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November Newsletter

Covid-19 Update

In light of several pupils/staff in school receiving positive PCR results over the weekend or needing to self-isolate, Mrs Cheryl Spofforth will be teaching P4/5 and Mrs Lisa Emslie P2/3, at least at the beginning of this week. You will be updated of any changes.

We are doing everything possible to try to curb the spread of Coronavirus in school, including keeping the Nursery and Primary Classes in their own 'bubbles' for the next two weeks. This means a return to staggered breaks and lunchtimes and separate play zones, to avoid pupils in different classes from mixing.

P1 and P2/3 can use the main front entrance (left)
P4/5 class should continue to use their own classroom fire door entrance/exit.
P5/6/7 can use the main front entrance (right)

In the mornings, on arriving at school:

P1 will go to their cloakroom/class and use play area outside classroom
P2/3 cloakroom area/class or Playground Equipment
P4/5 cloakroom area/class or multi court
P5/6/7 cloakroom area/class or garden.

Updated information from Public Health informs us that it can take up to 14 days from the date of exposure, for someone to test positive, so we request that you are extra vigilant over the next couple of weeks. **No one should come to school or nursery if at all unwell, even with mild symptoms.**

A reminder of the normal 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;

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.

Even with all the mitigations in place, it is only natural that some parents (or pupils) may feel anxious about attending school and we will do our best to reassure pupils in the setting, that their safety is a priority. However, should you decide that school is not the best place for your child at present, we will support your decision to keep your child at home and do our best to support them through 'remote learning'.

P4-7 Netball Club

This is cancelled for the next two weeks. The next session will be on Wednesday 1 December, unless you hear otherwise.

Road Safety Week (15-19 November)

Pupils will be given a reflector each to attach to schoolbag/jacket, to help them stay safe and be seen on these dark nights. They will also be finding out about our Emergency Services 'Superheroes', with the chance to enter competitions organised by our P6 JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers), Jenny, Lexie and Ruby. Hope you saw the link advertising the 'free winter tyre check' that was on the school website.

Children in Need - Friday 19 November

Pre Covid outbreak, the Pupil Council (Aimee, Ben, Levi, Hope, Olivia, Lexi, Ruby, Sara, Cyrus, Florrie, Rhys, Blair and Zara) were in the middle of organising a variety of free fun activities for pupils to participate in on Friday, including a selection of Target Games, Skipping challenge, Hoola hoop challenge, Jumping Frogs, Play Your Cards Right, Roll a coin, Guess the birthday and name of the cuddly toys, Count the marbles in the jar etc. These activities will now be made available for individual classes to participate in, but in line with Covid Mitigations, equipment needs to be left for 72 hours, to be completely 'sanitised'. This means that each class will be timetabled an activity afternoon, over the next couple of weeks, but not necessarily on Friday. Instead, class teachers will organise individual class activities on this day. Pupils may also dress up ('Inside out' clothes is our theme!). We are looking for donations to Children in Need and these can be made via Parentpay at the link below. Please do not send cash to school.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5543>

Curriculum Overviews

This term's plans will be shared on class blogs this week.

Pupil Progress Parent Consultations

Telephone appointment times will be sent out this week. Please let us know as soon as possible, if the allocated time on 23 or 24 November is not suitable and we will rearrange.

New School Logo

Please see the below link to vote for our new School Logo (as per the email sent out on Friday 12 November)

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKZxScYEDIfJGidGK6_LhOQIUQ1pWNjZTRFVUNVdPQUpGQjFCVkdNDNTM1MS4u

The closing date for voting is **Friday 19th November 2021**.

PUPIL 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