

Term 1 Sway

Welcome to our end of term 1 sway. We have lots of important information contained in this sway to share with you.

This term we have welcomed our new nursery children and Primary 1 children who have settled well. We have also elected our new House Captains from P7 who have extra responsibilities for their house and present at our weekly assembly. As part of one of our school improvement priorities we have started work on refreshing and renewing our curriculum and school values and have consulted our school pupils on this. Next term we will be looking for parental consultation on our school values and curriculum and would really appreciate your input, a form will be sent in term 2.

We hope you find this informative and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office in the usual manner.

Many thanks

Mrs. Gorman



School Improvement Plan



Each year as part of our schools self evaluation we identify a few priorities to develop and focus on, this school session 2021/2022 the school improvement priorities will be:

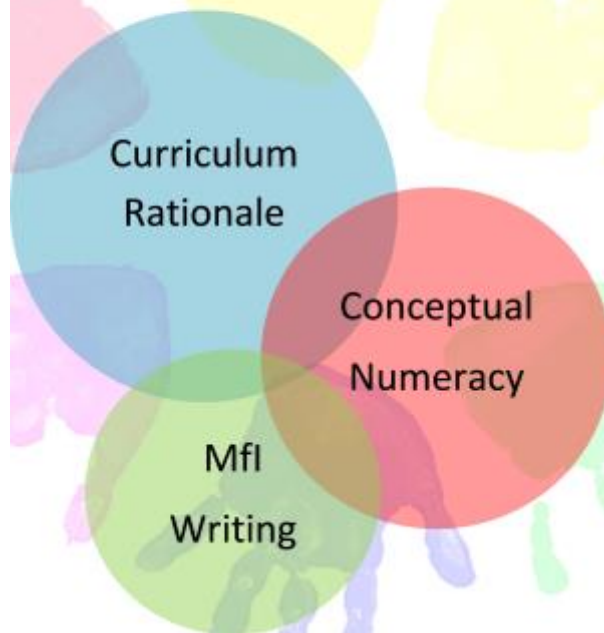
- Curriculum Rationale
- Conceptual Numeracy
- Model for Improvement: Writing

At the start of term 2 you will receive a copy of our Standards and Quality Report which outlines our performance for session 2020/2021. This will be discussed at the next Parent Council meeting (date to be finalised) so I would like to welcome you all along, an e mailed copy will be sent to you in due course.

If you would like to know anything further, please contact the school in the usual manner.



St Ninian's Primary SIP Summary 2021 - 2022



New Covid Guidelines

IMPORTANT



Due to a change in Covid guidelines for schools, from Monday 4th October our nursery and school pupils will be returning to a 9.00 am - 3.00 pm school day.

Pupils should line up in the following areas of our school:

Nursery - Parents can now drop off and pick up their nursery child at the nursery door. This is located in the bottom playground, if you are dropping off your child later or picking them up early please use the buzzer next to this door.

P1/2 and P2/3 - Upper door at the back of the school (upper back playground)

P3/4 and P4/5 - Side entrance door at car park

P5/6 and P7 - Main door

Staff will be present to direct children to begin with so they are comfortable with where they are required to line up.

Teachers will bring in their class lines each morning from these areas. Parents are now allowed into the playground at drop off and pick up times however still cannot enter the school at present.

Pupil's will have one playtime each day from 10.40 - 10.55 am where they will be able to mix freely with other children from different classes.

We have been advised that lunch times should still remain staggered at this stage, as a reminder these are the following:

P1/2 - 12.15 - 1.05

P2/3 - 12.35 - 1.25

P3/4 - 12.55 - 1.45

P4/5 - 12.25 - 1.15

P5/6 - 12.45 - 1.35

P7 - 12.55 - 1.45

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Free school meals and Covid



To be eligible for these you must be receiving a qualifying benefit. Find out if you are [eligible and apply online](#).

If you are a council tax payer and not currently receiving Council Tax Reduction, then you should make a [joint application](#) for free meals and Council Tax Reduction.

