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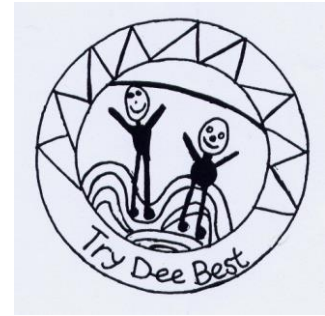
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Children's Services



December Newsletter

Nursery Teacher Post

We are delighted to inform you that after a successful interview, Mrs Meg Laurenson has been appointed to the part-time teaching position in the Nursery, She will take up this new post in January 2022. Meg started off as a Probationer teacher in Tingwall Primary in 2007 and has most recently worked as Education Support Officer for Early Years, so brings a wealth of valuable experience. We are glad to have her back as part of our Tingwall Team.

Children in Need

Many thanks to everyone who donated via ParentPay. We raised an amazing £88.

Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal this year. We raised an amazing £92.70.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 10 December is officially Save the Children's fundraising day, where people pay £2 to wear a Christmas Jumper to work/school. We are not fundraising for this charity, having just participated in Children in Need, but are happy for pupils to come to school/Nursery, wearing Christmas Jumpers. Pupils will also have the opportunity to design their own Christmas Jumpers. It has been lovely and lightsome to see the variety of Christmas attire that the pupils have been wearing to school over the past few weeks.

Christmas Post Box

Pupils are able to bring in Christmas Cards to send to anyone in the school. They should be posted in the school post box in the dining hall, where the cards will be 'quarantined' before being distributed to each class. Last posting date is Friday 17 December.

Pupil Progress Parent Consultations / Interim Reports

Unfortunately, due to staff illness, these have had to be postponed until next term. We are hopeful that if we are still unable to organise face-to-face appointments, parents will have a choice of virtual on-line appointments or phone calls. More information to follow in the New Year. If your child's class teacher has not already made contact with you this term, please assume that 'no news is good news!'. If you have any concerns, please contact the school office to arrange a return phone call.

Staffing

We are hoping that all of our regular Primary staff and most regular Nursery staff will be back at work next week, but life is very unpredictable at the moment. We will try to notify parents if there is any change to their child's normal routine.

New School Logo

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote. With so many pupils off recently, not all pupils have had a chance to vote yet, but we hope to be able to make an announcement before the end of term.

P4-7 Netball Club

We hope that this will resume on Wednesday 12 January 2022.

Easy Fundraising

Tingwall Primary School is registered with easyfundraising. So, although we're unable to get together and hold fundraising events in person, we can continue to raise free funds, at no extra cost to you.

When you shop via the easyfundraising website or app, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Amazon and many more, you will raise FREE donations for the school.

If you're not already registered, please visit our easyfundraising page here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tingwallprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e3

This will really make a difference to our school! Thank you for your support.

Covid-19 Reminders

Information from Public Health highlights that it can take up to 14 days from the date of exposure to Covid, for someone to test positive, so please remain vigilant to the three main symptoms: new or persistent cough, fever or a change in or loss of taste or smell (even one of these symptoms could be a sign). However, please also be aware that some people, who have tested positive, have not experienced any of the main symptoms,

but have had sore throats, headaches and heavy colds. **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;
- pupils wearing face masks on school transport
- the suspension of face-to-face parents' evenings;
- staff undertake daily 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;

Anyone with Covid symptoms needs 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 also 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.

PUPIL TERM DATES FOR SESSION 2021-2022

- Term 2** Wednesday 27 October – Tuesday 21 December 2021
Christmas holidays Wednesday 22 December – Wednesday 5 January 2022
(Staff in school on Wednesday 5 January for In-service training)
- Term 3** Thursday 6 January – Friday 1 April 2022
Spring holidays 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