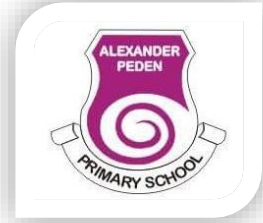


Alexander Peden Primary School & Nursery Class

Parent Newsletter 2 – October 2020



As we head towards our October week, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and patience as we implement our 'New Norm'. It has been a challenging start to the session but please be reassured that at the heart of every decision made is the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

SAFETY FIRST

In-line with current National & NLC Guidance only **essential** visitors are able to access our school. To date this has included additional staff to support the implementation of 1140 hours in the nursery and to support learning in the school.



Contact and trace information is requested from all visitors to our school and nursery.

Parents/Carers should only access the school grounds and building by appointment. Unless exempt, a face covering is also requested to be worn.

We also kindly request that parents/carers, family and friends dropping off and picking up children adhere to social distancing measures and avoid entering the safety bubble at each gate.

MATHS WEEK – WEEK BEGINNING 28 SEPTEMBER

All our children across our nursery and school enthusiastically participated in a range of activities for Maths week. A number of our classes were very successful in the National Sumdog Competition as well as one of our P7 pupils, Ben Lee who scored in the top 50 across the whole of Scotland – well done Ben!

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

A number of our senior pupils are keen to get back to cycling to school. Now that we are settled into our start and end of day routines, we are able to support this. All children – if they wish – can cycle/scooter to school. Please note that bikes/scooters require to be secured outdoors – your child will be responsible for this. School cannot take responsibility for any bikes/scooters not secured appropriately.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Our first round of Learning Conversations on 22/23 September were successfully hosted via Teams and/or telephone calls.

HOMEWORK

We have not been issuing homework this term as our priority has been reconnecting with our children and settling them back into the school/nursery environment. We will review this as the term progresses.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic we require to postpone the planned visit from the school photographer. We have rescheduled this for January when we hope it will be safer and non-essential visitors can come into the school.

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We are currently looking at how we can enjoy these festivities whilst adhering to all required safety measures. Arrangements are likely to be very different but we will work hard to ensure our children (and staff) have fun!

REMINDER - COVID MAIN SYMPTOMS

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal



Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD HAVE SYMPTOMS

If you or your child have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.
- Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.



As we head into cold and flu season it is important to note that a sore head, sore throat and a runny nose are not symptoms of coronavirus and DO NOT require a test.

If you require support/advice please contact the COVID Helpline on 08000282816.

DIARY DATES – TERM 1 & TERM 2

****A CHECK IN MEETING WILL BE ORGANISED FOR PARENTS ON THURSDAY 8 & FRIDAY 9 OCT – DETAILS WILL BE EMAILED ON TUESDAY 6/FRIDAY 7 OCT****

DATE	EVENT
12-16 Oct	Holiday (Please note that nursery will be open for children attending 48 weeks)
Fri 30 Oct	Mathematical Mindset Workshop for Parents on Teams (Joining Instructions to follow)
	Halloween - TBC
Mon 16 Nov	In-service (children should NOT attend, including all nursery children)
16 – 20 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
23 Dec – 5 Jan	Holiday (school & term time nursery)
Wed 6 Jan	Children return to school and term time nursery
3 & 4 Feb	Learning Conversations
8 & 9 Feb	HOLIDAY
10 Feb	In-service (children should NOT attend, including all nursery children)
11 Feb	Internet Safety Day
1 – 16 Apr	Easter Break
Mon 19 Apr	Children return to school and term time nursery

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