

# Kilbarchan Primary School Newsletter



August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It with great pleasure that I welcome all of our pupils back to school! It feels great to have our community together again, although things may look a little different for a while. The health and safety of our pupils is always something we take seriously and so I thank our families for supporting us during this time. The boys and girls have worked so hard to follow the rules, keeping everyone safe by doing so.

Some parents/carers continue to raise concerns about the number of people waiting at the school gates and the lack of available space to maintain appropriate distancing. We recognise this and continue to find ways to safely manage the exit of pupils from the building. Calling Infant Classes forward in turn seems to be working well however should concerns continue we may have to look at alternative procedures. We respectfully ask that the number of adults at the school gates is kept to a minimum where possible, as this maximises the space we have available.

We will be sending out links to one of two questionnaires on our website. These have been designed to gather your views on all things related to lockdown and our return to school. Could these questionnaires be completed **no later than Tuesday 1 September** so that your views are collated, and we can act upon any concerns raised.

We have been trialling the reorganisation of our playground in order to prevent mixing between classes as per Scottish Government and Local Authority guidelines. These procedures have been explained to pupils who are managing this temporary change very well. As soon as we are able to let them mix more freely we will let you know. Please remember that we welcome your opinions, comments and feedback as it helps us to improve so drop us a line, pick up the phone or even come in for a visit. We always love to see you!

Kindest regards  
Fiona MacKenzie  
Head Teacher

Please remember we are a NUT FREE school and kindly ask that no items containing nuts are brought in to school as snack or packed lunch.

We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Our twitter has all the latest things that our classes have been getting up to recently. Follow our school twitter to see what we have been doing in school at @KilbarchanPS

## Important Dates

Holiday School closed	25-28 Sept
Flu vaccination	08-Oct
Holiday School closed	12-16 Oct
In Service Day	19-Oct
St Andrews Day	30-Nov
Holiday School closed	21 Dec-5 Jan
Holiday School closed	8-9 Feb
In Service Day	10-Feb
Spring Break school closed	02-16-Apr
May Day Holiday	03-May
In Service Day	04-May
Holiday School closed	31-May
School closes 1pm	25-Jun

Renfrewshire Council Website has information for parents and carers regarding symptoms or tests positive for Covid-19. Please follow this link:

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/covid-cases-schools>

**The key coronavirus symptoms are:**

- a high temperature or fever,
- a new continuous cough,
- a loss of/change in sense of smell or taste.

Could we kindly ask that pupils come to school in shoes and jackets suitable for our wet weather?

Should you require any assistance with this please do not hesitate to contact me.

# Class News

## **P1**

"I like following the Golden Rules" Aaron  
"I like playing with al of the fun toys in class" Scott  
"I Have had so much fun playing with the trains" Leo  
"I have worked super hard and learned how to play on the computer" Cameron T  
"My favourite thing in school is making things at the craft table"  
Rosa

## **P2/1**

"I love playing with magnets" Ollie  
"I like dojo points" Esme  
"I love learning new things" Sylvie  
" I Love seeing my friends again" Matthew

## **P2**

"I've enjoyed writing and playing with my friends" Zoe  
"I like painting a rainbow and I draw a picture of a Unicorn under a rainbow" Beth  
"I get to come on the school bus" Elise  
"I'm enjoying playing and seeing my friends again" Fionn  
I liked building with my friends. We made a gear tower" Findlay

## **P3**

"Being back at school feels adventurous" Sarah  
"we can't hug the teacher but we can do different greetings, which are cool. I'm enjoying getting back to school and see my friends"  
Brody  
"I'm enjoying being with everybody. It's sad that we can't touch our friends. But you can still play safely" Madeleine  
"It's weird that the tables have to be so far away from the teacher. But we can be safe tis way." Poppy  
A different thing that we do is wash our hands a lot. I feel safe"  
Molly

## **P4/3**

### **Have love being back at school**

" I love seeing my friends again and make new ones" Dayle  
We completed our first science experiment, to try and stop an apple from browning. "Did you know that lemon juice works?"  
Alistair  
As a class we discussed and voted on our first class topic. We decided to do a country study of the United States of America.  
"I would like to learn about the environment of the USA" Laurie

## **P4**

### **Q1 The best thing about being back at school is...**

"Seeing al of friends and playing with them" Rory  
"Getting to do lots of maths again" Lex  
"Getting to read lots of books again" Aimee  
"Finding out about new topics

### **Q2 What are you looking forward to most about P4?**

"I'm looking to improving my work" Harris  
"Getting better at spelling" Kade  
"Learning lots of new things" Lyla  
"Experiencing new topics and learning interesting facts" Evie

## **P5**

" I feel happy to be back at school. I am looking forward to spelling"  
Alexander  
" I feel happy to be back at school but sad that everything has changed" Lily  
I am happy to learn again and see my friends" Victoria  
"I am excited about being back at school. Also, I'm looking forward to our art class" John G

## **P6/5**

"I feel relieved" Anya  
"I am happy maths is getting harder" Harry  
I feel great about being back and seeing my friends again" Lyla  
"It feels strange with all the restrictions but I know that eventually everything will be back to normal" Sophie

## **P6**

"I think it's good that we are getting to see our friends again and that we are going back to our routines" Zoe  
"I think it's good that we get to talk to our friends in other classes, even though we are in different parts of the school and playground" Riley  
"I like that we get to see our teacher in person and not on Google classroom" Lucy  
"The hand washing makes me feel safe because I know that everyone is looking after their hygiene" Abbie  
"I like that we have a new, big base because it allows a lot of space to be safe" Faith

## **P7**

### **Enjoying**

"Seeing my friends and the teachers" Olivia  
"Coming back to school, being back in the building and feeling happy, warm and proud that its my school" Katie

### **Looking forward**

"Our topics this year!" Jessica  
"All of the amazing literacy and numeracy I'm going to do" Cameron