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Newsletter: End of Term 3

Dear Parent/Carer

What a term this has been! I would like to thank all of the children, staff, families and our wider community for supporting Pilmuir Primary School back to school following a second lockdown.

It is hard to appreciate that we remain in Tier 4 of a lockdown and see our children back in school. In the last newsletter, a request for parents to 'drop & go' was made and I would please ask when we return on Monday 12th April, unless your child has specific needs that you 'drop & go'. COVID is still very much a risk and everyone needs to continue doing their bit. FACTS must be observed if we are to continue our journey of recovery from COVID.

Please phone or email the office if you need to share information and someone will get back to you as soon as they are able to. If you feel there is an urgent matter, you should come through the main gate and to reception. Please do not walk across the school playground during the school day, this is to ensure the safety of your children and also staff on site. Anyone coming onto school grounds is required to sign in at reception to support Track & Trace procedures.

Staffing update

I am sad to say that Mrs Finlayson who has been covering P2 this term will not be with us after the holiday. She has been a fantastic member of our Pilmuir Team and I know you will join me in thanking her for her hard work and commitment to their learning journey. We wish her well and hope she will come back again soon. Mrs Gillespie will be teaching the children on Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th April when we return to school.

On a happier note, Miss Edgar began her Pupil Support Assistant role today. Welcome to Miss Edgar. We are hoping Mrs Balnave will be starting with us at the start of next term.

Building update

During the holiday, roofing works will continue and during the assembly on Thursday children were reminded that lorries and trucks will continue to be moving around. During working hours please reinforce the messages for children to stay safe.

The site manager and I meet regularly and he shared how impressed he had been with the children's safety awareness and respecting the safety measures put in place. That made me VERY proud!

The children have done a fantastic job of dealing with COVID and additional measures put in place to keep everyone safe. Well done!

Over the holiday period snagging work will take place in the 'West Wing' (we still need to decide on a name for the 'new' building) and there will also be work in our main building too.

The improvements to our reception and 'front of house' will continue and the P1 & P2 classrooms will have a new carpet. Some new furniture has arrived and this will be unpacked and in place ready for the start of Term 4. Keep an eye out for our next interactive newsletter!

Due to ongoing building works, the new menus that have been sent out separately via email and Xpressions will not be available in its entirety. As soon as lunches return to being in the dining hall the full offer will be available. We will make this happen as soon as we are able to in the new term.

Reminders for Term 4

Please remember that we need to keep items coming in from home to an absolute minimum to stay 'COVID safe.' Children should only bring in packed lunches, snacks and water bottles. To help maintain our COVID free school environment, items children bring from home may end up in our quarantine box for 72 hours before being sent home.

Please be aware that as part of an agreed support plan, a few children may have a transition item and has been risk assessed as part of that plan.

Children do not need to bring in pencil cases or pens from home as all items for learning and teaching will be provided in class at this time.

There has been an increasing number of children bringing juice in bottles. This should only be as part of a packed lunch. Bottles that children have throughout the day should contain water to keep them hydrated. Drinking water is available from the taps for children to fill their bottles throughout the day.

Due to the ongoing building work, lunches will continue in classrooms at the start of term. Sue and her catering team will make adjustments to ensure the nutritional entitlement is still received but some items may be substituted. I will update you once we return as to when normal dining will resume.

School returns on Monday 12th April

And finally...

Wishing you all a restful Easter holiday hoping you manage to enjoy exploring the outdoors as highlighted in Mrs Cross' letter.

Yours sincerely,

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