



# Principal's Newsletter

September 2020



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome Back To School. It has been really wonderful to welcome back all of the children to school at some point this week. It has been such a long time since we have all been together and it was just fantastic to see everyone this week.

Firstly, can I say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting us with our re-opening plans. I know that some things have changed and some of the decisions that have been made may make things a little more awkward for a time, however, I can't thank you all enough for working with us. This first week has been a huge success – so from the bottom of my heart – THANK YOU!

I hope that you feel that your children have settled back into school life well. It is wonderful how quickly children can adapt to new routines and concepts. From a school perspective, I am delighted with how settled and calm the school environment has been this week. I am sure this will continue as we welcome full classes back into school from Monday.

This newsletter just highlights a few points / reminders for our entire school community.

Remember, if you need something urgent answered, please use SLIDO and

I will do my best to get back to you as soon as possible.

Many thanks

Mr C. Fulton

Principal

## Office Hours Reminder

This year, to assist in our full school return, Mrs Ritchie is assisting in supervising classes during break and lunch. This means that the school office will be closed between **10.30am – 11.00am and 12pm – 1pm.**

Please leave a message on the answering machine during this time and someone will get back to you.

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Principal

Mr C. Fulton

### Vice Principal

Mrs L. Kernaghan

### Head of Foundation & Key Stage 1

Mrs J. Orr

### Special Needs Co-ordinator and Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Miss J. Minnis

### Nursery Lead

Mrs P. Addis

### Head of Key Stage 2

Mrs R. Miskelly

## I'M WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD IN SCHOOL.



If you are concerned about the welfare of a pupil in school, please speak with Miss Minnis (Designated Teacher for Child Protection).



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### School Lunches

Yet again, thank you for supporting us this week by sending your children in with a disposable lunch bag. This has been great in reducing items going from school to home etc. Please be advised that any uneaten food will need to go into the bin at the end of lunch. Some children have been coming to school with a wonderfully large lunch and, unfortunately, have been to 'full' to eat everything. This has meant a lot of waste going into the bin. Please could you have a chat with your child at home to see if they have been putting uneaten items in the bin. If so, it may be that they are not eating it all as they have full tummies. 😊

### Class Charity Information

Normally, at this point in the year, we write to you to let you know what charity each year group will be collecting for during this year. For this year, as a result of school not being able to complete as much fundraising, our Wednesday charity collection will go towards school fund. We intend to still work with the PTA to try and raise money for our new ICT suite. The small change collected on a Wednesday, from each class, will go towards our fundraising efforts for our ICT suite. Our Wednesday collection will start on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Please remember, if possible, to send in any copper coins / spare change into school on each Wednesday. Thanks in advance.

### Homework

Formal written homework will begin in a couple of weeks' time. Please check your child's planner for homework on a regular basis. Written homework will be sent home with pupils, however, in order to limit the items coming back into school, homework will be completed at home by the pupils and it will be kept at home.

### School Planners

A reminder that the school planner that your child will be using this year is an essential learning tool. It contains information and learning support tools for your child in their new year group.

Please send in £3.50, in an envelope, to your child's class teacher as soon as possible to cover the cost of this planner.

Thanks again to all that have done this already. 😊

### Last Year's School Report

If you still have a copy of your child's report at home from last year, please sign it (comment if you wish) and return it to school.

Please return it in an envelope with your child's name on the outside of the envelope.

### Money Coming Into School

Wow! Thank you to the majority of parents / carers for sending in money to school, in an envelope, clearly labelled with your child's information on the front. All the staff are really grateful.

If your child arrives back home with money that you sent into school, it may be because it wasn't provided in an envelope. If this is the case, please envelope it up and send it back to school again. We still need to leave 72 hours before touching the money that comes into school.



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## BREAKFAST CLUB

As you will know from my previous messages, breakfast club is a little different this year. Our booking system, via e-mail, is up and running and working extremely well. Thanks very much to you all for your support on this.

We are unable, at present, to allow children to use a range of toys that we would normally be able to use in breakfast club. This is a real shame.

Some parents have asked if their children could bring a colouring book to keep them occupied during breakfast club. What a great idea. Please follow these guidelines if you would like to send a colouring book in:

- The colouring book / puzzle book and pencils will need to stay in breakfast club. They cannot travel between home and school.
- The staff will provide your child with an A4 zipped wallet to keep their book and pencils in. Please ensure that any books sent can fit in an A4 zipped wallet.
- The A4 zipped wallet will be kept in the breakfast club room and can be given to your child when they arrive / once they have eaten their breakfast.

If you would like your child to utilize this option, please feel free to send the books / pencils in with them the next time they attend breakfast club.

## REMEMBER....

In order to ensure that we, as a school, can remain open for as long as possible, please DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

### IF:

- They have a continuous cough
- They have a high temperature
- They have a loss of their normal sense of taste and/or smell.



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### Term Dates 2020 / 21

<b>Term Dates</b>	
<b>August</b>	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> August – Primary 7 pupils return to school. P2 – P6 begin revision online learning, Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August – school re-opens for pupils in P1 – P6 (Please see individual year group starting information as per Principal's Newsletter sent 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020.)
<b>October / November</b>	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> - <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b> Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> , Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> , Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> , Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> November ( <b>School Closed for Half Term</b> ) Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – School reopens
<b>December</b>	Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> – ( <b>School closes at 12pm for the Christmas Holidays</b> )
<b>January</b>	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> – ( <b>School Development Day – school closed</b> ) Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> – School reopens.
<b>February</b>	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – ( <b>School Development Day – school closed</b> ) Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> , Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> , Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> , Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> – ( <b>School Closed for half term</b> ) Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> – School reopens
<b>March / April</b>	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> March – ( <b>School closes at 12pm for Easter Holidays</b> ) Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> – ( <b>School Development Day – school closed</b> ) Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> April – ( <b>School Closed for half term</b> ) Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – School reopens
<b>May</b>	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – <b>School Closed (Bank Holiday)</b> Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> – ( <b>School Development Day – school closed</b> )
<b>June</b>	Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> – <b>School Development Days (School Closed)</b> Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> – ( <b>School closes at 12pm for Summer Holidays</b> )