



WELCOME BACK

We were delighted to welcome back our ELCC – P3 children this week. They literally skipped through the doors on Monday morning which shows us how much they missed being at school. They have enjoyed a great week and are quickly settling back into the school routine. They will be very tired when they come home at 3pm; please see this as a positive sign, it means they have been busy working and playing all day. We are hopeful it won't be long before the rest of the school return to school fulltime. We will keep P4-7 parents updated as soon as we receive word of their return. The P4-7 hubs remain open to the children of key workers.

HEALTH & SAFETY

We have a very crucial part to play in reducing the spread of the virus, which in turn will get the P4-7 children back to school quicker. Please adhere to the following guidance:

- Observe 2m distancing when dropping off and collecting your child (please don't be offended if you are reminded of this).
- Wear a face covering at all times in the playground (unless you are exempt).
- Follow the one-way system, in and out of the playground.

CHILDREN'S LEARNING

We understand that parents/ carers will be anxious about the amount of in-school learning children have missed. Please be assured that our staff will work extremely hard to support your child as they return to school. The focus will be on consolidating the learning that was taught during remote learning and revising the learning that has been taught throughout the session. We are not trying to 'catch up' and race through the curriculum. The children need time to adjust and to feel confident about their learning. We will get there as long as we all work together.

SCHOOL ROUTINE

To help reduce the number of children and parents in the playground, we will continue with the staggered start and end times:

Primary 1 & 2: 8.50am – 2.50pm

Primary 3: 9am – 3pm

P4-7 Hubs: 9am – 3pm (if they have a younger sibling in P1 or P2 they will also start at 8.50am and finish at 2.50pm)

DRESS CODE

Primary 1-3 should wear the relaxed uniform as there will be a significant amount of outdoor learning.

Primary 4-7 hub children can wear the relaxed uniform or their own clothes.

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♥
be kind

KINDNESS

We introduced our new school value 'Kindness' in January and we have been overwhelmed with the response of Random Acts of Kindness that the children have been doing at home. As a thank you, the staff are doing their own Random Act of Kindness for all of the children. Every P4-7 child received a Positive Praise Postcard and a sachet of hot chocolate in the post this week. On Friday morning the children at home enjoyed their hot chocolate and had a morning off from remote learning. The children in school also enjoyed a hot chocolate and watched a movie with their friends. The staff were also treated to a roll and sausage and a coffee. It's the least we could do to say thank you to the children and staff for their hard work over the past term. #bekind #thankyou

REMOTE LEARNING

The engagement with Remote learning has been fantastic. As P4-7 will continue to learn this way for the next couple of weeks, we want to ensure that we are providing the best possible experience. A survey link has been sent out to all P4-7 pupils, please make sure they complete the survey as soon as possible. The link is

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKTUOwpeVEmhIjvDFXGw9ZBFUQkVNM1E1MDVaRlkyMzBBVetMTUFaNOI1Si4u>

IN-SERVICE DATE CHANGE

The May in-service date has changed from Tuesday 4th of May to Thursday 6th May, this is to coincide with Scottish Elections. Children should not attend school or nursery on this date.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

We recently purchased a variety of resources and equipment for the playground. The P1-2 playground is undergoing a transformation, courtesy of Mrs Rossiter and Mrs Murray in the office – it's looking amazing; thank you!

Both playgrounds will be getting picnic benches and the Numeracy Garden has been updated with various resources for children to use at break times and during class time. We also purchased football goals for the P1-2 playground.

We will post some photos over the next few weeks of the children enjoying the improvements.

I would like to say a special thank you to the school support staff, they have spent the past few weeks refreshing and updating the interior of the school. The school looks fantastic; we are very lucky to have such dedicated and committed staff

PRIMARY 7

Johnstone High School are organising various transition events for our P7 pupils, in the first instance, these will include virtual live lessons with some of the Johnstone High staff. The Senior Management Team at the high school will also be arranging a parents' event over the next couple of months. We will keep you updated with this as and when we receive dates.

We would like to set a provisional date for the P7 Valedictory and Prom. Although we can't be sure what either of these events will look like, we will ensure that the pupils will be able to celebrate the end of their primary school career. The date will be Tuesday 22nd June, with the prom being in the evening and the Valedictory most likely taking place in the morning of the 22nd.

FOOD BANK SUPPORT

We are able to support families with food parcels. If you would like any form of support, please phone Mr Carlton at the school, send an email to auchenlodmentenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk or message him on Seesaw. Please don't be embarrassed to ask for help, we understand that people's circumstances are very different at the moment and we are here to help.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 4th March. The theme of this year's event is Relax and Read. Children can come to school in their own clothes or if they wish a onesie or PJs (no money required). Children will be given a book token which can be exchanged for a book at your local supermarket. There will be various activities happening throughout the day, all with a literacy theme. We will post photos on our Twitter page and on Seesaw so you can see what we've been up to.

STATIONERY

For P4-7 pupils continuing to learn from home, we have a stock of stationery items that can be collected from the school foyer. Please help yourself.

Thank you



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