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April 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you all had a lovely Spring break and have enjoyed the lighter nights and slightly warmer weather.



We have welcomed all children back this week with big friendly smiles and there has been a great atmosphere in the school building. We are looking forward to a super final term.

Parking and Congestion Around the School

Please be mindful of parking on pavements during drop off and pick times. It is very busy in and around the school and would ask that you carefully consider where you park your car. We would also ask that you drive slowly to minimise any risk to children who are walking to or from school.



Due to the transmission rates and our attempts to reduce the risk of community spread, we would like to reiterate the procedures for drop-off and collection times. Could we please request that parents/carers follow the one-way system in place and come to school for the correct start/finish time, leaving promptly afterwards. This will support us to ensure that parents/carers lining up for our infant children will not have to walk past anyone on the back path to collect their child, eg. parents/carers with children finishing at 3.10pm should not be waiting at the same time as parents/carers waiting for children who finish at 3pm. Likewise, to ensure children are kept in their "bubbles", 9.10am starts should not enter the playground prior to 9am unless agreed by the school. Should you require support with the measures please contact the school who will be more than happy to help. We appreciate your continued support with this matter.



Face Coverings

In line with Scottish Government recommendations and guidance we are continuing to ask parents/carers to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting children as well as maintaining social distancing.

Primary 7 Transitions



Greenfaulds High School have been in touch to arrange some dates to come and visit the Primary 7 children as they prepare to move onto secondary school in August. One of the Pupil Support teachers will visit one class one week and the other primary 7 class the next. This will be for one hour and children will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have at this point.

Greenfaulds are in the process of confirming further transition visits and activities and we will update Primary 7 parents/carers when they become available.

Nursery - Primary 1 Transition



We will be starting out nursery transition in May. This will be slightly different from our normal procedures to fit with current regulations. This year we plan to use the story 'Everywhere Bear' by Julia Donaldson with our nursery children and this will be a focus when they initially start in August as it will be familiar to them. We will be using our school

Twitter page and nursery online journals to post virtual activities to our newcomers which will feature the hashtag #TransitionTuesday #HereThereEverywhereBear

Parents Night

As we are currently living in unprecedented times, parents' nights will not take place as normal this year. We will be in contact with parents/carers in the very near future to confirm this sessions arrangements.

Trim Trail

Having explored various avenues to support the removal of the Trim Trail, you will have noticed that we have managed to have it dismantled and safely removed over the Spring Break. We now have a larger space in the playground to utilise for outdoor learning and free play.



Sun Cream and Water Bottles

It has been lovely to experience great weather since our return to school. As children are engaging in an increased amount of outdoor learning this session, please ensure your child(ren) has applied sun cream prior to coming to school and comes prepared with a supply of water. This will ensure they can have fun and make the most of their outdoor experiences

Parent Council

Thank you to our Parent Council and school community for working with us to collect Easter Eggs to donate to charity. The generosity of the school community was amazing and each and every egg was greatly appreciated.



Our next Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday 18th May.

Holidays

3rd May 2021 - May Day holiday

Thursday 6th May 2021 - In service day

Friday 28th May 2021 - May weekend

Monday 31st May 2021 - May weekend

Thursday 24th June 2021 - School closes for summer.



If you have an enquiry about your child's learning please contact the school at enquiries@eastfield.n-lanark.sch.uk or call 01236 632106 and we will be happy to help.



We will continue to use class Teams to set and return homework for the remainder of the school session.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs McPhee and Mrs Bradshaw

