



Coupar Angus Primary School

Newsletter 10

May 2020

Dear all,

I apologise that I am sending the May newsletter out on the 1st of June! However, this newsletter is fairly short and I am expecting the June newsletter to have a bit more detail and to be out in a couple of weeks.

I hope you all had a lovely weekend, enjoying the sunny weather, and were perhaps able to see some family or friends that you have not seen in a while, albeit in a socially distanced and safe way!

You will have heard on the news and through information from Perth & Kinross Council that Schools in Scotland will reopen for a phased return and part-time school experience from August 11th. There are several planning groups looking at how this might happen in PKC just now and we hope to be able to share more in the next few weeks as we learn more. However, the blended model of home learning and in school learning is likely to be implemented in some form.

We have provided some families with I-pads to support home learning and if this is something which you feel would be a support, please get in touch via the school email or the class teacher.

Please remember the number one priority during this time is the health and wellbeing of your family and if the home learning is tricky you can get in touch (via seesaw or the email couparangus@pkc.gov.uk) You can ask us (or class teacher) to give you a call, to discuss some other alternatives or tell us you are having a break for a bit if that is what is needed.

Occasionally we have been phoning families to check in and see if there is anything we can support with.

The school will continue to be open on Tuesdays between 10.30 and 12.00 until the summer break for families to come and collect any materials. This is usually in the playground, weather permitting.

School staff will start to be back in school over the coming weeks, to prepare for the return to school. We will be making the desks more spaced out, decluttering rooms and considering groupings, planning blended learning and continuing to provide home learning.

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Health Week and sports day

It's June and normally in June there would be school trips, sports day and some activities to celebrate the year. We will try to do many of these in a virtual way and we kick off with Health Week!

(And it looks like we've planned it well with the weather for once!)

Most of you have been working very hard at home learning and we really appreciate all the hard work and creativity. However, we want to keep it interesting, so this week we are stepping away from literacy and numeracy and focusing more on health and wellbeing with a grid of activities for children to dip into over the week and on Thursday we will have a virtual sports day. Please dress up in house colours, have a go, get everyone involved and tell us how you got on - your teachers might even post some photos of themselves taking part!

Classes for next session:

New P1 class

P2/3 class (this year's P1/2 class is moving up as it is)

P3 class (the current P2 class moving up as it is)

P4 class (as above)

P5/6 M

P5/6 GB

P7

We were going to change the classes this session, due to the numbers in the current P4/5 classes, we have 3 spaces and PKC guidance is that we should leave 4 spaces. However, due to all the changes going on, this is not the time to remix classes and so we will start the session with the classes as they were. The teachers for each class will be announced in the June newsletter and although the children won't get to meet their new teachers just yet there will be virtual transition.

Staffing

Mrs MacGregor (P4/5 teacher) has been successful at interview for a promoted post and is leaving Coupar Angus in July to move to Angus Council. We are very sad to see her go, she has been a wonderful asset to the staff team and the classes who have been taught by her have benefited from her experience and dedication. I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the best in her new post. She will come back next session to see her current class in person.

Miss McQueen is due her baby in September and due to Covid 19, is unlikely to be back in school before this date, but she will visit next term and will return after her maternity leave. Miss Gourlay is also leaving to have her baby in September and we wish them both all the best.

Mrs Alexander (formerly Gruneberg) will return to Coupar Angus in August 2020.

We will also have some new teachers and will, hopefully, be able to tell you about them in the June newsletter.

Mrs Hanlin is the P1 teacher next session and Miss Mitchell is the P7 teacher next session.

Coupar Angus Community Larder

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS?...WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

Essential food items and fresh produce available. No referrals required and fully confidential.

We also have arts materials, books and games available for EVERYONE

(Primary school jotters and pencils available for Coupar Angus PS pupils)

Open every Tuesday and Friday, 10.00am – 2.00pm.

WHERE? Bank of Scotland House, Union Street, Coupar Angus, PH13 9AE

Contact us:

@ Coupar Angus Community Larder
07864 743 017

If you need help and cannot leave the house due to self-isolating, a local volunteer can collect and deliver items for you from the larder. Please message or call to arrange.

If you would like to donate: We would welcome tinned foods, dried goods, toiletries, or any craft materials, books and games.

Please read:

Contact details

If you do change your phone number at this time, or your address, please do let us know. It is important we can share information with you and get in touch. Please email couparangus@pkc.gov.uk if you have any changes to tell us.

Keep in contact

We are using Seesaw and ParentPay to send out newsletters and important information. We also post news on Facebook and so you might want to join

the private Facebook Coupar Angus Primary School group.

Please do activate your Parentpay account if you have not done so, we send a lot of information via Parentpay and it's the best way to keep in touch with school news. We also send information from PKC, school grants and ways to get support in these challenging times.

If you need help to activate Parentpay, please email couparangus@pkc.gov.uk and we will get in touch.

Transitions:

If your child is about to start P1 this session, or Nursery or move to Secondary school, you may feel concerned about the transition and that your child is missing out on some of the normal experiences.

This is understandable. However, we have set up a new Seesaw class for the new P1s and will be sending some videos and booklets soon – watch this space! For P7, BHS has started some transition with you all and for new nursery children, we will be in touch. Remember when we start in August, school will not be the busy place it normally is and we will be able to do some transition for the younger pupils then.

However, if you have any specific concerns, get in touch, we may be able to organise something specific for your child if needed.

If your child is anxious about a transition, at any stage, let us know and we will try to support your child as much as possible over the coming weeks.

SOC – Parent Council

SOC held a meeting on Thursday 28th May and the minutes will come out shortly. SOC have agreed to pay for the P7 leavers to receive 'hoodies' from the school this year as they cannot have their usual P7 leaving celebrations and this is what the

pupils voted to have instead. Many thanks to SOC for this.

SOC will also be supplying new P1s with school ties and P7s with secondary school ties.

There may be another meeting before the summer, but if you wish to contact SOC about anything school related, please email:

socpta.office@gmail.com

School Uniform

Normally at the start of a new term we are keen for all children to wear school uniform. However, when schools restart in August things will be different and we don't want any families to feel under pressure to buy new uniforms if there are other demands on them. We will be arranging to open the school uniform bank either before school closes for summer, at the end of the holidays or once we come back. If you have school uniform that no longer fits, PE kits or school bags, we would ask you to keep this and donate to the uniform bank and we will tell you how to do this in the next week or two.

Scottish Air Ambulance (SCAA)

Was one of our school charities this session and we are delighted to announce that we raised £216.86 for them and a cheque is in the post! We also collected a huge number of crisp packets. Many thanks and well done!

I would like to thank all the parents for their support at this time and hopefully we will be back in school with children soon, we miss them all and really enjoy your posts on Seesaw.

Stay safe and keep in touch.

Mrs Drew