



# Inchinnan Primary School

Small school... big aspirations

## August 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first newsletter of Session 2020-21. It's wonderful to have the children back in school! It was great to see pupils eager to come into school and ready to take on the new term. Safety, health and wellbeing will continue to be our single biggest priority.



### Communication

At Inchinnan Primary, we work very hard to ensure we have an open and strong partnership with parents and although some adjustments have been made due to COVID 19 guidance, we will continue to do all we can to keep you up-to-date, informed and respond to enquiries as soon as possible.

We will continue to build on various electronic methods of communication, such as Seesaw, enquiries email, website and Parentsportal / ParentPay system for administration elements. Parents are still welcome to phone the school on 0300 300 0161.

As current guidance does not let us run our normal 'Meet the Teacher' event, class teachers will post video messages/presentation on Wednesday 2 September. If you have any questions you would like the teacher to answer, just send a Seesaw message and the teacher will respond during the post.

**Parentsportal** - You should have recently received information about Parentsportal, an exciting new initiative which aims to provide better communication between parents and schools. This is designed to replace the 'schoolbag run', giving parents online access to a range of school related services. If you have not already done so, please create your account asap.

Please use this link below to get started: <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/schools/parentsportal>

**Uniform** - Where possible could all items of clothing worn, link in with the school uniform colours. This does not include gym wear or outdoor clothing. No new clothes need purchased. If for any reason you are experiencing any difficulty funding school uniforms, please speak to us, as all schools have access to funding to assist families with this. All enquires will be treated discreetly and in the strictest confidence'. As we will be outside as much as possible please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing. Many thanks with your support on this matter.

*Grey trousers or skirt, blue or grey pullover, cardigan, white shirt/polo shirt, black / dark shoes*

**Drop off/Pick up** – Many thanks for all your support with the new pick up and drop off arrangements. Everything seems to be settling well and almost all are remembering to keep 2m physical distancing. P1 & P2, if ready, are being allowed to go just before 3pm if parents/guardians are there, but please

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don't feel any need to arrive before 3pm. You may have noticed our new area for Afterschool pick up and the path for children to exit. Please continue to keep these areas clear.

**ParentClub** - For further help and support, why not try Parentclub online which provides information in various areas which parents may find useful e.g. Learning at Home, Coronavirus, Coping with Parenting, finding support, activities and games.

**Staffing** - We welcome Miss Smith to Primary 2 and Mr Arnott and Mrs Crawford as temporary part time Classroom Assistants. On the 28th August we say a fond farewell and best wishes to Mrs Johnstone, who retires after 15years at Inchinnan Primary in her dual role as Classroom Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisory. We will miss Mrs Johnstones' smiley, happy face and her huge contribution to school life through such work as the library committee, but as they say 'all good things must come to an end' and Mrs Johnstone retires to enjoy extra time with her husband and family, we wish her well.

**Class Stars of the Week/Goldentime** - We will continue to have our weekly class 'Star of the Week' and 'Goldentime' opportunities. As we are not currently using diaries. 'Star of the Week' letters will be sent on Seesaw. Teachers will contact parents to let them know why any 'Goldentime' was missed.

**Celebrating Success and Experiences outwith school** - Please keep letting us know of any awards / achievements / interesting experiences or opportunities that have been undertaken outside school, by adding them to Seesaw, allowing us to celebrate and share them with peers.

#### Diary Dates -

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions and guidance, we do not have the normal full diary of events and activities, such as Class Assemblies, Scottish Afternoon, Nativity etc. However, we will endeavour to find alternative ways to offer these and/or other experiences.

#### **Wednesday 2 September**

- 'Meet the Teacher' presentations available

#### **Wednesday 9 September**

- Hands Up Survey

#### **Wednesday 16 September**

- School Census

#### **Thursday 24 September**

- Pupil Progress report home

#### **Friday 25 & Monday 28 September**

- Holidays - school closed

#### **Monday 12 October - Friday 16 October**

- October Break - school closed

#### **Monday 19 October**

- Inservice - school closed to pupils

#### **Friday 30 October**

- Pupil Progress report home



We really do value your thoughts, opinions and welcome comments you may have regarding any issues or concerns, no matter how small. Please feel free to email the school on

[inchinnanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:inchinnanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

or, for a longer discussion, make an appointment through the school office on 0300 300 0161.

Kind regards

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