



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

30 April 2021

#### DIARY DATES

**Holiday** Monday 3 May  
**Inservice Day** Tuesday 4 May  
**Pupils Resume** Wednesday 5 May  
**Class Newsletters** Wednesday 5 May  
**Friends of Sciennes School (FSS) Meeting** Monday 10 May  
**Parent Council Meeting** Wednesday 12 May  
**Holiday (Victoria Day)** Monday 24 May  
**Parent Council Picture Day w/c** 31 May  
**Reports Home** Thursday 17 June  
**End of Term** Friday 25 June 12pm

Dear Families

Another busy week in school and we have been delighted to hear the children's excited stories of visits they are now able to make and clubs and activities they have been able to rejoin. Infection rates are low but we will still maintain health and safety procedures and we thank you for your continued support with this.

On Friday afternoon I was interviewing candidates for a Headteacher post, so please excuse the delay in sending my weekly Roundup.

#### Seven Hill Challenge

Diane Glass from FSS has tallied the total number of hills climbed by our children. The JustGiving page closed on 30 April and currently stands at over £2,600 with over £ 500 Gift Aid! Over 120 pupils took part, reaching an Edinburgh hilltop 580 times! Too many miles walked, cycled or scooted to count! Thank you very much to everyone who donated so generously and to Diane who has arranged for all the children in the school to receive a drink that can be frozen at home. Well done to all who took part and I hope you enjoyed your time exploring Edinburgh.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sevenhillsforsciennes>

## **Assemblies**

On Friday, both our Assemblies focused on pupils and our school community not only participating but also taking the lead. We celebrated the Friends of Sciennes School' Seven Hills Challenge and shared details of how many pupils took part. It was wonderful to see so many of our families taking to the hills! We showed a slideshow of happy, smiling children enjoying days out across the city. Mr Armstrong and our Digital Leaders shared how they have been supporting teachers and pupils with using technologies for teaching and learning.

## **Swimming**

We are grateful to Mel Coutts Strategic Development Officer Sports & Physical Activity and her team for providing us with Swimming Instructors five days a week so that each of our P4, P5 and P6 classes can have Swimming lessons, starting Wednesday 3 May. We would really appreciate your support in making sure the children have a swimming costume and a towel on their swimming day.

## **Beach Clean and WWF Bake Sale**

Well done Eve Buckeridge and Kathleen Hunt who under their 'own steam' decided to clear up rubbish at Portobello beach on Saturday followed by a Bake Sale for World Wildlife Fund & raised over £25! We are so very proud of them!

## **Green Pencil Award**

Congratulations to P5 pupil Rosemary Reid who received a Green Pencil Award with her poem "Nature in Lockdown." All the children watched a video of her reciting her winning poem at Assembly. Well done, Rosemary!

With new freedoms to explore I hope you managed to venture further afield this holiday weekend. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 5 May.

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SUMMARY OF STAGGERED START AND FINISH TIMES AT SCIENNES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year Group	Start Time	Mon – Thurs Finish Time	Friday Finish Time	ENTRANCE/EXIT
P1	9.00am	3.00pm	12.10pm	WEST DOOR (Sick Kids Hospital side)
P2A, P2B	9.00am	3.00pm	12.10pm	EAST DOOR (Main Entrance)
P2C	9.00am	3.00pm	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** All pupils can come into school directly without lining up at their designated time. Please observe COVID regulations by wearing a mask and keeping 2m apart.

**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

