



## RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

### DIARY DATES

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December Winter Trail

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December Lyceum Christmas Tales Online Panto

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December Online Christmas Assembly broadcast live on Teams

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December **Noon** End of Term (see year group times below)

4 December 2020

Dear Families

We have had a couple of days of interesting weather with snow, thundersnow and as I write this the rain is very heavy, as is the wind! Winter has certainly arrived! We started our 12 Days of Christmas in school this week and the children have been busily making baubles and Christmas cards as well as sewing and gift tag making! The school was also decorated by our Janitors and our Pupil Support Assistants so the school is looking lovely and festive.

### PRIMARY 7C

Over a block of three weeks, several footballers from Primary 7C led lessons on football for the class teaching them about different skills and how to use them in games. The footballers were Poppy, Steven, Angus, Cameron and Asim. At the beginning of the session quite a lot of people in the class did not feel confident playing football but by the end there was a huge difference in skill levels and confidence and many people said they were really enjoying football now. Two of the girls, Tiana and Carla told us that they had enjoyed playing football so much during the sessions that they have joined Saturday football. We are proud of our football leaders who, with the help of others in the class who play, helped to inspire others.

### PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Parent Council Winter Trail is due to take place next Saturday 12 December. Communications have been sent out from the Parent Council this week and tickets are on sale. They have also been busy processing the orders for the Sciennes merchandise and we were sent this photo from Print Pixels who have been working hard for us to get all the items ready. Print Pixels are doing this for us at cost price so all profits go to the school. I know these items have been very popular with families and staff alike!



### ODD SOCKS-PERSONALITY DAY/ASSEMBLIES

It was great to see so many pupils and staff coming to school today wearing odd socks or a favourite item of clothing. Lots of children enjoyed showing me their socks! This day was to highlight individuality and to focus our attention on anti-bullying. It was devised by our pupil Equality Advisors. At both Assemblies today, our P7 Equality Advisors (Josh, Sofia B, Sofia E, Serena, Ben, Bella, Jess, Poppy H and Poppy U) introduced themselves and explained why they are passionate about Equality and Equity. Our P4-P7 Equality Advisors have designed a short questionnaire for pupils and staff with a focus on bullying. These will be sent out on Monday, with a [Parent/Carer version](#) sent out today. They will help the children to improve our procedures at Sciennes. I also read one of my favourite books, “Manfred the Baddie” by John Fardell at the P1-P3 Assembly today. Manfred starts out as a terrible baddie but realises the impact he is having on others and how others perceive him so he changes and becomes a goodie...most of the time! It is a great story! Ms Gallagher and I enjoyed a blast from the past sharing the official Odd Socks Day theme tune “[If the Kids Are United](#)” with the children – a cover version of a very ancient Sham 69 song.

### CLOSING FOR CHRISTMAS

I mentioned in last week's Roundup that there was speculation that Blended Learning may be introduced across Scotland on the Monday and Tuesday before Christmas and a few days after the end of the holidays. The Scottish Government announced this week that there would be no national change to introduce blended learning before or after the holidays. We will be open on Monday 21 and 22 December and will close on **Tuesday 22 December** at noon. Please see year group finish times on Tuesday 22 December below:

<b>P1 and P2</b>	<b>12.15pm</b>
<b>P3 and P4</b>	<b>12.05pm</b>
<b>P5, P6 and P7</b>	<b>11.55am</b>

I hope you all have a good weekend. I am going to do ALL my Christmas shopping!

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	12.15pm	WEST DOOR (Sick Kids Hospital side) Parents wait in playground in West zone
<b>P2A, P2B</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	2.50pm	12.15pm	<b>EAST DOOR</b> (Main Entrance)
<b>P2C</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	2.50pm	12.15pm	Classroom Entrance/Exit from Playground
P3	<b>8.50am</b>	<b>3.20pm</b>	<b>12.05pm</b>	WEST DOOR
<b>P4</b>	<b>8.50am</b>	<b>3.20pm</b>	<b>12.05pm</b>	<b>EAST DOOR</b>
P5	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	WEST DOOR
<b>P6</b>	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	<b>EAST DOOR</b>
<b>P7</b>	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	<b>EAST DOOR</b>

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

**DROP OFF** All pupils can come into school directly without lining up BUT ONLY AT THE TIMES ABOVE AND USING THEIR CORRECT ENTRANCE AT THEIR PARTICULAR ENTRY TIME. P1 and P2 parents/carers 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.