

Mossvale ELCC & Primary School  
Parent Newsletter  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
*Believe and you will achieve.*



**Upcoming Dates:**

**All ELCC and P1-3 Pupils return on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

**Easter Holidays: School will be closed on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and re open on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

**RETURN TO SCHOOL UPDATES:**

We have a return date for all our pupils in the ELCC and P1-3 classes of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. All school pupils will start at 9 am and finish at 3 pm and we have all the usual safety procedures in place.

Daily ongoing cleaning.

Minimum adults in each class.

Staff wear face coverings in all communal areas including playground but are not required to wear them when teaching infant children which has been in place since before Christmas.

Children will follow the usual daily handwashing routines they have been used to prior to the holidays.

We will ensure good ventilation and children will have a longer morning break to allow them time to be outside and adjust to being back in school.

Staff are also now self testing twice a week.

Miss Clark will be back with P1, Mrs Harty will be with P2/1 and Miss Dundas will be with them on a Thursday, Miss Norris will be with P3/2 and Miss Dundas and Mrs Mulheron will be in school with P3 of our P3/4. Miss Cavin will work remotely with the P4s.

We ask that all laptops issued to our P1-3 children are returned on Monday as we are looking to issue more to our P4-7 pupils who are at home still.

**UPPER HUB**

**This remains open for children of key workers and our most vulnerable children but we will be monitoring it really closely. Due to the increased number of children and staff back in school we need to ensure this class is kept to the absolute minimum to ensure we keep everyone safe. If you have a place but are working from home at any time you must keep your child at home on that day. Safety of staff and pupils and staff is my highest priority and this will be achieved at this time by keeping the number of people in school to a minimum. The hub role is being monitored very closely.**

**REMINDER FOR RETURNING PARENTS**

Can we remind everyone that as you will now be back in the playground you are all required to wear a mask, keep 2 m distance and not gather in groups. We ask that as soon as you drop your child in to school that you leave the playground. As you can appreciate many staff are very anxious about returning whilst virus levels are still high and it is important we look after each other.

Next week we will be sending out a survey to all our P4-7 parents to get your thoughts on Remote Learning up to this point and finding out what is working well and what we could add. We realise being in school would be the answer but as this is not an option we need to ensure we are getting it right for the circumstances we are in. Please give us your feedback to help us do the best we can for our children.



## **POSITIVITY**

At our Friday assembly we have been looking at our school values to ensure we are working towards achieving these even though we are not at school and I have loved all the videos and pictures showing how we are doing this. We have looked at Determination and this week the focus is Respect.

We had looked at Positivity and I wanted to share how Mossvale Primary are sharing Positivity in our local community.

Miss Nicolson has connected us with the RAH ICU ward. As you can imagine for all the staff in this department the Pandemic has been really hard. Intensive Care have been working tirelessly to cope with the surge in very sick patients and this can take a toll on their mental health. So, they have created a Positivitytree!!!!!! The children in P4-7 were asked to create a leaf and these are being sent to the hospital and every time a patient is discharged from ICU the staff add a leaf to the tree to show the amazing job they are doing. Huge respect to all the staff and we hope your new tree is giving you a very positive message.

P6 have also been spreading positivity. P6 usually have an Inter Generational project which we have not been able to do. Miss Campbell then decided to connect with Sight Scotland Veterans Centre formally known as The War Blinded Centre where service users unfortunately cannot attend the centre at the moment and have not been able to do so since last March. All the service users are veterans who are now partially or completely blind. They were all either in the Army, RAF or Navy and the children are now having weekly phone calls so that the veterans have someone different to talk to. One lady had not spoken to anyone outwith the service for 7 months and loved chatting to our pupils. If there are any other projects we can support let us know.

Let's all stay connected and keep that community feel that Mossvale is so well known for!

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