



# Inchinnan Primary School

Small school... big aspirations

## September 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the September Newsletter. It's wonderful to have the children back in school full time, however things have not returned to 'normal'. Many changes have had to take place to ensure we keep everyone as safe as possible. Pupils, staff and I'm sure you, are all finding things very different e.g. guidance such as 2m physical distancing required where possible, especially for adults, ongoing regular hand washing/ sanitising, as well as social interactions both in class, in the playground and between home/school and although manageable, are challenging.

As we implement new guidance and continue to review and refine arrangements to ensure the smooth organisational running for all in our community, *change is the new normal*. Change, however, can be difficult to manage and cope with. In school we are very aware of the impact this is having on all of us, both at school and home. Our recently shared Improvement Plan (see school website) very much has Health and Wellbeing at the centre of this year's core developments, however we are increasingly aware that more support is required to ensure everyone's physical and mental wellbeing. We are continuing to look at different materials and supports that we can use to help mitigate the impact on everyone at what continues to be an unprecedented time. We will keep you updated as we further develop our approaches.

**Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme 2020/21** - Given the impact of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable in society this year, it is imperative that we do all we can to reduce the risk of our community from contracting seasonal flu. As with previous years we will be delivering the childhood flu immunisation programme this winter to help protect against children contracting flu themselves, but also to protect against children transmitting flu to any vulnerable people they come into contact with. This is planned for the afternoon of Thursday 12 November and will take place in school.

### Communication

By now you will have received the first, short, revised written pupil progress report of the year, a unique feature that Inchinnan Primary offers our families. I hope you found this a useful addition to the variety of other approaches we use to communicate with families.

As current guidance does not allow us to run our 'normal' Parental Appointments scheduled for November, we have been exploring various options and approaches we could employ to keep parents as updated as possible of their child's progress. After discussion with the Parent Council, it was agreed a questionnaire would be used to ascertain the wider parent forum views on the best approach to suit families and school. Many thanks to all the parents that responded to the questionnaire. 74% of parents opted for Option 1, a 10 min call and continuing with written pupil progress reports. We will therefore take this option forward. More information will soon follow.

**School Photographs** - I know many parents will be really disappointed, however, at the moment we will not be having photographers coming into the school. Our priorities must be the wellbeing of all our children and keeping our school running at this time. We will reassess this once things settle down and we hope that these visits can be rearranged later in the session.

**Inchinnan Primary School – Values**

**Respect, Compassion, Honesty, Teamwork, Friendship**

**Schools Estate Management Programme (SEMP)** – As you will be aware, works have started on what was the school gym hall, to convert this into the new Inchinnan Community Nursery building. These are progressing well. To help reduce noise disruption within classes, we are awaiting on sound proofing boards to be erected between the school and the works.

**Parent Council - volunteers and playground equipment**

A huge thank you to the Parent Council for organising the team of volunteers who have been helping tidy up the school grounds, repainting/staining the school benches, plant pots and other furniture. It looks amazing!



We would also like to say, many thanks to the Parent Council for purchasing a variety of playground toys/equipment for each class. This has been warmly welcomed by all the children who are really enjoying using the new resources.

**Celebrating Successes and Achievements-** ‘Star of the Week’ and ‘Goldentime’ opportunities are continuing and working well for our children. We will now extend these celebrations further to include monthly awards for each class related to School Values (Respect, Honesty, Teamwork, Friendship and Compassion), 4 Capacities of Curriculum for Excellence (Responsible Citizen, Effective Contributor, Confident Individuals and Successful Learner), Head Teacher - Best Work Award and Health and Wellbeing Award.

**Diary Dates -**

**Friday 2 October**

- Parent Council organised Christmas Card fund raising designs to be submitted

**Friday 9 October**

- 3pm schools close for October break

**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

**Week commencing 2 November**

- Online registration for new P1 for session 2021-22

**Week commencing 9 November**

- Reporting to parents, organised calls between staff and parents

**Thursday 12 November**

- Flu vaccinations

**Monday 30 November**

- School closed for St. Andrews day



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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