



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

DIARY DATES

Thursday 15th October (only) Foodbank Collection
Term ends Friday 16th October normal time
Staff resume Monday 26th October
Pupils resume Tuesday 27th October
'Flu Vaccinations Wednesday 28th October
Parent Consultations Tues 10th and Thurs 12th November 4-7pm

9th October 2020

Dear Families

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Normally, around this time of year, we really look forward to the buzz of welcoming all our families into the school. Regrettably, but by necessity, this year our Parent Consultations will take place remotely on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November. We have undertaken some trials and will aim to conduct meetings online using Microsoft Teams, with a contingency plan of a telephone consultation. Bookings will go live next Wednesday 14th October at 9am and will close on Friday 30th October at 5pm. More information will come out next week.

MILK

If your child wishes to have school milk from 27 October – 23 December 2020 please login to ParentPay to book and pay. P1-P3 are required to pay for milk, except for those entitled to free school meals. Please note that the office staff are currently processing refunds for those who paid for milk from March – June 2020.

EQUALITIES

A reminder that if you are interested in being part of a parent group looking at equalities, please could you email me directly. If you did so back in February, please can you let me know again! Thanks for your help with this.

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P3 HARVEST APPEAL FOR FOODBANK

Hello children and families.

*The P3 children have been working extremely hard to organise a Harvest Collection as part of their Food and Farming topic. As you know, things look a little bit different this year. The P3s thought about how they could still ensure that we had a Harvest Collection despite the current circumstances. They want to help make a difference by collecting food donations and other items to help those in need. The donations will be collected by Edinburgh North West Foodbank on **Thursday 15th October**. We cannot store donations in school at the moment, so we can only collect items on that **morning before the school day starts**. Any donations should be given to the children to place in to the crates that will be in the shed areas on each side of the playground. Please keep your eyes peeled for the wonderful posters that the P3 children have created to tell you more about the Harvest Appeal. The items that are needed most are:*

- Cereal
- Chocolate and sweets
- Coffee
- Cup-a-Soup
- Tinned custard
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned potatoes
- Long-life fruit juices
- Handwash
- Cleaning products
- Jam
- Sugar
- Nappies

Items that are running low:

- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Bodywash and soap
- Toothpaste
- Toilet Roll
- Tea bags (packs of 40)
- Tinned fish and meat
- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Tinned pasta and beans
- Tinned soup
- Dried pasta
- Rice
- Lentils
- Stock cubes
- Jarred pasta sauce
- UHT Milk
- Biscuits

The Foodbank cannot accept the following items:

- Fresh or frozen foods
- Bottles of water
- Items which are out of date
- Alcohol

Please remember that all items should be non-perishable and in date.

The P3 children would like to take this opportunity to thank all children and families in advance for all their help and support to help others in need.

The P3 Team

ASSEMBLIES

The Primary 1-3 Assembly today focused on the school value of Effort. I had co-presenters today as Natalie, Charlotte, Rory and Maryam from P3 delivered a presentation to the P1-P3 children about our Foodbank/Harvest collection. The children put a lot of effort into the presentations and P3 have put a lot of effort into developing, co-ordinating and advertising our Harvest appeal. I also linked this into the story “Parcel for Stanley” by Ian Whybrow about a rabbit who puts lots of effort into learning magic tricks! It is such a lovely book. Clean Air Day photographs and learning were shared at the P4-7 Assembly in celebration of Thursday’s national air quality event. P7C pupils Isla and Clara gave an online presentation on Clean Air, inviting typed comments from the live audience. Next, Steven, Cyrus, Angus, Asim and Cameron gave a fantastic presentation on water pollution and were also superbly confident. Wonderful to have Primary Three also present live on their Foodbank appeal at the upper Assembly.

PARENT COUNCIL

On Wednesday we had our first official Parent Council meeting of the year. Thank you to L-J for chairing and to all those who attended. Full Minutes will be on the Parent Council website soon. I answered questions that had been raised through Parent reps and these will also be published on the Parent Council website. John Armstrong, Principal Teacher, outlined our plans to improve and upgrade our digital technologies and Fran Armour, PTA lead, shared her exciting plans for ‘FunRaising.’ We will keep you posted. Great to see that both John and Fran included children at the centre of their plans.

P1 PHOTOGRAPHS

Many thanks to one of our parents, James Chow, who kindly took class photographs of our Primary One children. Normally, this would have been carried out by the Edinburgh Evening News but due to the pandemic this was not possible.

EXCITING PUPIL NEWS

What remarkable fundraising from Findlay in P5! Digital Leader Findlay has been recently appointed by Mr Armstrong and decided he would raise funds for digital technologies in school. Findlay held a bread and bake sale and sold over 30 freshly made loaves! He raised the remarkable sum of £244.59! Impressive!

MATERNITY NEWS

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Barton is expecting her first baby. She has decided to start maternity leave early and Mrs Barton’s last working day prior to going on leave will be Monday 26 October.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

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