



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

DIARY DATES

Mon 2nd- Fri 6th November Dyslexia Awareness Week
Mon 2nd – Fri 13th November P1 Enrolment
Tues 3rd November P6 RSHP Meeting 6-6.45pm
Thurs 5th November Outdoor Classroom Day
Tues 10th November Parent Consultations
Thurs 12th November Parent Consultations
Wed 18th November Individual Photographs

30 October 2020

Dear Families

I hope you had a good October break. We had mixed weather but I hope you managed to get outdoors and have fun despite the current and ongoing restrictions.

It has been a busy week at Sciennes and despite the changes in school, our children are working hard and trying hard and are being supported well by our incredible school staff.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Next week you will receive an email from your child's class teacher with a link to access to your Parent Consultation appointment on either Tuesday 10 November or Thursday 12 November. Teachers will be emailing these out to the addresses provided at the time of booking or, in the event that this was missed out, the email address of the person who made the appointment. We will send out joining instructions along with the link and are crossing our fingers and toes that technology will be on our side! If you have not received this email by Thursday afternoon, please contact the school admin. If your appointment is scheduled at a different time from above then you will receive an email/link nearer the time.

P7 HOODIES

Our P7 pupils look great in their new P7 Hoodies. Each class has pupil names on the back with the a 21 indicating the year they will leave. Thanks go to our parents, Catherine McCormack, Anna Salman and Sue Lewis for coordinating this for each class.

PRIMARY 1 ENROLMENT

If your child's date of birth is between **1 March 2016** and **29 February 2017** they are due to start primary school in August 2021. **There is no P1 Open Day this year due to Covid restrictions.** New P1 Parents/Carers will have received their P1 Enrolment letter.

Between **2nd November and 13th November**, parents/carers should go to the link below then to the **P1 Enrolment section** and enrol their child in their chosen catchment school. **(Please note that this link is not live until 2nd November.)**

<https://orb.edinburgh.gov.uk/schools-lifelong-learning/primary-1-secondary-1-places>

Parents/carers can then upload photos/scans of the following:

- **birth certificate,**
- **Council Tax** form for this year in the parent's name (**or 2 proofs of address** in the parent's name if not eligible to pay council tax – i.e. a utility bill such as gas, electricity, landline telephone or broadband, dated within last six months)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E.)

Mrs Berry our PE teacher has asked if I could remind parents that children should bring their P.E/ kits to school on the days they have P.E. As we are currently outside for PE it would also be helpful if the children have something warm which is rain proof as an outer layer. A woolly hat/beanie was also suggested as being a good idea.

WELCOME BACK

It was so nice to be able to welcome P2B back to school today. They all worked so hard at home but they were extremely happy to be back at school. As always, we will keep you fully informed if a pupil or member of staff tests positive for Covid-19.

UNIFORM SALE

Thanks to Diana Rapan and our Parent Council helpers for organising another second hand uniform sale. We are really happy to be able to recycle clothing in this way.

REPORTED INCIDENT

There was great excitement in the playground yesterday when two police officers arrived. They were following up reports from pupils about an incident on Mayfield Road witnessed on their way to school. This turned out to be a harmless episode involving an adult couple joking around. The police commended our pupils for behaving so responsibly by reporting it. We are aware the rumour mill was in full swing. Please be assured if there were any concerns, the police would alert our community. Great relief it was just tomfoolery!

HALLOWEEN

It was wonderful to see so many children taking part in this. It certainly brightened up our school, in a slightly scary way! Both Assemblies today had a Halloween focus and I was very happy to introduce the school to my friend Spiggly the spider! He spent the day on my shoulder....I think the children's outfits scared him! I enjoyed reading "Spookyrumpus" by Tony Mitton and Guy Parker-Rees to the P1-P3 children. Coco and Ramona from P2 taught me how to sign Happy Halloween and we shared a video of this at the Assemblies. The girls were very patient with me. There was also a focus in both Assemblies on Active Girls Day and Sports Captains Rowan, Emma, Ellen and Ellie talked extremely well about their own sporting interests and role models.

Thanks to Fran Armour, Susan Dunlop, Leda Uberbacher and all the other families who have helped organise or have provided a venue for our Halloween Trail. This proved extremely popular and I know many families did not manage to get a ticket. However, the numbers had to be restricted due to current restrictions and I know that you will realise this despite any disappointment. Hopefully we can do something similar in the future but without the restrictions! I hope those families who have a ticket enjoy it!

Happy Halloween and happy weekend!

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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	12.15pm	WEST DOOR (Sick Kids Hospital side) Parents wait in playground in West zone
P2A, P2B	9.00am	2.50pm	12.15pm	EAST DOOR (Main Entrance)
P2C	9.00am	2.50pm	12.15pm	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 P1 pupils can come into school directly without lining up **at 9.00am** 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. **Please note that P2 start time is also 9am.**

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.