



Linkwood Primary

25th March 2021

Dear Parents,

We've made it to the end of an extraordinary term. Thank you for all your support throughout, especially during our transition to our new building. We look forward to a good break over Easter and hope you all enjoy some time in the sunshine and fresh air.

Day of Celebration Friday 26th March

We are finally looking forward to celebrating us all moving into our new building. On Friday we are going to lay our own unique painted stone in a path leading from the Avenue path to the school. We will enjoy some Easter activities in the morning and a party in the playground in the afternoon. Children can come dressed as they please for the day.

During our party we will blow some bubbles and make a wish using bubble wands kindly donated by Kay the Community Champion at ASDA. We will also have snack of a small cake (also donated by ASDA) decorated with the school logo and a drink donated by the Parent Council. Classes have made party hats, flags and bunting.

We have some special surprises for the children to take home with them on Friday.

Once we are able to have the school officially opened, we have created a time capsule which we will bury.

Packing Box Competition

We are delighted to announce that Connor Mackay in P5 has won the competition for guessing the number of packing boxes with his guess of 275. We unpacked 256 packing boxes! He will take home a voucher on Friday. Well done, Connor.

Staffing

Mrs Grant has been a very loyal supply teacher to Linkwood and has tried to hang her teaching hat up previously but we have persuaded her back! However, Friday will be her very last day of teaching and we can't thank her enough for all her hard work and loyal service. We wish her a very happy retirement and look forward to hearing of her next adventure once she is allowed to travel again.

Miss Wilson is recovering really well from her back surgery and we look forward to welcoming her back to work with P4/5 after the Easter break.

Nursery

The Nursery team have now begun to prepare for the nursery opening on April 5th managed by Mrs Elaine Gordon. We look forward to working with the nursery to ensure a smooth transition for some of our new P1 pupils in August.

The opening of the nursery will increase the number of staff now working in the school to over 30 and therefore the number of free spaces in the car park will be further reduced. Please do not rely on using car park spaces.

ASN Drop off

We are awaiting signage to mark the spaces in front of the school for Additional Support Needs pick up and drop off. As clearly explained on a number of occasions, these spaces are for drop off only, not for parking. Due to the increase in families ordering taxis to pick pupils up, these spaces are not then available to those who need them. Please avoid using these spaces unless for drop and go and instruct taxis to pick up away from the school entrance.

Walking Bus

We understand drop off and pick up is new and different to us all and we are delighted so many of you are using our Walking Bus in the mornings. A huge thank you to the parents who are helping Miss Murray manage this. If parents are interested in helping in the mornings please complete the form below to add to our bank of helpers. We currently have 7 parents helping Miss Murray.

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Road Safety

We have been informed of a lack of awareness of road safety of pupils crossing the Moray Sports Centre car park from the Avenue path to Linkwood Road. We have also witnessed a number of pupils crossing the school car park to the bike shelter when there is a safe route to the shelter by following the Avenue path right along to the end of the car park and then turning left towards the bike shelter.

We are reinforcing road safety messages in school but ultimately it is parents who are responsible for their child before and after school. Please take time to share safety messages with them and ensure they have a clear understanding of the routes they need to take to stay safe.

Please also remind your child to wear a helmet if taking their bike or scooter to school.

Next Term

We are in the process of finalising dates for next term's events including a sports day. It is unlikely that we will be able to accommodate parents for this but we will keep you informed as more guidance is shared with us.

Pre- Loved Uniform

We are now able to stock more items for our pre-loved clothes. We are in need of older sizes as we don't have any older jumpers or cardigans at the moment. If anyone is having a clear out of school uniform, we are happy to take any items.

Now that we are all changing into indoor shoes, we are also happy to take any shoes that have been grown out of but in good condition. Please put these items in to school with your child.

If you are looking for items, please continue to use this link.

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COVID SYMPTOMS

If your child show any of the signs of having COVID, they must remain at home until you seek further advice.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we'll look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 12th April.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Stevenson
Head Teacher