Anyone having difficulty accessing or filling in this form, should [contact the Benefits & Council Team online](#) or 03451 55 11 55.

During School terms

Hot and cold food will be served in all our schools during term time and pupils will be able to choose something to eat as normal. Please be aware that some schools may change their lunch routine or timings slightly.

During October Holidays

Parents and carers of children who receive Free School Meals based on benefit entitlement will get a payment of £11.50 per week (£2.30 per day), per child during the October holidays. A payment of £23.00 per child will be paid on Wednesday 6th October along with the £160 Scottish Child Payment - Bridging Payment.

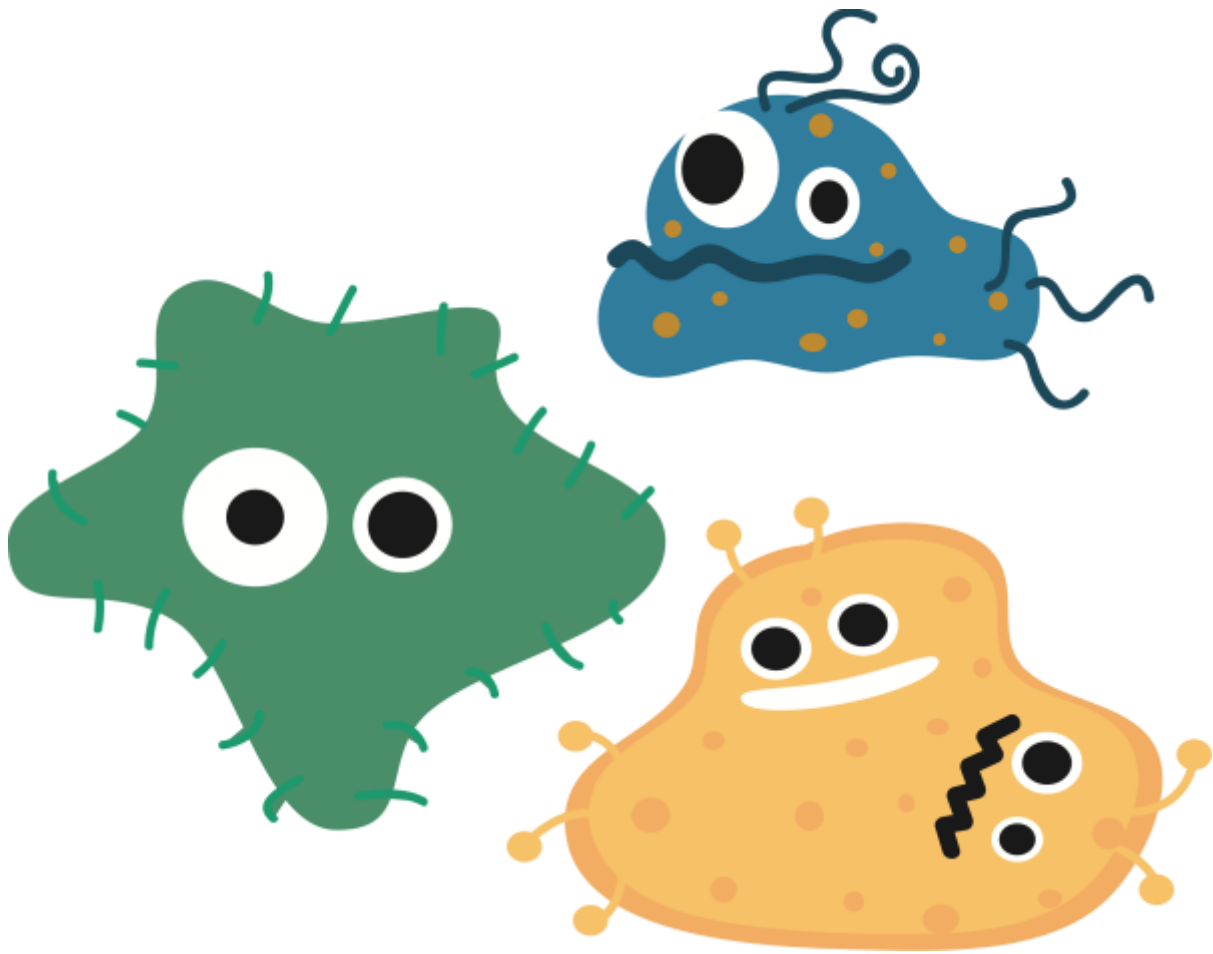
Milk



The milk fund for term 2 (October - December 2021) will close on Wednesday 6th October. Please make payment by then via Ipay Impact to ensure your child receives milk.

