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Dear Parents and Carers



Happy Friday everybody!

Positive Covid cases continue to be relatively low within our school and EYC, but I know this isn't the case out in the community and across Ayrshire and Arran. Numbers are on the rise, and many cases are coming from lateral flow tests where people have no symptoms. We are doing everything we can as a school community to keep our numbers down – all adults wearing masks in school and in the playgrounds, adults social distancing from other adults, intensified cleaning routines within classes and communal spaces and staff lateral flow testing twice weekly. Please continue to help us to keep everyone safe



Over and above Covid, we have had a high number of pupils within the open area of school who have had a sickness bug. I have reported this to Public Health. They have advised us to continue to work with all Covid mitigations, but to ensure that pupils are handwashing with soap and water as well as sanitising. They may issue a Public Health letter to parents, and I will ensure that I send it on if it should come in.



Swimming

P5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming session on Monday. You will have received a letter to let you know that we are changing our swimming day to a Thursday from next week, not a Monday!



Meet and Greet

As mentioned last week, I am now in a position to offer all classes the chance to meet the teacher on a virtual platform. P2-7 classes will do this through Teams, and the EYC and P1 classes will be via Zoom. The time for all classes will be 6:30 and dates are as follows:

Monday 13 th September	P1a and P4
Tuesday 14 th September	P1b and P4/5
Wednesday 15 th September	P2 and P5
Tuesday 21 st September	P2/3 and P6
Wednesday 22 nd September	P3 and P6/7
Thursday 23 rd September	EYC and P7

Mrs Mulholland will join classes from P1-3 and their teachers, Ali Watkins will join the EYC classes and I will join p4-7 classes.

For those accessing these meetings on Teams, please log on to your child's Team at 6:30 where a meeting will be set up.

Links to EYC and P1 Zoom meetings will be sent to you via Groupcall in advance. We look forward to seeing you all then.



We had a great meeting today with our P7 pupils and we are looking forward to trying to create some leadership opportunities for them this year. They will work in class on applications and I will keep you posted of these leadership roles after the September holiday.



Foodbank

Just giving advance notice, we will once again be looking to support the South Ayrshire Foodbank by holding a collection prior to the October holiday. A letter with all the details you will need will come out soon.



Kindness

All classes from EYC to P7 have been focusing on the act of Kindness since the return to school. We are encouraging pupils to consider things they can do to show kindness towards each other, and we have seen some really lovely acts of kindness! Why not ask your child at home to think of all the ways that kindness can be seen and heard around home, school and out in the community?



Wishing all our families a great weekend, keep safe and look out for each other!

Mrs Donnelly
Head Teacher