

St Ninian's Weekly Newsletter

Teach with Love and Learn with Pride

21/08/2020

First Week at School



We are delighted that the children have settled so well back at school. They have all responded positively to the measures we have put in place to keep them safe.

Lunches served in the classrooms have been a success and the children have enjoyed playing with their friends in their year group bubbles. Please send water to school with your child as our water fountains are not accessible at this current time.

Communication

Previously parents sent a little note with information in the child's teacher/office, however to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 we ask that all communication is provided by email or by telephone. The school office is staffed each day from 8.30 - 4.15, we also have an answer machine service which is checked daily. Our office email is also checked daily and any information relevant to your child will be passed promptly to the appropriate staff member. Thank you in advance for helping us to keep our school community safe.

Keeping Our School Community Safe

Thank you to many of our parents for responding to our requests to maintain the 2m Social Distance around the school grounds when picking up and dropping off your child. .

At the end of the day please remember that only parents of P1 & P2 (and their siblings) should pick their child up from Staffa Street. Could we request that only one adult drops off and picks up the child as this limits the number of adults at the school gates. No parents should enter the school grounds, particularly at the Staffa Street gate. Should you wish to pass on any messages, no matter how small, please telephone the school office rather than coming down the stairs.

The children from P3 onwards may enter and leave through either Drumshantie Road Gate or Kirn Drive Gate. Please discuss with your child where you will pick them up. In the event that you may be late to pick up your child, please contact the school ASAP so that we can instruct your child to wait at the school office.

If your child is walking to and from school alone, please discuss with them the safest route to school. Older children walking home alone may use the Staffa Street gate to enter and leave as this may be the shortest and safest route and will not impact on the number of parents at the gate.

Please remember to leave room for our children to walk safely on the pavement. Children should never 'step off' the pavement because parents are obstructing their way.

The children will be learning about safety in and around the school during their wellbeing sessions for the next few weeks. We are happy to listen to any suggestions from parents.

Staying Vigilant and Responding to COVID-19 symptoms

As a whole school community we need to be vigilant for the symptoms of COVID-19. The most common symptoms are:

- New continuous cough
- Fever/high temperature
- Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

If your child displays any of these symptoms **please do not send them to school**. It is important that you follow up to date health protection advice on household or self-isolation from NHS Inform and from Test and Protect.

Annual Data Check

We will shortly be sending home the annual data check. This information is really important as we update our systems and improve communication. Please complete these forms and return them to school ASAP. Any letters/forms sent home will be quarantined for 72 hours when returned to school

Twitter

Please follow your child's class and school on Twitter.

Twitter gives parents the opportunity to see what is happening in class and to chat to their children about their learning. Please do not communicate with teachers directly through private message on twitter. All communication should be through the school office.

School Account	@saintninians
Mrs Currie	@StNinMrsCurrie
Mrs Munro	@mrsmunro1718
Primary 1A	@MrsHunterStNins
Primary 1B	@MrsLClarkStNins
Primary 2	@MissTait4
Primary2/3	@_MissForbes
Primary 3	@MrsKavanaghP2B
Primary 4A	@stninsmrse
Primary 4B	@MrsRoseStNin
Primary 5A	@MrPollock2
Primary 5B	@MissOliverStNin
Primary 6A	@MsFstninians
Primary 6B	@MissMStNins
Primary 7A	@MrsCoyleP7
Primary 7B	@MrsClarkeStNin

Outdoor Learning

We are making more use of our outdoor environment for learning. The children in each class have started to learn regularly outdoors with their teachers and support staff.

Please make sure your child comes to school with appropriate coats and shoes on for outdoor learning.

Inverclyde Council ~ Education Services

2020-2021 School Calendar (REVISED June 2020)

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- School Closed/ Holidays
- Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)
- School Open

In-service days – 5
 Teacher days – 195
 Pupil days – 190