



ST. AIDAN'S

Primary School, Nursery Class and

Language & Communication Support Centre

November/ December 2020

NEWSLETTER

To Our St. Aidan's School Family,

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well. I can't quite believe this is our November/December Newsletter already...The staff team and I have been planning some special events throughout Nov/Dec, we will outline all the arrangements within this newsletter so please keep it handy. A reminder that Tracking Reports will be sent out during the month of November, we will also make some telephone calls home to discuss your child's progress during this month.

I wanted to send a special message of congratulations to our First Holy Communicants and to our P4 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the past few weeks...We are all so proud of you children. You waited so long to celebrate your special day and it was just lovely to see you take your next step in your journey of faith.

God Bless

Mrs McLean

KEEP A SAFE 2M DISTANCE WHEN DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING CHILDREN

One Adult only (per family) should be within the infant school grounds and all other parents to wait outside the school gate. Parents should wear a face covering.

ADULTS ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A FACE COVERING

Parents, who can, we ask that you wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your child from school/nursery.

DO NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL BUILDING WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT

If you need to collect your child for an appointment then please call ahead and we will happily help!

PARK AWAY FROM THE SCHOOL

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!

Growing in Faith, Learning for Life

Inservice Day

You will have seen from the calendar of School Holidays in our October Newsletter, that we have our annual November INSET Day planned. This means the school and Nursery will be closed to all pupils on:

Monday 16th November 2020

We open as normal on Tuesday 17th with Breakfast Club at 8.20am

St. Andrew's Day Celebration - Monday 30th November

Children should dress down on this day and pay £1, all proceeds will go towards school funds. It would be lovely if the children could wear tartan/ Scottish outfit but this is optional. Please send donation in an envelope.



Thank you

Connecting with Parents

As we are unable to invite parents into the building during this time, we hope you are finding our creative ways of connecting with you worthwhile.

During the next two months, here are the many ways we can stay connected...

November- As we are unable to hold Parents' Evening we will send out your child's Tracking Report during this month. We will also begin our telephone home consultations. Please note that we will organise a time and date that your child's class teacher will contact you to discuss your child's progress. We will also send out a child/parent HWB survey this month and of course our Nov/Dec Newsletter.

December- Telephone home consultations will continue this month. We plan to hold a virtual Christmas Fayre and hopefully a special Eventbrite Christmas Nativity. Please see Christmas events on the next page for more details.

If you wish to discuss any other matters please contact me via the school office on 01698 522702 or my email ht@st-aidans-pri.n-lanark.sch.uk



Christmas Events



As you are all aware, COVID-19 has meant that many of our annual events have had to be completely cancelled or completely re-thought! This is a challenge for us, as much of what makes our schools special is the annual calendar of events...especially at this time of year. However, the creative team, including our wonderful Parent council, have come up with some fantastic ideas to help celebrate Christmas:

EVENT	TIME AND DATE
<u>CHRISTMAS PARTIES</u> – ALL PARTIES WILL BE IN OWN CLASSROOMS.CHILDREN SHOULD COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY OUTFITS.	FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER
<u>WHOLE SCHOOL VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS NATIVITY</u> – EACH CLASS WILL RECORD A NATIVITY SCENE AND WE WILL PUT IT TOGETHER FOR YOU TO ENJOY.	ONGOING
<u>WHOLE SCHOOL VIRTUAL PANTOMIME</u> (PARENT COUNCIL FUNDED) JACK AND BEANSTALK	TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER
<u>WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET</u> EACH CLASS WILL CREATE SOME CHRISTMAS ENTRPRISE TO SELL AT OUR ONLINE MARKET	LIVE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 14TH-21ST DEC
<u>VIRTUAL SANTA AND ELF CHRISTMAS MESSAGE</u> Nursery– P1-3	TBC
<u>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</u>	17TH DEC
<u>ADVENT ASSEMBLIES</u>	FRIDAY 27TH NOV FRIDAY 4TH DEC FRIDAY 11TH DEC FRIDAY 18TH DEC

Christmas Charity Fundraisers

Christmas Charity Appeals

Our Primary 6 Missio champs and Primary 6 Missio class will be working hard over the next few weeks to organise our various Christmas charity appeals. Before we embark on our fundraising work, however, the children would like to express their understanding that we as a school are very aware of how the current situation with Covid-19 may have affected families in our school. With this in mind, we ask that those of us who are able, donate what they can, and those who are facing financial difficulties, take a breath and give later, if they can.

During our class discussions, Primary 6 expressed a desire to help other people in countries where poverty prevents children from learning and growing up to be successful. We have identified two appeals that would allow us to help those people -

1) We will be donating second-hand items to help equip our future cluster partner school in Malawi (along with St. Aidan's High) The items we are asking children to donate are:

* any unwanted paperback, lightweight books for children aged 6-16

* any unwanted coloured pens, pencils, small lightweight notepads or

colouring books

* any unwanted small puzzles, games

* any unwanted spectacles

* any unwanted mobile phones with chargers if possible

2) We will be issuing Missio Baubles to children to take home and save pound coins over Advent. All money donated will go to Missio's very valuable work with impoverished communities.

The children also expressed how important they thought that it was to support our own community, particularly with the economic implications of Covid-19. We have, therefore, identified two charities within our area who would gratefully accept our donations -

3) We will collect donations of foods for the local foodbank

4) We are hoping to organise Christmas gifts for children in our area

Isolating Families

North Lanarkshire Council has put in place a comprehensive strategy to support families if they have to self isolate for any period of time.

This involves...


- ⇒ The school informs North Lanarkshire.
- ⇒ The school writes to families to inform them of what learning materials will be on offer and how to access these
- ⇒ Community Assistance contacts the family to support (e.g., Free School Meals so that vouchers can be sent to families to continue the provision of daily meals, Financial Inclusion Team if support is required, Community Assistance if other special support is required (e.g. special prescription delivery, dog walking, etc.)
- ⇒ The school will contact the family by telephone each week of isolation.

Help and support will be available throughout and we encourage you to contact us if you need anything... even something not related to school!



Scottish Child Payment

Applications for the new Scottish Child Payment aimed at tackling poverty opened on the 9th Nov 2020 with first payments made to families Early 2021. If you have a child under 6 and receive a qualifying benefit, then please apply at: mygov.scot/benefits or call 0800 182 2222. You could receive £10 per



Scottish Child Payment

How much will the Scottish Child Payment be?	£10 per week, per eligible child.
Who is eligible for the Scottish Child Payment?	Households with children, and in receipt of a qualifying benefit. (e.g. Universal Credit, Income Related Benefits, Pension Credit)
When will the Scottish Child Payment be delivered?	Eligible families with children under 6 will receive payments by early 2021. Full rollout to eligible families with children under 16 by end of 2022.

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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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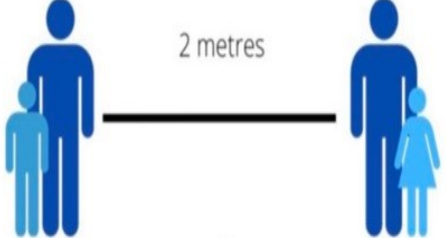
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SAVE LIVES

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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