



St Timothy's

Primary School, Nursery Class and LCSC

At St Timothy's we Belong Together in a Loving, Respectful and Happy Family

Weekly Update

Week Beginning 1.3.21

This Week

Monday

- Mrs Harper P6/7 bubble
- Mrs McAllister P4/5 bubble
- Mr Fawcett room 4
- Mr Forbes cluster meeting 10.30am (teams)
- 1pm – Scotplay – yard – Play equipment
- Mr Forbes meeting 1.30pm

Tuesday

- Mrs Harper P6/7 bubble
- Mrs McAllister P4/5 bubble
- Mr Fawcett room 4
- 8.30am LCSC Speech therapists' meeting
- 11am P4 stage assembly
- 4pm – Mr Forbes Education Scotland 'Big Blether'
- 6.30pm – PTA meeting

Wednesday

- Mrs Simpson P6/7 bubble
- Miss Meina P4/5 bubble
- Mr Fawcett room 4
- AM – Mr Robertson, Mr McGuigan, Mrs McKinstry, Mrs Harper P7 transition
- 12pm Mr Forbes meeting (teams)

Thursday

- Mr McGuigan P6/7 bubble
- Miss Meina P4/5 bubble
- Mrs McKinstry room 2
- Miss Canavan room 4
- Miss Walsh room 3
- Mrs Prunty room 7
- 11.30am – Mr Robertson meeting (WebEx)

Friday

- Mr McGuigan P6/7 bubble
- Miss Mooney P4/5 bubble
- Mrs McKinstry room 2
- Miss Canavan room 4
- 9.30am P1-3 assembly
- 10am Mr Robertson meeting
- 1.30pm – Mr Forbes family group meeting (Teams)

Please see the times your child's teacher (P4-7) will be in school, obviously they will not be live on Teams that day.

Coming Up Soon

It was great to have the nursery and P1-3 children back last week. It quite emotional actually just to see their faces coming in in the morning and hear a bit of noise in the school again. I was almost glad to hear that cymbal getting banged in the nursery yard. Almost! All of the children did really well and were a great credit to the fabulous job you have done with them at home.

Our focus is on the core areas of literacy and numeracy and of course the children's health and wellbeing on their return. One of the parents told me her child had sat her down at

breakfast to do a feelings check in and wanted her to talk about what made her feel that way! While that made me chuckle on the one hand, on the other it's good to hear that those conversations and that language is becoming ingrained for our young people.

You'll be aware of the First Minister's announcement re P4-7 pupils potentially returning on 15th March. Hopefully this will be the case, but there are a few things we can all do to help make it more likely.

The driver of schools going back or otherwise is the r number nationally. The factor that affects the r number, and causes schools to be closed, is not the pupils being in school per se, but rather the behaviour, interactions and movement of the adults who are dropping children off and picking them up at school, or going to and from work.

This means remembering the fact that some of the children are back full time does not mean we are not in a lockdown. Please ensure you do remember this and;

- Go straight from the house to school and back – don't allow coming to school to cause you to make extra trips to the shops.
- Minimise your interaction with other people at the school campus
- Keep your distance from anyone not in your family and wear a mask – if you are exempt from wearing a mask please wear your badge.
- Drop your child off and collect them at the appropriate times;
 - P1 – 8:50-2:45
 - P2 – 8:55-2:55
 - P6/7 – 9-3
 - P3 – 9.05-3.05
 - P4/5 – 9.10-3.10

The yard is staffed from 8.45 – there is no need to wait for your child's line to go in. Likewise at the end of the day, there are always staff at the gate and the children will not be dismissed early.

These measures and our behaviour are what keeps schools open and allows our children to be here. Please do your bit and ensure you are enabling us to stay open.

The engagement in home learning has dipped a wee bit – about 8% - since the February holiday – please encourage your child to keep going! We are changing the menu for assemblies next week for P4-7 to hopefully mix it up a bit!