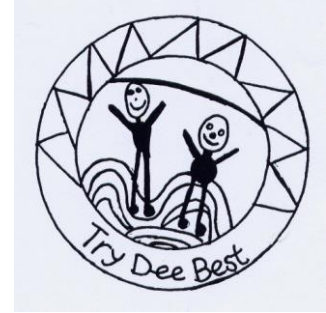


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Newsletter October 2021 - Welcome to Term 2

We hope everyone has had a lovely, healthy and relaxing holiday. The pupils will be returning to some 'spooky' goings on in their classes this week (see website for photos) and have the opportunity to dress up for Halloween on Friday, should they wish.

New Footpath markings in Tingwall Carpark

The Roads department of the Council has been busy white lining the carpark, to create a footpath for the pupils who live at the Gaet-A-Gott, Stura, Gorsten area, to walk to school safely. Please take care not to park over the white lines if you are dropping bairns off for School/Nursery. Thanks to members of the Parent Council and Councillor Moraig Lyall, for their support in helping to make this happen.

Car Park - a reminder of our safety rules:

Nursery parents please try to park at the top end of the car park, nearest the Nursery entrance - avoid the white lines of the new footpath.

All parents:

The school buses will be dropping of pupils in front of the hall between 8:40 am and 8:50 am, so please leave this area clear.

If collecting your child between 2:45 pm and 3:00 pm, please follow the guidelines below:

- 1 You must be **parked before the children come out of school at 2.55-3.00 pm**. Drive **SLOWLY** everywhere in the car park, both before and after the school day.
- 2 Please leave the area in front of the hall free for the big Robinson's bus to park. It will leave just after 3 pm.
- 3 Please do not leave the carpark until all children are safely in vehicles.
- 4 If someone else is collecting your child **you must tell them our car park rules**.

All vehicle drivers are asked to **drive slowly, be vigilant and be courteous to pedestrians.**

Please also watch out for **cyclists** who may be leaving school from the front driveway and joining the main road.

Covid Guidelines - A reminder of the mitigations in place in school to help keep your child safe:

- the use of hand sanitisers and virucidal wipes;
- daily hand sanitisation for all children on arrival;
- enhanced daily cleaning and further cleaning undertaken daily at the end of each pupil day; and
- careful monitoring to ensure the appropriate level of ventilation and adequate air flow throughout buildings with CO2 monitors deployed, monitoring the level of CO2, and temperature in classrooms
- the one setting per day principle for itinerant and shared school and early learning and childcare staff;
- pupil travel out of school for essential curriculum activity/purposes only;
- the suspension of face-to-face parents' evenings;
- staff undertake regular Asymptomatic lateral flow tests
- adults staying 2m apart and wearing masks
- parents/carers continuing to avoid contact with other parents, children and young people at the school entrance, on the way to school, and after school as well as wearing face coverings on school grounds;

The pupils will remain in their separate Nursery, P1-3 and P4-7 'Bubbles' for the first couple of weeks, to be reviewed in light of up-to-date local guidelines.

Thank you to those parents who are continuing to encourage their children to wear facemasks on school transport.

Anyone with Covid symptoms such as a new or persistent cough, fever or a change in or loss of taste or smell, need to immediately self-isolate with their household and book a PCR test.

If, through routine testing, you have a positive lateral flow test result, even though you have no symptoms you must do the same as if you have - that is to self-isolate with your household and arrange a PCR test.

To book a PCR test, visit <https://www.shb.scot.nhs.uk/> and click on the box which reads 'Self-referral for Covid test', if you have symptoms.

P7 Young Leaders Awards

Congratulations to our P7 pupils who received their 'Young Leader's' Awards at the end of term. When our present Covid mitigations are relaxed, the P7's will be organising some fun games, for the younger pupils at lunchtimes.

School / Nursery Lunches

These will start again at week one. Please find links below to the menus, which are also displayed on the school website.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/tingwallprimaryschool/our-parents/lunch-menu/>

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/tingwallprimaryschool/our-nursery/lunch-menu/>

Reminder - action required: TPS Vision Statement and Design a New School Logo Competition (emails sent 7/10/21)

Please can you help us update our Vision for the school by clicking on the link below, if you have not already done so. All anonymous responses should be submitted by **Friday 29 October**, using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKQKRIQTWHUNKuOQjbQVjDTdURFBTNE1KMTFLVIIInkJYVUI2SzlaNIRPTi4u>

Design a new School Logo' Competition. Paper copies went home with each pupil at the end of term. The closing date is **Friday 29 October**. Please let us know if you require another copy of the entry form.

Daily Mile / Outdoor Play

All pupils will be outside for some time each day, in all weathers, so please ensure your child wears a suitable jacket and shoes to school, that has their name/initials marked inside.

P4-7 Netball Club

A letter will go out to interested pupils on their return to school, to inform them of a new after school netball club, which will run each Wednesday from 3 pm - to 4 pm, at Tingwall Hall, starting on Wednesday 3 November.

Many thanks to Louise Moar (parent) and Emily Williamson (teacher), for supporting this, so that we can send a team to participate in the Primary Netball League.

It is also hoped that the ShetlandPeerieMakkers club will be able to start again shortly. More information to follow.

If there are any other parents who are interested in running an after school, lunchtime or Friday afternoon club, for the bairns, please get in touch.

Next Parent Council Meeting - Thursday 4 November, 8 pm

If you are not already a member and would like to attend Thursday's on-line meeting, please email our clerk, dawn.ratter@shetland.gov.uk or cherylspofforth@shetland.gov.uk for a Microsoft Teams link to enable you to join.

TERM DATES FOR SESSION 2021-2022

Term 2	Wednesday 27 October – Tuesday 21 December 2021
<i>Christmas holidays</i>	Wednesday 22 December – Wednesday 5 January 2022
Term 3	Thursday 6 January – Friday 1 April 2022
<i>Spring holidays</i>	Monday 4 April – Monday 18 April 2022
	(Spring Holidays include Easter Monday and Good Friday)
Term 4	Tuesday 19 April – Friday 1 July 2022

Occasional Holiday Dates for Session 2021 – 2022
Note - Wednesday 26 January has been changed to Friday 3 June, in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Friday 25 February 2022
Monday 28 February 2022
Monday 18 April 2022
Friday 27 May 2022
Friday 3 June 2022