

ST. AIDAN'S

Primary School, Nursery Class and

Language & Communication Support Centre

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NEWSLETTER

To Our St. Aidan's School Family,

I hope that this September newsletter finds you and your family well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over our return to school. Our staff are very happy to be back at school and it's been wonderful to see all the children back at school and looking very smart in our lovely school uniform.

I'd like to thank everyone for the patience and understanding you are showing, particularly at drop off and pick up times. The mornings seem to be very calm and I continue to ask parents to remember to keep 2m apart from other adults whilst waiting to collect your child at home time.

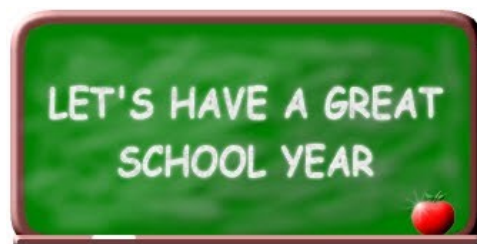
I would like to take this opportunity to say how well all our children are settling back into the school, LCSC and Nursery, especially our new Primary 1 and Nursery children...I am very proud of them all. It has been a truly memorable start back to school for us all but together we can make it: "The best it can be, every day in every way!"

Please take time to read the information within this newsletter as it includes important updates regarding health and safety, staffing and school news. Once again, thank you to you and to the children for the sensible way they are responding to our new routines.

God Bless

Mrs McLean

Head Teacher



School Updates

- Gate 1 (Red and Yellow zone) Gate 2(Blue and Green zone) and Gate 3(Denholm Drive for P6/P7 only) will be opened from 8.20am for children attending breakfast club. Children attending Breakfast Club should enter school from Main Office. Please note that children must purchase a breakfast at the Breakfast Club.
- We will open the side gate on wet days as the bus lane can become flooded.
- Parents should not park in the bus lane as this is a health and safety issue. Please be considerate in your parking choices...Safety first!
- Children in P1 and P1/2 school day will be from 8.45am till 2.45pm to ease congestion. All other children should arrive in school from 8.45am onwards, please note there is no adult supervision in the yard until this time .
- If you need to pick up your child for an appointment, please call the school and we will explain the procedure for signing your child out of school.

Growing in Faith, Learning for Life

Staffing Update

Lots of wonderful news to share this month...

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Keen and Miss Jones will take up the post of Acting Depute Head Teachers with in our school and nursery. The ladies will share this post throughout the week. Congratulations also to Mrs Donnelly who takes up the post of Acting PT. I am delighted for them all and wish them every success in their new posts.

A huge congratulations to Mrs McArthur and Mrs Anderson who have both given birth to beautiful baby boys . We can't wait to meet Ollie McArthur and Max Anderson very soon.

We wish Miss McKenzie the very best of luck as she prepares for her up and coming wedding which will take place during the September weekend. We wish her a lifetime of happiness and look forward to welcoming her back the new Mrs McCafferty.

Delighted to share with you that Mrs Zonfrillo is expecting her first child in January 2021...such wonderful news for the Zonfrillo family.

Parent Portal

It is very important that all parents/carers are able to log on to the NLC Parent Portal for St. Aidan's. The portal will become one of the main ways we communicate with parents. This service will provide you with access to a growing suite of online services such as

- Online school payments
- Attendance
- Placing request forms
- Annual data check
- General school information
- Access to your child's report

As the development of the portal continues, it will see features such as reporting absences and permission slips for excursions etc..

We are now live on Parents Portal and I encourage all parents to sign up and use some of the features.

<http://bit.ly/ParentsPortalNLC>

ANNUAL DATA UPDATE

It is very important forms that we have the most up-to-date data on our records. Please ensure that you update your contact and emergency details via the Parent Portal. If you are unable to access the portal call the school office and we can try to help you.

Movement Around the School

In following national guidance we aim to ensure there is as little crowding/gathering of pupils as possible.

Every class has a designated entry /exit gate and zone...Please note only those gates and entrances should be used. Classes will be dismissed in a calm and orderly manner. Please note P1-3 parents are permitted at home time only to wait on the spots for your child to be dismissed from school.

Please arrive as soon as possible to 9am as there will be less playground supervision before school starts. Late-coming: your child should still come in by their designated gate and entrance—they will be open. Please inform us if your child is ever running late, so that we can look out for them. I encourage all parents to drop and go to avoid crowding at the school gates. Wet Mornings: as the school hall cannot be used for large group supervision, in the event of rain, please ensure your child is suitably dressed as they have to stand in zoned playground area for a few minutes before entering the classroom.

Forgotten items— If your child forgets their lunch, snack or water bottle then please call the school. Parents should avoid turning up at school to hand in items as we are unable to take them from you and pass items on.

Parents accessing the school building-In following guidance, please note that will be operating an appointment only system. We ask that parents and carers avoid entering the school building in order to reduce the footfall within the campus. Should you require to contact us please email or phone the school and we will address any issues or concerns as quickly as possible. If your child has an appointment then please call the school first and we will arrange with you how to pick up and drop off your child.

