7

**Family Support Workers**

Miss Robertson and Mrs Wellwood continue to support us as full-time Family Support Workers in 2021-22. Please get in touch with us over school holidays via school email or via Seesaw in event of emergency.

**2020-2021**

What a year it has been once again for everyone. We’ve made it through school closures and isolations and lockdowns and sad family times to name but a few – but we made it.

It’s been a different year in my first year at Pathhead and I would have loved to have done so many more things with families and children in school but keeping my fingers crossed for next year.

Despite all of the challenges, Pathhead is a fantastic school to be part of and I have loved every minute of it with the children, staff team and our wonderfully supportive families so thank you for welcoming me so wholeheartedly.
We wish our P7s all the best as they continue their learning journey on to High School and we know they will ‘Be the Rainbow’ and continue to shine and grow as the wonderful children they are.
We can’t wait to welcome all of our new nursery children to our 3 rooms – Puffins, Robins and Ducklings (under 3s) as well as out new Primary 1s who graduated from nursery this week too.

We will take the first week back gently and at the children’s pace to make sure they are settled and happy and comfortable at Pathhead.
We also welcome back all of our children and families throughout the whole school and can’t wait to see you all with your smiling faces and smart school uniforms after the summer.

I wish each and every one of you a happy, fun and healthy school holiday and remember to use Seesaw or school email during the holidays should you need to contact the school. Please look out for updates and wee messages from a few of us over the next few days. Thanks for your continued support, Jillian Mellis

 **Staff Changes**

As many of you will know already, Mrs Woodhouse will be leaving us after summer and will be moving on to a new post as Headteacher at Star and Coaltown of Balgonie Primary Schools. Mrs Woodhouse has been a huge part of Pathhead’s successes over the last few years and she will be very much missed. She loved her time at Pathhead and speaks about how special the school is to her often. Best wishes in your new post Mrs Woodhouse – congratulations.

We also say goodbye to our temporary teacher Mr Graham who has been covering for Mrs Blackwood’s maternity leave and to Miss Crichton, PSA. Thanks to both of you for your ongoing support and dedication to Team Pathhead. Good luck in your future ventures. You will be missed.

In Primary 5, we will welcome Miss Emily Lloyd as a new teacher to the school. Staff met Miss Lloyd this week and she can’t wait to join our Pathhead Team.

 **Risk Assessments/ Covid**

As it stands, all of the same restrictions in school and nursery will remain in place after the summer holidays. This is of course subject to change after Scottish Government Announcements but for now, all the same measures will remain in place.

We need to continue:

* Face coverings at all times in the playground, in school when moving around building (adults) and when waiting at drop off and collection.
* Please try hard to keep to one adult at drop off and pick up. We know this may be different for new starts in nursery andP1 but we have made plans for staggered starts to allow for this.
* Adults in school for emergency only and always by appointment if possible
* Please keep your child off if you or anyone in the family display Covid symptoms and have everyone tested.

I appreciate we are all a bit fed up of these restrictions and they may change but the virus is still out there – let’s try our best to stay safe. Thanks



**Breakfast Club**

As it stands, we will continue to offer breakfasts to all of our children once again next session. They will all be able to have toast everyday in school delivered by Miss Siwo and Mrs Donaldson. This has been a great success this year and most children enjoy their wee bit toast.

 If restrictions change and we go back to a club before school, we will be in touch.