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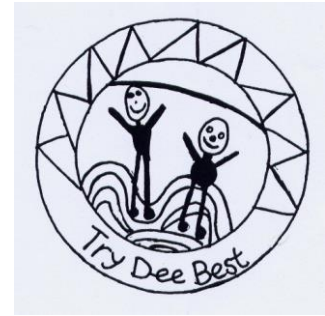
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January 2022 Newsletter

Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to everyone.

We hope you all had a lovely, relaxing holiday and are back to full strength ready to cope with the busy term ahead.

Covid-19

Yesterday, The First Minister announced changes to self-isolation and testing requirements, which were to take effect from midnight last night:

- Those who test positive for COVID-19 will still be advised to isolate for 10 days but there will now be an option to end isolation after seven days as long as they have no fever and record two negative lateral flow tests. One test must be no earlier than six days after testing positive and the other must be at least 24 hours after that.
- The second change applies to close contacts of positive cases, including household contacts, who are under 18 years and four months, or who are older than that and fully vaccinated (two doses of a vaccine and a booster). The requirement to self-isolate will be replaced by the requirement to take a lateral flow test every day for seven days.
- Over 18s who are not fully vaccinated will still be asked to isolate for 10 days and be asked to take a PCR test
- People who have symptoms should still book a PCR test. However, from today, (Thursday) if you do not have symptoms and get a positive result using a lateral flow test, you do not have to book a PCR test. Instead, people should immediately isolate and report their results online so that contact tracing can begin.

Although this recent announcement is good news, please bear in mind that there could still be times where things need to change at short notice. For instance, a member of staff could be contact traced by NHS causing an unavoidable absence from work, or another SIC department, such as Catering and Cleaning, could also struggle with staff shortages and problems with supplies, meaning that the school dinner menu may be changed without warning. We know that we can count on your patience and support, as was shown last term, in understanding that we are doing the best we can in the circumstances we find ourselves in.

A reminder of the Covid 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;
- class 'bubbles' with pupils in each class having separate snacks, lunches and play areas

Trainee Teacher

We are looking forward to having India Reynolds assisting Miss Saunders in P5/6/7 from Monday 10 January to Friday 11 February. Miss Reynolds is currently studying a Masters degree in Primary Education with Aberdeen University.

Swimming

A five-week block of swimming lessons will start on Tuesday 18 January, for P4/5 and Wednesday 19 January, for P5/6/7. Swimming lessons for P1-3 will follow after this.

School Lunches

Universal free school meals has been extended to include pupils in P5 from January 2022. However, please note the extension of universal free school meals to P6/7 from August 2022 has been delayed.

Lunch menu from next week will start at week two:

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

Curriculum Overviews

The 'I can statements', showing what your child is learning this term, will be posted on Class Blogs by Friday 21 January.

P1 Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/tingwallp12/>

P2/3 Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/tingwallp23/>

P4/5 Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/tingwallprim45>

P5/6/7 Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sh/tingwallprimary67/>

Pupil Progress Interim Reports / Parent Consultations

Pupil reports should be with you by the end of January. If there is anything you wish to discuss about the report, you can contact the office in the first instance, who will arrange for the class teacher to get in touch with you.

We are planning to have Parents' evenings in March. If we are still unable to organise face-to-face appointments, parents will have a choice of virtual on-line appointments or phone calls.

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 shortly.

P4-7 Netball Club

We are waiting for local Covid Guidelines to be reviewed on 17 January, which may enable us to 'burst our bubbles' and enable classes to mix again. If this is the case, we will let you know when the club will be able to resume.

Parent Council Meeting

This term's meeting will be a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting at 8:00 pm on Thursday 20 January, 2022. Invites will be sent by our clerk, Ms Dawn Ratter, to all those who attended the meeting last term. If you have not attended before, but would like to attend, please pass your email address to: dawn.ratter@shetland.gov.uk

PUPIL TERM DATES FOR SESSION 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