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March 2021 Nursery Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

SCHOOLS UPDATE

All nursery and P1-3 children returned to school on Monday 22nd February 2021, with home learning continuing for our children in P4-7.

The First Minister was quite clear in her announcement that the return to school for Nursery, P1-3 did not signal a wider easing of restrictions and the '**stay at home**' message remains very much in place.

The return of the children will be monitored over the next few weeks to assess the impact on community transmission of the new more infectious variants. It is vital, as a school community, we do all in our power to minimise the opportunities for transmission and keep everyone associated with our school as safe as possible. In doing this we have the best chance to see our P4-7 children return soon (possible date 15th March).

As our Nursery & P1-3 children return the COVID-19 mitigations that were in place before we broke up in December will continue. Including:

- Strict social distancing for adults
- Only one adult per family accompanies/collects our children.
- Adults are still required to wear a face-covering at the school gates & inside the school grounds.

All parents were sent a Parent Guide with more details. Please let the school know if you were not sent the link and we will check our contact details for you.

Nursery Applications for 2021/22

Nursery applications for August 2021 have now closed as of 28th February 2021. If you require further information or have not yet submitted an online application please contact the school office as soon as possible to ensure your child secures a place at your chosen Early Learning and Childcare Class. If your child currently attends St Charles' ELCC **you do not need to re – apply**, however, a preference sheet must be completed before the Admission panel which takes place in April.

Lochfield ELCC

We are delighted to announce that the new Lochfield ELCC is due to open after the Easter holidays. This will be an extended hours establishment and will be operational from 8am to 6pm, 52 weeks of the year, excluding public holidays. There is an opportunity for all children to transfer if they wish to do so and they will be guaranteed 1140hrs. Please contact Mrs Kelly for further information on 0300 300 0181.

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March

To celebrate World Book Day 2021 the children can dress up as a character in their favourite book if they would like to do so. Children who are at home on these days can also dress up and send in photographs.

Transition

Our pre-school children have started their transition to Primary 1. As a result of the restrictions that are currently in place, the children will not be able to visit the Primary 1 classes at this time. We hope that they will be able to visit their classroom soon. A virtual transition programme is being created and we will share this with you in due course.

Fundraising Event

We are absolutely thrilled to inform you that the final total raised from the Jingle Walk in December was £1,677.00. We would like to thank you all for your generosity and support and we will let you know what we purchase with the money raised.

Retirements

We are very sad to inform you that we are saying goodbye to two valued members of our school staff at the end of March. Brian Wilson our fantastic janitor is retiring after for 13 years and Esther Reid our Catering Manager who has worked at the school for 30 years. We will miss them both very much but we wish them.

Dates for Diary

28 th February	New Nursery online applications closes
4 th March	World Book Day – Children can dress up if they wish to do so
31 st March	Easter parties – wear something yellow and decorate an Easter bonnet
1 st April	School & Nursery close at 2.30pm for Easter holidays
19 th April	School & Nursery re-open

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the nursery staff. We will do our best to help.

Kind regards
Pauline Kelly
Acting Depute Head Teacher