











January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers.

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a lovely break and wish you all a happy and healthy year ahead in 2020.

This term looks to be a busy one with a whole school trip in a few weeks to the theatre in Edinburgh to see The Lion King. The teachers have planned lessons around this theme so that the experience will be not only a memorable one but also a valuable learning opportunity.

I would like to thank parents, carers and other family and friends for the support given at our Nativity play before the holidays. The staff and pupils had put a huge effort into preparing for this and we were absolutely delighted to have such a supportive audience on the day. We look forward to welcoming you to future sessions such as Team Build Thursdays and would also invite any parent/carer interested in helping out in school to get in touch and let us know.

Healthy Eating/Snacks

As advised in the previous newsletter, we are looking to take action following advice from our recent HMI inspection to improve the health of our children. This advice has been echoed further still by Child Smile who have strongly advised us that children need to stop drinking fizzy and sugary drinks. There are ongoing concerns around the damage being caused to their teeth.

We are delighted to see our pupils already supporting this by bringing healthy drinks to school and would like to thank parents for encouraging them to do so. We are currently arranging for bottles to be made available for all pupils to use in school, however pupils can continue using their own bottle for water if preferred. Only plain water is permitted in class. Fruit and diluting juice can be given at break times.

Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 9.1 Parent Council
- 13.1 17.1 Enrolment Week
- Wednesday 22.1 Lion King
- Friday 7.2 In-Service Day
- Monday 10.2 & Tuesday 11.2 -Holidays SCHOOL CLOSED
- Wednesday 12.2 In-Service Day

Attendance/Latecomings

Please remember to inform the school if your child is absent. Attendance will be monitored closely and we will always look for any way we can to support you and your child to ensure they are at school.



Swimming

Swimming will continue for our P4 - 7 on a Friday. Pupils should bring appropriate clothing and a towel. This block will run weekly until 28.2.20. I am hoping the excellent manners and behaviour of our pupils will continue to make us proud.

Nurture Principal of the Month

My actions, words and behaviours enable me to express myself.

PE Kits

Please send your child to school with a gym kit on the following days:

P1 - Monday & Friday

P2/3 - Wednesday & Thursday

P4/5 - Monday

P 6/7 - Thursday



School Clubs

The following clubs are currently running in Rigside Primary:

Football - (P4 - 7) Tuesday 3 - 4.15pm

Breakfast Club

We have a daily breakfast club in the school which starts at 8.15am and runs till 8.45am. Children should not arrive prior to this unless supervised by an adult as there will be no staff in the playground during this time.

Please remember that I am always here for a chat should any parent/carer need me, my door is always open. I would like to give my thanks for the continued support I am given throughout the year by our parents and wider community. It is greatly appreciated.

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