



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

DIARY DATES

Term ends Friday 16th October normal time

Staff resume Monday 26th October

Pupils resume Tuesday 27th October

25th September 2020

Dear Families

ROAD CLOSURE

You will have noticed that Sciennes Road outside the school is now closed to traffic all day, not just at drop and pick up. This will greatly help parents to distance physically and ensures that children can walk safely to and from the Nature Strip. Thanks to all who have worked towards this and to City of Edinburgh Council, especially Cllr Lesley McInnes. We have greatly appreciated the tenacity of parent Caroline McKellar in pursuing this on everyone's behalf.

SOFT START P1

Please note that from Monday 28th September P1 pupils will come directly into school from 9.00am without lining up but only using the West Side to enter and exit. P1 parents may enter the playground at Drop Off and Pick up. However, when dropping off it would be great if you could wave goodbye to your child at the gate. If there is a problem then please do still come into the playground and wave goodbye. The children have been practising soft start entry at break and lunchtimes and have been doing really well.

RISK MEETING

On Wednesday, I attended a Risk Midterm Review Meeting with a small group of Headteachers and Senior Managers in the Council. We discussed and reviewed safety measures in our schools and shared best practice. Thank you for your ongoing support of our arrangements.

PARENT COUNCIL AGM

On Thursday evening our Parent Council AGM (rescheduled from June) took place on Microsoft Teams. L-J Stewart, Chair of the Parent Council, led this meeting. It was very well attended and we received updates from each of the main Parent Council sub-groups. It was great to reflect on the fantastic support the school received before, during and after Lockdown. Teamwork in action! The minutes and reports from the meeting will be posted on the Parent Council website soon.

TOM KITCHIN TEAMS MEET!

P3 thoroughly enjoyed an online Teams meeting this Wednesday with renowned chef, Tom Kitchin. Tom answered the children's prepared questions, explaining his passion for using Scottish products in his restaurants and supporting local producers. The children learned what inspired him to become a chef and the favourite ingredients he likes to use in his cuisine. He shared his ethos of working hard to achieve his goals and left the children with some homework – to try to eat a new foodstuff that they have never eaten before. This was an exciting event which complements the Food and Farming topic in P3 and we are very grateful to Tom for giving us his valuable time.

ASSEMBLIES

Primary 1- 3 Assembly this week focused on our value of Inclusion. I shared a story about the arrival of our new kitten Toby and how he and our dogs are getting along better as they start to include each other in their daily lives. I also read them a story called “Ginger” by Charlotte Voake about the arrival of a new kitten that upset Ginger, the established cat.

The Primary 4-7 Assembly focused on Clean Air Day. Ms Gallagher was joined by three co-presenters. Eilidh, Amy and Rory from P6 are our new Junior Road Safety Officers and they will lead the Clean Air Day campaign in school. They did a brilliant job of live presenting.

HOMEWORK

Homework resumes next week via SeeSaw (P1-3) and Microsoft Teams (P4-7). Our main aim with this initial assignment will be to check all children can manage to log on and access their digital tasks. (Please be aware that we have had to reset a number of pupil passwords which recently expired.) If there are any issues or concerns please email

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EXCITING PUPIL NEWS

Congratulations to Ty O'Connor in P6 who has signed a contract for Rangers Football Club Youth Academy. Well done Ty! Your hard work and training have paid off!

I hope you all have a good weekend despite the new restrictions.

Andrew

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SUMMARY OF STAGGERED START AND FINISH TIMES AT SCIENNES PRIMARY SCHOOL AUGUST 2020

P1, P3 and P5 WEST WING

P2, P4, P6 and P7 EAST WING

Year Group	Start Time	Mon – Thurs Finish Time	Friday Finish Time	ENTRANCE/EXIT
P1	9.00am	2.50pm	12.10pm	WEST DOOR (Sick Kids Hospital side) Parents wait in playground in West zone
P2A, P2B	9.00am	2.50pm	12.10pm	EAST DOOR (Main Entrance)
P2C	9.00am	2.50pm	12.10pm	Classroom Entrance/Exit from Playground
P3	8.50am	3.20pm	12.05pm	WEST DOOR
P4	8.50am	3.20pm	12.05pm	EAST DOOR
P5	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	WEST DOOR
P6	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	EAST DOOR
P7	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	EAST DOOR

***N.B. PUPILS SHOULD ONLY USE THE ENTRANCE/EXIT STIPULATED**

DROP OFF FROM MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER P1 pupils will come directly into school from 9.00am without lining up BUT ONLY USING THEIR CORRECT ENTRANCE AT THEIR PARTICULAR ENTRY TIME. P1 and P2 Parents may enter the playground at Drop Off. **Please then leave the playground promptly.**

PICK UP P6 and P7 pupils may only be collected from **outside the school gates**. P1-P5 Parents, please **only enter the playground just before your designated pick up time**, ensure 2m distancing and then **vacate the playground immediately** you have collected your child to avoid congregating. If you have siblings who need collected at different times, please leave the playground, move away from the front of the school and return at the designated time. Thank you.