The cost of milk is £10.50 for next term.

Flu Vaccine



We would like to remind parents that pupils (where parental consent has been given) will be given their flu vaccine on Friday 29th October. This will be administered through a nasal spray.

Parent Portal



So far 39% of our parents have signed up to use the Parent Portal which is great, some of the benefits of this are below. If you are having any issues please contact the school office.

Parentsportal.scot is a new digital service to help replace the traditional school bag run by providing direct communication to parents through a growing suite of online services.

What is Parentsportal.scot?

In support of Fife Council's ambition to continue improvement in parental engagement we have been working with national partners to develop a "Parents Portal".

The portal will be developed to provide parents with a clear insight to their child's education and to support transactional communications between parents and the school.

Registration for a Parents Portal customer account uses the **MyGovScot (My Account) service**. This is a secure and trusted service provided by the Scottish Government. Parents using IPay / IPayimpact will already have a My Account username and password.

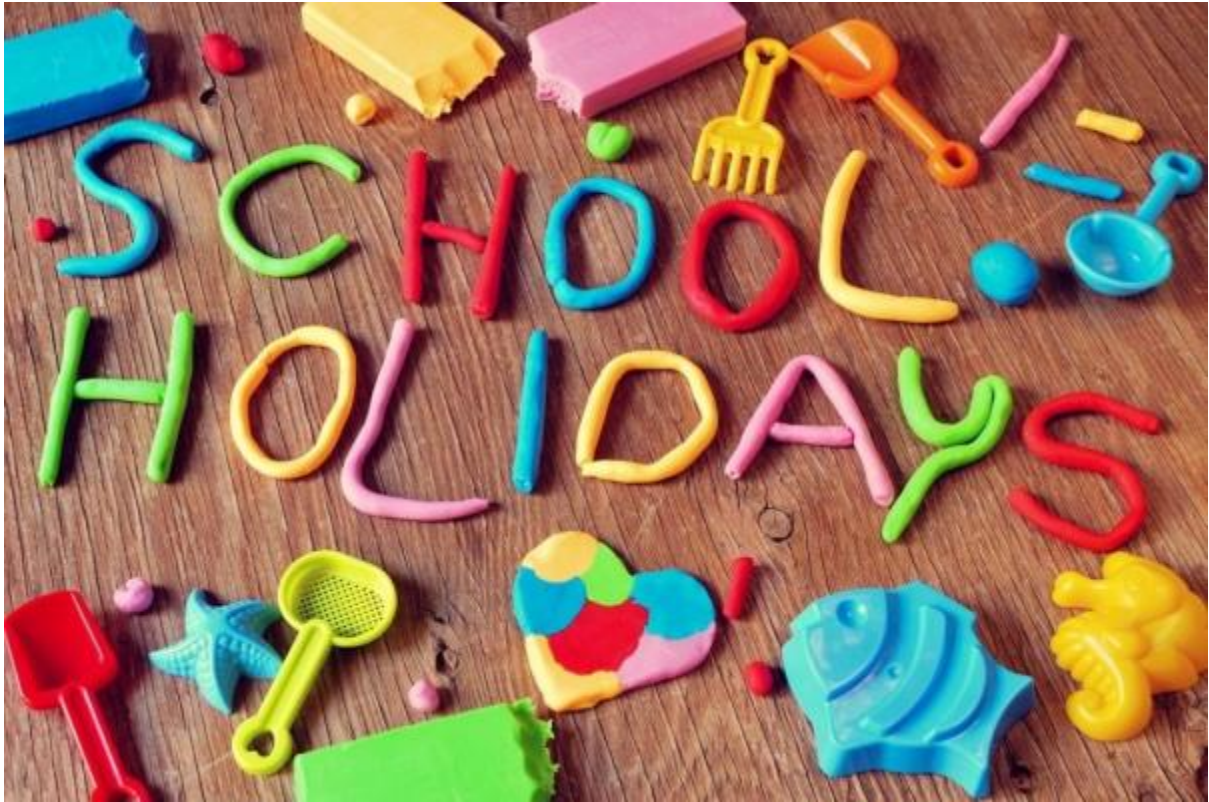
This new service will introduce information about the school and will allow you to:

