



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 23rd August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

The children have settled back into school really well, with the new P1s especially having a great first week. We are very much looking forward to the rest of the term and year with them all.

Can I also say the children are looking fabulous in their uniforms – we really appreciate your efforts with this and would like to aim to continue this all year.

I have a few updates for you before I go on to the diary for next week.

PE – At St Timothy's we are asking pupils not to get changed on PE days, at least for the moment – this may change after the October school holiday. In the meantime therefore, can children please come to school in their PE uniform, that is, either a yellow polo shirt or white t shirt and suitable joggers or shorts. Please ensure your child is wearing something they are comfortable doing PE in.

The children will also be getting a music session with Mrs Simpson and many classes will also have a drama session with Miss Mooney.

The times the children will have PE, drama and music are;

PE with Miss Devlin and Music with Mrs Simpson

Monday – Rooms 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16

Tuesday – Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7

Wednesday – Rooms 6, 8, 9 and 10

Second PE session with Miss Devlin

Friday – Rooms 15 and 16.

Second PE lesson with class teacher in gym hall

Thursday – Rooms 13, 14, 7, 10, 11

Friday – Rooms 8 and 9

Drama with Miss Mooney

Thursday – Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7

Friday – Rooms 8, 9, 11 and 13

Those classes not having a drama lesson with Miss Mooney will have drama covered in class with their teacher. In addition, those classes who only have one PE session per week with Miss Devlin will have a second session with the class teacher, with their overall physical activity programme taking them to 2 hours per week. If their additional session is not in the gym hall in the lists above it will be outside and will be communicated soon.

Management Remits and Points of Contact

The management team will have responsibility for set year groups. This will include monitoring and tracking learning and providing pastoral support to children and families where required too. Please use this person as a first point of contact.

Primary 1 – Mr Fawcett

Primary 2 and Primary 3 – Mr Robertson

Primary 4 and Primary 5 – Mrs Hannaway

Primary 6 and Primary 7 – Mr Forbes

Mr Robertson is also the co-ordination for additional support in the school and can be contacted with regards to this, as well as the person mentioned above. Mr Robertson is also the point of contact for LCSC parents.

I (Mr Forbes) am the child-protection co-ordinator in the school and any concerns or queries around child protection should come to me.

Focus Fridays

We are going, as part of our curricular recovery plans and our development of deep learning, to introduce 'focus Fridays'. These will be an opportunity for the children each week to deepen the learning they have been doing that week and apply the skills in different ways. The management team will be visiting classes on Fridays too to share in the children's learning and discuss their work with them.

Food Allergies

Please be aware that there are certain products we cannot have in our school. This is a safety issue for some of our children who have severe allergies. These products are;

Seeds

Lentils and pulses

Chickpeas and hummus

Nuts and products containing nuts – this includes nut based chocolate spreads. I know that many children like chocolate spread on their sandwiches – I really need you to make sure this is a nut free spread you use if it is being brought to school.

If you are not sure about any particular product please ask us.

Menus

The dinner school menus are published online and we tweet links to this every week. Please discuss these with your child, and check there is something they are able to eat. It can obviously be challenging where a child tells us there is nothing available they like or will eat.

Staggered Start and Finish

This will continue for the time being. If you would like your children to all come out at the same time please send a note in to the teacher of the child or children due to be dismissed later and they will dismiss them along with the children going home by taxi.

Social Distancing on Campus

Please remember that the First Minister described schools as a 'unique environment' and that therefore social distancing and masks remain in place for adults. Please be mindful of wearing a mask and maintaining social distancing while on campus, especially at the gate.

Medicines

Please remember to visit the office to complete a medication form if your child has medicine to take in school. This includes epipens and inhalers. Please work with us to ensure it is in date.

Period Products

We continue to have a stock of sanitary products in the school. These can be used by any children (or adults) who need them – this includes being given some to take home if this is helpful.

Mrs Hannaway is going to speak to the P6 and P7 girls in September about these products, in terms of where they are and using and disposing of them. Please consider having a discussion with your daughter about puberty over the next couple of weeks – this will then be followed up with all P6 and P7 children in due course as part of the curriculum.

Weekly Diary

Can classes please begin to choose another class rep for the pupil council please? I have promised last year's group another turn given the interruptions last year, so if you choose someone different they can both come to the meetings!

Monday

Tuesday

9.30am – Mr Fawcett, Mr Forbes, catering staff meeting

10am Mr Fawcett, Mr Fawcett, Mrs Cardno, Mrs McCulloch – nursery improvement planning meeting

Wednesday

9am – Miss Devlin – probationer mentor training

3.15pm – Teaching staff – school improvement planning meeting

Thursday

Miss Kelly (P3) probationer course

9am – Miss Mooney – apt – Mr Forbes to cover

9.50am – Miss Meina apt – Mrs Hannaway to cover please

10.30am – Mr Forbes – meeting – teams

1.30pm – Mr Forbes – ACPHT meeting – teams

2pm – Mr Fawcett meeting Active Schools Co-ordinator

2.15pm – Mr Forbes room 12 PE

Friday

11am – P1-3 assembly (teams)

11.50am – P4-7 assembly (teams)

Next week – planning and tracking meetings – class teachers and link SMT.