Meet the Teacher

Over the past 3 years we have held our popular 'Meet the Teacher' event. This year we are having to consider a different way to approach this. Each teacher will make a short video which will introduce your child's learning environment, showcase their learning themes this term and of course there will be a welcome message from your child's class teacher. I will send more information about this nearer the time.

NUT ALLERGIES

We have a number of children and some staff who have severe nut allergies. It is important to make all Parents/Carers and Children aware of the dangers of bringing items which contain nuts in them to school. You may think that it is only when a person comes into direct contact with nuts that they can be affected. However, people can take a reaction even by touching the hand of someone who has come into contact with nuts. Therefore, we ask that you send nothing into school with your child which contains nuts. This includes Chocolate Spread, and in particular Nutella



Outdoor Physical Learning– PE Days

At present there is no indoor PE, we have therefore allocated all classes an **(Outdoor Learning Schedule)** allowing each class access to an area of the playground each day to participate in an outdoor activity. Please ensure the children have suitable outdoor coats and shoes on every day. I have indicated below the days that your child will be taking part in PE outdoors, on these days the children should come to school dress for outdoor physical education (Tracksuit bottoms/leggings– Please note NO FOOTBALL TOPS ALLOWED)

Class	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
Mrs Zonfrillo LCSC	Monday	Thursday
Miss Mahoney LCSC	Monday	Thursday
Miss Sherry LCSC	Monday-Friday (Responsive)	
Mrs Jaconelli LCSC	Wednesday-Friday (Responsive)	
Primary 1	Tuesday	Friday
Primary 1/2	Tuesday	Wednesday
Primary 2	Tuesday/Wednesday	Friday
Primary 2/3	Tuesday	Friday
Primary 3	Wednesday	Friday
Primary 4	Wednesday	Friday
Primary 5/6	Monday	Thursday
Primary 5	Monday	Wednesday
Primary 6	Monday	Wednesday
Primary 7	Monday	Wednesday



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION 2020

First Holy Communion

After consultation with Fr O'Connor we are delighted to announce that the P5 children (last year's P4 pupils) will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist on either Saturday 24th October (11am Mass/ 1pm Mass) or Saturday 31st October (11am Mass/1pm Mass). All parents have been consulted about the services and we are now beginning to prepare the children for their special day.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

The children in P4 (last year's P3 children) will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday 9th November and Tuesday 10th November AT 6PM. More information will follow shortly.

Please join me in keeping the children and their families in your prayers.

Our Silver Rights Respecting Journey

We have been working with the children, staff and focus group of parents towards the achievement of our Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award. During this month we will have our Silver Accreditation Visit (Digitally). Our children and staff have been working on their Class Charter which can be seen as a framework for both adults and children and young people on how to *respect* each other's *rights*. Our 5 values of RESPECT, NURTURE, ACHIEVING, LOVE AND INCLUSION are the foundation of the charter. I would like to thank Mrs McGeough and the RRS Committee for all their hard work... Good Luck everyone.



Nurture | Loving | Respect | Achieving | Inclusion

Health and Safety

If your child or anyone in your household displays any symptoms...

Common symptoms are:

- a high temperature or fever
- a new continuous cough
- a loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste
- Note: A new, continuous cough means coughing for longer than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. If you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual. The whole household should isolate until a test can be carried out.
- Your **entire household** should isolate until a test can be carried out.
- You should inform the school ASAP. When the results of the test are know, you should contact us again ASAP.
- If you have more than one child (even if they attend different schools/nurseries) you should keep them all off until the results of our test are known.

Remember FACTS for a safer Scotland

F Face coverings 

A Avoid crowded places 

C Clean your hands regularly 

T Two metre distance 

S Self isolate and book a test if you have symptoms 

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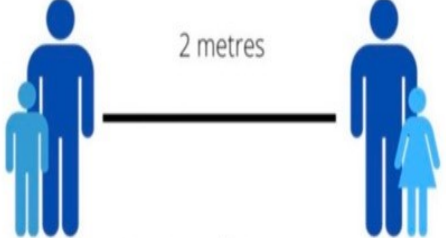
CORONAVIRUS
STAY SAFE
PROTECT OTHERS
SAVE LIVES

NHS Lothian


Keep our school safe

Stay apart when dropping off or collecting your children

2 metres



Don't stand in groups



Remember FACTS
Go to nhsinform.scot/coronavirus

Anyone 5 years and over, who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus, can now get tested.

If you have a high temperature, persistent cough, or loss, or change, of taste or smell, you can now get a test.

You can book a slot at a drive-through testing centre. Or request a test kit to be delivered to your home.

If you have symptoms, you should only leave your house to go for a test.

Otherwise, you should follow self-isolation guidelines and stay at home for 7 days. And anyone in your household should stay in for 14 days.

To find out more and book your test go to www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. If you can't get online, call 0300 303 2713.



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