- link to your child
- view school calendar
- report your child's absence from school
- view your child's attendance
- complete the annual data check process electronically
- update your own as well as your child's details at any time
- access online school payments (iPayImpact)
- view and authorise child's permission slips for trips, clubs etc
- access Parent Zone and Fife.gov.uk
- book your child's parents evenings
- view your child's report card (where available)
- view and access school social media sites and websites
- view your child's class timetable (for pupils in secondary school)

This is an exciting first phase of a new initiative which enables and creates a digital relationship between parents, pupils and schools.

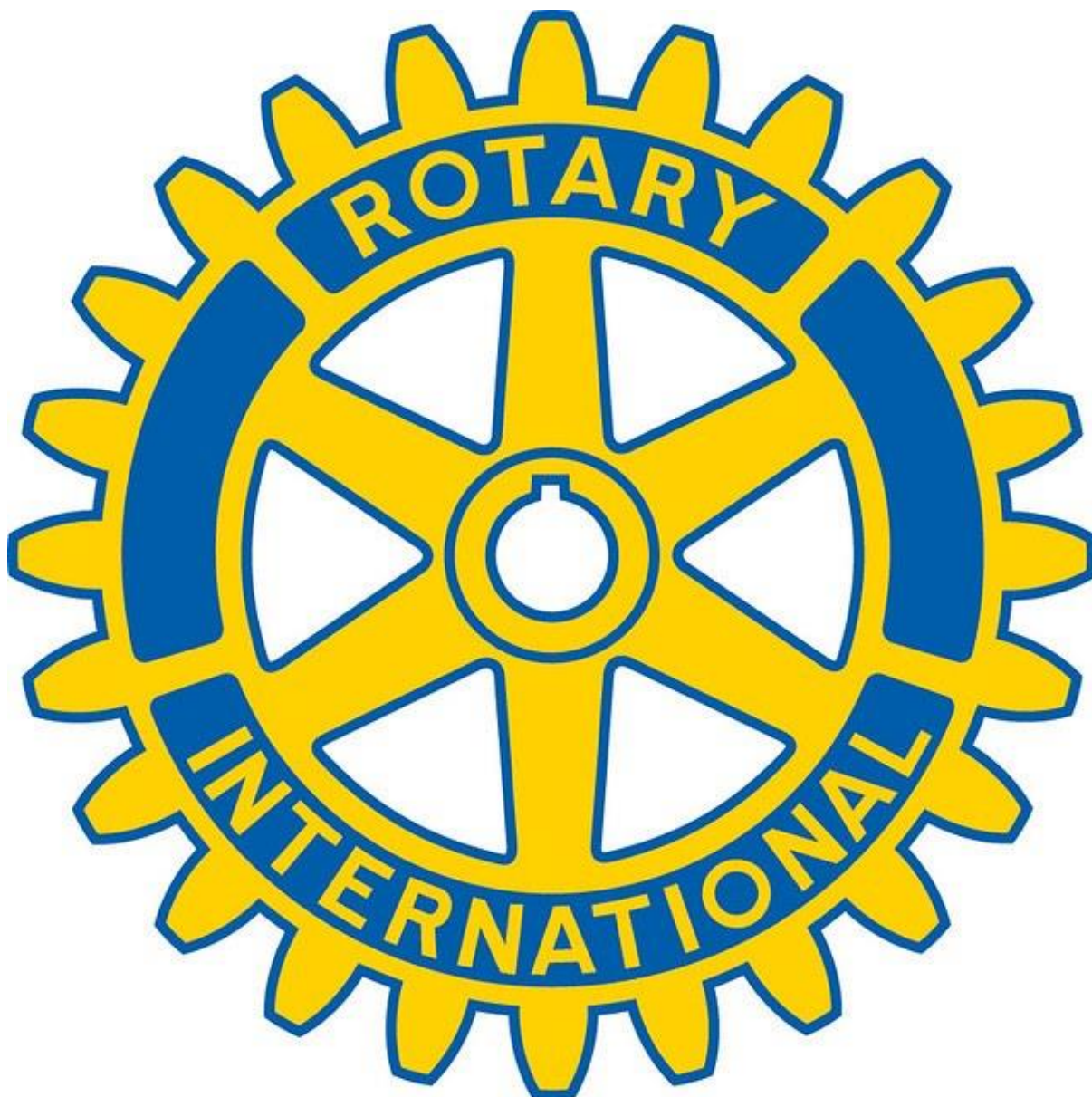
Please click here www.fife.gov.uk/parentsportal for more information and details on how to sign up.

