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Welcome back to all our children, families, and staff. It was a lovely holiday, but I think that lots of us were pleased to be back together as a Rimbleton community. We've had a fantastic start to our term with lots of purposeful learning and new routines and relationships being formed.

The P1 pupils have begun their learning journey with us and I couldn't be prouder, the children are settled, happy and excited -they make everyone smile!! The P7s are magnificent at their 'Buddying' job – highly respected mentors!! A massive welcome also goes to the new families that have joined our school – you are all very welcome.

This newsletter will contain dates for the upcoming terms, but as always this comes with a warning... these dates may be altered due to the dynamic and changeable world that we are all now working in!

As always, I thank every single one of you for your continued support for myself, the staff team, and our young people.

Kindest regards,

Andrea Gordon

Staffing Updates.

There have been some changes to staffing over the summer. We would like to welcome Ms Tannock and Ms Baxter who will be the team in P2/3, Ms Hay who, alongside Ms Wilson will be leading P5. Miss Miller and Mrs Nicolson will be supporting our learners within our ASC and we welcome Miss Lees back too. Our youngest pupils will also be greeting "new" staff, we would love to welcome back Miss. Carson to the nursery team. You are all very welcome!!!! As a 'cluster' we are in the fortunate position of having a Principal Teacher working with us. Laura Murdoch will be based at Rimbleton on a Tuesday and will be working collaboratively with the Primary 7 staff to help Raise Attainment in Numeracy, with the aim of linking with our local high school to ensure our young people feel prepared and ready for their next steps in education, we are all very excited and supportive of this work.

Health

Public Health Scotland and the Scottish Government want to take the opportunity to reiterate the core public health messages for schools in Scotland:

- Washing hands thoroughly using soap and water will help prevent the spread of common infections such as colds, flu, COVID-19, threadworms and stomach bugs. Hands should be washed throughout the day, e.g. before and after eating; after using the toilet; after coughing or sneezing; and when returning from breaks. Children need to understand why it is important to wash their hands; be taught how to wash, rinse and dry their hands correctly; and have easy access to running water and soap.

- Staff and pupils should continue to follow the advice set out on the NHS Inform website if they have symptoms of a respiratory infection such as coronavirus, this is summarised below.

1. Adults including staff, volunteers and parents visiting early year's settings, should stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of a respiratory infection such as coronavirus and they: have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or carry out normal activities, they should do this until they no longer have a high temperature (if they had one) or until they feel better.
2. Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they're well enough to attend.

As the children are beginning to mix there has been an increase in the reporting of Headlice and Threadworm to school. Both conditions are very treatable, treatment is readily available at the local Pharmacy. If you recognise any of the associated symptoms, listed on the NHS website please visit the Pharmacy and organise treatment for the whole family!!

Parent Partnership.

Please keep **Tuesday 12th September** from 6-7.00 p.m free to come and meet the Parent Partnership and find out about how you can support our school. They are a great group of people that are very proactive in looking at ways to get families involved in improving our school. The P.P have provided the finances to facilitate 'treats' for the children as well as organise extracurricular activities. We always look forward to welcoming new members and hope to see more people come along. The meeting is only an hour and usually occurs just once a term, there is also no commitment to attend every meeting – I hope that I am selling this to you 😊- Please join us! We do need people to attend as there is a real possibility that the Parent Partnership will cease to exist.



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School Uniform

The children are asked to wear uniform. School uniform is a Navy/black jumper or cardigan and navy/black trousers or skirt (please no jeans.) If you would like to order a branded item of uniform the link below will take you directly to the website. On gym days the children are free to wear their gym kit to school. If you have difficulty with the cost of uniform, please let a member of the team know and we will do our best to help. We already have a huge amount of lost property in the container in the Junior shelter and on the lunch trolleys- can I please implore that you label your child's possessions as this makes reuniting item and owner so much easier!

Car Park

For health and safety reasons pupils are **not** allowed to access the car park space. If you are dropping your child off at school, please refrain from accessing the car park as this space is designated for staff and disabled access. Pupils should always enter the school grounds via one of the side gates or the pupil entrance closest to the Scotmid store unless an alternative has been agreed. Due to security this gate will be closed during the teaching sessions, only opening to allow pupils off premises at lunch.

Before and after school.

Breakfast club has now started again after the break. This is a provision that is run and funded for Rimbleton children by Rimbleton staff and school, my thanks go directly to Ms Todd and Ms Meldrum for their contribution. Breakfast club is available from 8:30 -8:50am where the children can choose between toast, cereal, and juice for a cost of **30p** a day. Some teachers have committed to facilitate an after-school club throughout this academic year- thanks to all that have volunteered- A diary of clubs will be issued soon.

Contacting the school.

If you would like to contact the school, please do so via email at:

- Rimbleton.ps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk

By phone on:

- 01592 583454

Or by using the class Seesaw for P1-5

Alternatively, an informal chat with a member of the S.L.T on the playground before or after school is mostly always available. Please be aware that the class teacher will not be able to have any lengthy discussions on the playground as they are class committed. The staff will of course contact you via Seesaw or telephone if you would like longer dialogue.

Community

We are very fortunate to be situated within a very supportive and friendly community where the children are of course welcome to play in the school grounds after the school day. However, there have recently been some complaints regarding noise and overzealous play during an evening or at the weekend. It would be very much appreciated if we could all work together, to encourage our young people to consider the needs of everyone in the community when playing. Thanks as always for your support.

DATES FOR THE FORTH COMING YEAR – Please be aware that these dates are provisional as circumstances can change when planning so far in advance.

4.9.23 – Homework to start this week.

15.9.23 – Soft Start for all pupils 9:15 – 9:45. (nursery will facilitate Stay and Play throughout the week beginning 11th September)

25.9.23 – Beginning of Maths week led by Mrs Orrock

29.9.23 – MacMillan Coffee Morning led by P6/7 and P7

6.10.23 – Winning House Treat.

Monday 9th October is the first day of the October holidays and return on Monday 23rd October.



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25.10.23 – Flu Immunisation – Whole school

31.10.23 – Hallowe'en celebrations

10.11.23 INSET DAY – school for staff only

13.11.23 – World Kindness Day led by P5 and P5/6

19-25th Nov 23 - Road safety week led by P4 and ASC 4

14.11.23 – Feedback evening to Families (face to face meetings)

21.11.23 and 28.11.22 - Feedback evening to Families (face to face meetings)

30.11.23 – St Andrews Day celebration led by P3/4 ASC 2 and ASC 3

1.12.23 – Christmas decorations go up and the Christmas post begins P1 and P7 Christmas Enterprise project.

8.12.23– Infant Christmas show am

11.12.23 – Infant Christmas show pm

12.12.23 – Nursery Sing-along

15.12.23 - P4-7 Christmas Carol Concert

TBC – Christmas dinner – will also be Christmas colour clothes day!

BREAK UP AT 3:10 ON WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2023 AND RETURN FOR THE SPRING TERM ON THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY.