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# CHRYSTON PRIMARY



## WELCOME BACK

### STAFFING UPDATE

There are no further updates regarding the management structure of the school. We continue to be managed by Mr Mitchell as our shared headteacher and Mrs Martin as acting depute head alongside Mrs McIntyre. Mrs Fleck, our principal teacher continues to cover Primary 1a in the absence of Mrs Ross. We welcome Mrs McDaid each Tuesday to provide targeted support in Writing. Mrs Howie will also be working with us on a part time basis giving support to targeted reading groups this coming term as well.

### WORKING ACROSS STAGES

Teachers will be seeking opportunities over this session, as the rules change, for children to work with pupils in their stage who are not in their class this session.

As I write this, I can hardly believe we are approaching the September weekend. The children have settled well and our new Primary 1 pupils are wee stars! Communication from the school will continue to come via email so please remember to keep us up to date with your current contact details. Letters are also posted on our school website which links to our app. If you have a Hotmail or MSN email address, please be mindful that we are still receiving some reports that correspondence can end up in Junk mail folders. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please do this via school office using the details at the bottom of the newsletter. Please do not email teachers directly. Staff emails have changed since the beginning of September. Breakfast club (open from 815) continues to prove popular with a lot of our families. Please be reminded that both breakfast club and school lunches are free to all our Primary 1-4 pupils.

## HOME LEARNING

### Homework

A reminder that all children have access to a Glow stage team where homework will be posted on a weekly basis. This homework reflects current learning in the classroom. Please contact the office if you require the Glow password reset or if require support in accessing it. Help is also available on our website if needed. We are still using limiting items going between home and school so please only return homework online. As Reading books come home, please ensure they are put back in the bags daily as this will be the same copy they use in school.

### Work when isolating

If children are off ill, we are not asking them to work. If your child is well, but is isolating, please access school work from the virtual classrooms tile within Glow.

Log into Glow and click the house at the left hand side

Then click on the Virtual classroom tile.

Order of difficulty follows the rainbow colours – P1 – 7 in this order:

Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet. You can also access previous weeks' virtual classrooms if you wish to do so.

This is not compulsory. It is your choice as a parent whether you wish to access this. Any learning your child wishes to share with your child's teacher, email the enquiries account and it will be forwarded onto the correct member of staff. .



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## LOST PROPERTY

Uniforms don't come cheap and we have a number of



jackets, blazers and sweatshirts in our lost property box that we would like to reacquaint with their owners. Unfortunately, they do not have names on them. On the afternoons of Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> September between 1.30pm and 3pm, we will have a table outside the school office displaying any misplaced items. Please reclaim anything that is yours.

## PARKING

Unfortunately, due to the limited size of our car park, it continues to be for staff only. Please refrain from using it. The main car park for parents is the car park prior to the roundabout.

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Thank you for social distancing and wearing masks whilst picking your children up from school. It is much appreciated by us all. Please be reminded that this also applies at breakfast club.

Staggered starts and finishes will continue this term. Please collect your child at the gate you wish to leave from. Parents and carers are not able to cross the playground to go to the other side of the school.

Please continue to keep us informed if there is a positive case or if your child has been identified as a close contact. Thank you for doing this so promptly. The water dispenser in school remains out of use. Please continue to send your children to school with filled water bottles. A few parents have asked us about juice inside bottles in class. However, water does remain the only drink that can be taken in class time. Juice is to be kept for break and lunchtimes. Photographs for current session are being looked into just now, but we are waiting on confirmation from NLC prior to booking this.

Please continue to support your children in becoming independent. This will enable staff to socially distance. A lot of our children still ask us to support them in opening their snacks, tying laces and fastening their jackets. Please practise these skills at home. We have been also asked again about giving out party invitations. This is not something we are able to do, I am afraid. Your child can do this, but we are not permitted to do this on their behalf, sorry.

## REPORTING TO PARENTS

Our annual September *Meet the teacher* event cannot take place due to current social distancing rules. However, your child's teacher is currently working on a narrated Powerpoint which you will be able to view in your child's Glow team. Our parents' meetings which are due to take place in near future will also not be in person unless guidance is changed.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Rescheduled Flu vaccination date  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Parent council meeting ( online)  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Meet the teacher narrated Powerpoints in Teams  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Holiday – school closed  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Holiday – school closed  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Maths week Scotland  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Start of the October week holiday  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Parent council meeting

Parent consultations – to be confirmed.

## MATHS WEEK SCOTLAND AND COP26

Maths week Scotland takes place across the country after the September weekend from 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021.. The children will be working on wider problem solving and also applying their skills in a context. Look out for a national photograph competition on Twitter called *Maths inside*. They are looking for entries in the following categories In the home, In the Wild and Climate Change. Check out their website to see how to enter - <https://mathsinside.com/>

Last session we had a few pupils with winning entries.

Please share with us on Twitter any Maths related activities that you do at home during Maths week and tag @mathsweekscot as well as @ChrystonPrimary in your posts. We love seeing what our children do at home.

As COP26 – Climate change conference in Glasgow - approaches our pupils from P4-7 will be exploring the theme of Climate change when they return to school after the October week holiday. Why not tweet anything you do at home that helps to support our environment during the month of October leading up to the conference in November?

## SCHOOL GROUNDS UPDATE

Thank you to Roy Boyd who continues to support the school in the garden. Primary 4 pupils and teachers continue to work on maintaining our garden.

Our Primary 4s have been harvesting the vegetables and cooking with them this month.



Last session our parent council secured funding which was used to purchase replacement benches for our senior playground. Money was also used to create an outdoor learning area and purchase gardening equipment. Thank you for this.



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