

King's Oak Primary School

February 2021



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Dear Parent/ Carer,



I wish to thank you and congratulate you on the wonderful job you are doing during this current remote learning period. I know just how challenging juggling life, family and work commitments are for many of you, and that is before we venture into the world of Microsoft Teams! Mr Jamieson and Mr McShane have been calling any families who are alerting the office, leadership team or class teachers know they are needing digital assistance. Thank you to them for being so skilled and able to talk you through frustrating digital problems. The school is open Monday – Friday from 9am-3pm and we are here to help if anyone requires anything. **NB – Our remote learning questionnaire is still available to be answered. We would love to hear your views. Many thanks to those who have completed!**

Kindest regards, Kirstin Glancy, HT

Paper Packs

The number of families collecting our weekly paper learning packs from the school office is so encouraging. We also love seeing you on a weekly basis for this brief time. Seeing the children makes our day! The paper pack for this week (Week beginning Monday 1st Feb) also contains the learning activities required for next Thursday and Friday following the February break. The paper pack has the same contents as the online packs. Feedback we are receiving is that many families like having both to work from and that the paper copy allows work to be photographed and uploaded very easily.



School Youtube Channel

You Tube King's Oak has a Youtube channel, dedicated to showing off the great work that goes on. On the channel so far you will find our school Christmas performance, Rights Respecting videos made by our Nursery, P1, P2/1 and P2. Digital videos are also available to support with some aspects of getting up and running with Remote Learning. Our very popular Weekly Skillz Challenge videos are also posted here. Why not get involved!

February Break

The February holiday weekend is approaching. School will be closed on Monday 8th and 9th plus Inset Day on Wednesday 10th. No hub will run from King's Oak during these days. Remote learning and our hub will resume on Thursday 11th February 2021.



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Return of Nursery – P3 Pupils

As you will know from the First Minister's announcement earlier this week as well as the letter received from Ruth Binks yesterday, the plan is for the above stages to return to full time learning as of Monday 22nd February. This is subject to review but in the interim we look forward to welcoming these stages back.



As Mrs Bink's letter stated, we will share plans with you the week beginning 15th February 2021.



I'm sure you will continue to respect appropriate social distancing measures as well as the wearing of a face covering at these times as out with school, full lockdown is still in place.

Staffing Updates

Quite a number of staffing changes have happened within King's oak in recent weeks. Mrs Cannon has given birth to a beautiful daughter! Congratulations to all! Mrs Cannon is now on maternity leave. In the interim, Mr Thomson successfully interviewed for her maternity leave cover. He transfers from his post as PEF Principal Teacher into Principal Teacher from our core staffing budgets. His role and responsibilities will remain the same.



ASN staff member, Mrs Anderson, has sadly left us. She has taken up a similar post elsewhere in the authority. We wish her well and thank her for all she did in King's Oak, particularly with our P7 pupils. I know their online check in was fondly received on her final day where the children were able to wish her goodbye.

Following a successful recruitment drive across the authority we have a number of new ASN staff within King's Oak. We warmly welcome Miss Wilson, Miss Rankin and Miss Hair who will be working with us. Miss Wilson has already been getting to know children attending the P7 hub and Miss Rankin the same within the P3 and P4 hub. Miss Hair is due to begin in the coming weeks.

I would just like to thank all of the staff in King's Oak for continuing to be so positive and willing to embrace new and challenging ways of working since the Christmas period. I'm sure will you will agree they are doing a fabulous job!

Attendance

In term two our overall attendance as a school was 90.08%.

This is below Scotland's national average at present. I'm sure when we return to school we will continue to work on maximising attendance in school. In term two the highest attending class was **P2** with a fantastic overall attendance of 96.17%. A HUGE well done to them!



Upon our return to school, council absence procedures must be followed. Parents/ Carers are required to alert the school in the morning of any absence. We also contact families who do not alert us due to Child Protection and safeguarding. I'm sure you will understand the importance of this.

P1 Registration



Well done to all who successfully registered their child for P1 online. This was a new procedure due to covid-19. If you are reading this and you have realised this is something you or a family/ friend has overlooked please contact the office and we can best advise on next steps. At present we have no indication of numbers for our P1 cohort of 2021. We eagerly await information on our future Mighty

Oakers!

P7 Transitions

By now any placing requests to any school other than your catchment school will have been made. We will shortly begin hearing about transition arrangements for individual schools. As soon as we have any information this will be shared with relevant families.



Parent Circle

Many thanks to our Parent Circle for continuing to support our work during this remote learning period. They are always willing to listen to families and will warmly welcome new members into the group.

I would like to thank them for their contributions in December. The children loved their kind gifts donated by them. They also generously donated a virtual pantomime for the children to watch in school on the final week of term. Many thanks for these donations!

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