



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

22 January 2021

DIARY DATES

25 January Robert Burns Day

1 February Children's Mental Health Week

Mon 8– Fri 12 February Holiday

Mon 15 February – all due to resume though we await guidance

Dear Families

This week has seen the whole school P1-P7 using Microsoft Teams for remote learning and we thank you all for your continued support with this. We hope it has been beneficial to have regular live check ins with Class Teachers throughout this week in all classes.

We were asked by a parent if daily tasks/resources could be posted the day before. This is possible in some cases and some teachers are able to do this. However, staff are working flexibly in order to accommodate family circumstances so some staff do their planning and resource gathering in the evening. All tasks/resources required for the day ahead will always be posted before 9am. Weekly overviews for the week ahead are always emailed to families by Friday evening.

We are very keen to gather feedback on remote learning so we have developed a survey for pupils, parents and school staff to give me their views. We know that everyone in our school community is working very hard to make this work and we want this to continue. We would be grateful if parents could help younger children in P1-3 to fill out the Pupil Survey where possible. Please note that for P4-7 children, a copy of the Pupil Survey will be posted in Teams next week and your child should complete it independently where possible.

Links to both the Pupil and Parent Surveys have been emailed - please complete by Friday 29 January 5pm:

Families who requested to borrow an iPad last week using our online Form collected them on Thursday or Friday. As usual, the booking form re-opens on Friday morning and will close again on Tuesday at 5pm to will allow us time to set up further iPads next week, should there be any additional requests. The Form has been emailed now includes an option to book an iPad surgery slot if you require some assistance with a borrowed iPad.

I hope your children enjoyed watching our Equalities Assembly today about Dr Martin Luther King. I have invited the children to post in Teams or SeeSaw their own hopes and dreams for achieving greater equality. Please find below a link to the Assembly and a link to the story "The Wee Seal" by Janis Mackay and Gabby Grant.

[Sciennes P1-7 MLK Assembly 22.1.21](#)

[Mr Hunter's P1-3 Storytime](#)

You will be aware that the First Minister announced that schools will not return on Monday 1 February and that Lockdown will be in place until at least mid-February. I will keep you informed of any developments affecting schools as soon as I have them. Any decisions on schools re-opening are made by the Scottish Government and then Local Authorities. This is not a school decision.

I hope you have a nice weekend. Be careful on the ice! My Dad gave me a jar of hot chocolate and I am looking forward to sampling it over the weekend. Perfect hot chocolate weather!

Andrew



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