School Holiday - Queen's Jubilee



There will be an additional school holiday on Friday 3rd June 2022 to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Rotary Club Boxes



As part of our Mini Vinnies charity work the school are participating in the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal, we would like to be able to send a total of 14 completed boxes.

The Rotary Shoebox scheme started in 1994 when boxes of gifts were sent at Christmas to children in the city of Lasi, Romania.

Since then the scheme has grown throughout Britain and Ireland and tens of thousands of boxes have been sent to children and families in many countries in Eastern Europe.

We would be very grateful if you were able to send in any of the items from the picture below so we can send these boxes from our school community.

Suggested items to fill your Shoebox

Child / Toys ~ For Boys & Girls

Cars, trucks, etc, balls, complete jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, pens, crayons, lego blocks, yo-yo, bubble blowers, wooden and plastic toys, building blocks, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, play-doh / plasticine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens / gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

Teenagers ~ For young people up to 18 years age

Sportswear, scarf, gloves, socks, hat, football memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing cards, tennis ball, tooth brush & paste, roll-on deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery, make-up, hair brush, toiletries, school stationery, clothing repair kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils ...

Household Goods ~ For older folk & families

Scarves, gloves, hats, wrapped soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic cream, bandages, face or body creams, cosmetics, pens, writing pad & envelopes, T lights, candles, sewing kit, scissors...

Baby ~ Age up to 12 months

This is given to new mothers and can include baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby oil, talc powder, bonnet, booties and mitts, baby grow, baby blanket, small soft toy or plastic rattle...

What NOT to include in boxes: Food, sweets, chocolate & drinks, battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols (e.g. deodorants & hair spray), seeds or any other living material, automatic washing machine powders

For safety – Please securely sellotape tops of liquid containers.

Protect anything sharp and do not put anything sharp into the Toys box.

Communication



Please do not hesitate to get in contact with the school if you have any questions or concerns, our contact details are:

Write to us at:

St Ninian's RC Primary School

78 Derran Drive

Cardenden

Fife

KY5 0JJ

Telephone us on: 01592 583460

E mail us at: stniniansrcps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk

If your child is going to be absent from school you can text us on: 07860004836

School website - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/fi/stniniansrcps/>

You will also receive a data capture form and permission update form to complete during the school year, this is important as it ensures we hold the most up to date information for you and your child. Please inform us if anything changes throughout the year for yourself, your child(ren) or any emergency contacts.

We communicate regularly through e mail so please make sure we have the correct address. If we have any leaflets / letter we require signed these will of course be sent home with your child in their school bag.

You can keep up to date with us on Facebook and Twitter:

Facebook – @StNinians

Twitter – @StNinians_RCPS

You can also download our new school app from the app store - just search for "School App for Parents"