**Happyhansel School Newsletter**

 **March 2021**

**Happyhansel Primary School**

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Mrs Julie Thomson

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**Parent Council**

Chair Person ~ Emma Chittick

**Next meeting ~**

**Active Schools**

**Jacqui Murray** 01595 744043

**Emergency Contact Details Update**

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact :

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Information Update**

**Pupil \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Class \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Medical Condition \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**We have come to the end of a tricky and disrupted term. Thank you for everything you have done to support your children’s learning throughout the second lockdown the school has now come back to life with the return of all our pupils. The newsletter is a bit sparse when it comes to up-coming events as we await further lifting of restrictions.**

**School will close for the spring break on Friday 26th of March and we will return to school on Monday 12th April.**

**Staffing Update** ~ We are pleased to welcome Laura Johnson as a temporary addition to the ELC team until the end of term Four.

**Mr Chris Pearson** who joined the staff at Christmas is having to return to England and will be with us till 21st of April.

**Cycling proficiency** will take place at the beginning of term 4. The first session will be on Monday 19th April for P6 and P7 pupils. Prior to this there will be an opportunity to have your bike serviced on Tuesday 13th April at school. Separate letters have been sent regarding this.

**Polycrub Raised Beds**

A huge thanks to Kevin Brown for building raised beds in the polycrub. We have now sown some seeds in preparation for warmer weather. If you have any yogurt pots, fruit punnets etc that you would normally throw away that would be useful for sowing seeds, could you save them for school growing projects please. Children can bring them to school and put them in the cardboard box in the porch.



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 **Friday Friday 26th Fri**

**Welc**

**Diary Dates 2021**

**March 2021**

**26th –** School closes for Spring Break

**April 2021**

**12th** – Back to school

**13th-** Bike servicing for P6/7

**19th**- Bikeability begins

**May 2021**

**21s**t – Closed – Holiday

**24th** – Closed - Holiday

**June 2021**

**25th** - School closes for Summer Holidays

**Covid Mitigations**

**Outdoor PE** will continue for now so on return to school please dress warmly. We also now have **CO2** monitors in classes to help us regulate air flow. This means that classes have windows and doors open more of the time and the temperature in classes is affected**.**

We continue to wash/sanitise hands frequently, keep classes separate as much as possible and keep traffic in corridors to a minimum.

We would also like to remind everyone that toys/ extra belongings should not be brought to school.

**Dinner & Milk money** – School meals continue to be free for P1-3 and Early Years, for P4-7 the price of a school lunch is **£2.20** per day. Milk money is 90p per week. Balances can be viewed and paid on **Parentpay**.

**Please ensure Parentpay is up to date as this is the end of the**

**financial year**

**Free School Meals** ~ All pupils in Primary 1 to 3 receive Free School Meals. However, these pupils should still be included on application forms if they wish to apply for Free School Milk and/or a Clothing Grant.

Application forms are available at [www.shetland.gov.uk/education/ClothingGrants.asp](http://www.shetland.gov.uk/education/ClothingGrants.asp).

Paper application forms are also available on request from Children’s Services, Hayfield House on 01595 743845.  Completed application forms can be e-mailed to childrensservices-finance@shetland.gov.uk or posted to:  Children’s Services, Hayfield House, Lerwick, Shetland ZE1 0QD.

**The Early Help Team** have been set up in response to the currant Covid-19 situation. Their website and referral information are in the links below. Many people in Shetland are now benefiting from their assistance.

 You can complete the online referral form here; [Early Help Team - Request for Support](https://my.shetland.gov.uk/en/AchieveForms/?mode=fill&consentMessage=y&form_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-f41b12f1-130b-47a7-8aaf-0e477317a9b5/AF-Stage-452a99d6-28c6-42d5-84f4-9ba470aef4c8/definition.json&redirectlink=%2Fen&cancelRedirectLink=%2Fen&consentMessage=yes) and view the new webpage here: [EarlyHelpTeam](https://bit.ly/EarlyHelpTeam)

Useful links for your information

* [**Clothing Grants and Free School Meals** – no applications for 2020/21 will be accepted after 31st March.](https://www.shetland.gov.uk/support-pupils/ema-bursaries-financial-support/3?documentId=435&categoryId=20142)
* [**Free Period Products**](https://www.shetland.gov.uk/support-pupils/period-equality)– if you have already signed up the 3 monthly subscription, you will receive your next subscription automatically by the end of March.
* [**Instrumental Instruction**](https://www.shetland.gov.uk/schools-learning/instrumental-instruction)