



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas break and I would like to wish all our families a Happy New Year.

Although not quite the start we had expected for the new year or the new term our school vision will be the key to our success as we work to ensure everyone at Wallace is Happy Together, Learning Together and Succeeding Together. The together part may be virtually, but we will do everything we can to provide the best possible experiences through online learning. The hard work from the staff, support from parents and commitment of our wonderful pupils last year during home learning was AMAZING and I know we can pull together to do it again.

Staff have been working extremely hard this week to prepare for home learning which will begin on 11th January and it will mainly take place through Seesaw. A SeeSaw reminder:



The FAMILY app will allow you to view pupil work and receive messages / announcements from the school or the class teacher. It will also allow you to message the class teacher or member of SMT directly. You can have more than one child on this app.



The CLASS app is the app you require to view the activities and tasks which are sent to your child each day. Work should be submitted in response to the activity using the templates provided or a photograph of the work completed. You can only have one child logged into this app at a time so we recommend different devices where possible or keeping the codes handy to log in and log out.

If you have difficulty accessing IT, do not have a device to access SeeSaw or if you need help logging in to SeeSaw or a reminder of your code or log in details, please ask your child's class teacher or email wallaceenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

We understand every household is different and the amount of time and support may vary, however we are really keen to keep the children's learning moving forward and ask that you try to keep up with a minimum of the Literacy and Numeracy tasks to allow your child to continue to make progress with his/her learning. In Primary 1 and 2 many of these activities are of a practical nature and should be mixed with opportunities for free play, as they would have in school.

Here is what you can expect from our Home Learning this month:

- A daily announcement sent to families and to pupils which will outline the tasks for the day and highlight the priorities.
- Tasks will be set in the ACTIVITIES section in SeeSaw where you will find instructions and guidance on what to do.
- Tasks will replicate the school day as much as possible. You will see activities for Health and Wellbeing such as PATHS Pupil of the Day and feelings check ins. There will be core Literacy and Numeracy tasks, as well as experiences from across the curriculum. There will be a mix of online tasks like Sumdog, practical activities and core written tasks.
- Quality feedback will be given from teachers on work submitted to SeeSaw. This will include next steps.
- Support from the class teacher with any challenges or difficulties anyone is having.
- Where appropriate, pre-recorded videos explaining key teaching points and explanations.
- A chance for children to meet with the rest of their class online on Microsoft TEAMS (initially for P4-7 only).

Pupils in Primary 3 - 7 have jotters at home for homework which should be used for home learning, if you have misplaced this or run out of space then please let us know and resources will be provided.

Pupils in Primary 1 and 2, a pack to support online learning is being prepared for you and details of how to collect this will be shared with you today from Mrs Brooker.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself, a member of the management team or your child's class teacher.

I hope we can work together showing our school values and vision to make home learning a success for everyone. I hope everyone stays safe during this difficult time.

Kind Regards,

Susan Dalrymple
Head Teacher