



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

18 June 2021

DIARY DATES

P7 Leavers' Dance Wednesday 23 June 4-6pm

End of Term Friday 25 June 11.55am -12.10pm to ensure staggered exit

PLEASE NOTE THAT P7 WILL EXIT THE BUILDING FROM THE MAIN DOOR AT 11.30am

(This earlier exit is to allow time for photographs and for P7 pupils and families to disperse safely and completely ahead of the rest of the school.) A separate communication will be sent to P7 families on Monday. Other classes will exit as normal, but please refrain from lingering so we can ensure everyone leaves safely and has a safe start to the holiday.

Dear Families

We have had a great week in school with classes enjoying the sunshine through lots of outdoor activities taking place. Unfortunately, we had a confirmed COVID case associated with P3B and we look forward to welcoming them back to school on Thursday 24 June. P7 Class Teacher Mr Forrest Howie had been very unwell and in hospital but I am very pleased to say that he is home now and beginning to recover. We all send him our best wishes and look forward to his return to school next session.

Reports

We hope you enjoyed reading your child's report which was issued on Thursday. Please add any comments to the tear off sheet and return it to your child's Class Teacher to acknowledge receipt. We very much value your comments.

Football

P1-P3 enjoyed their Euros tournament at the Meadows this week. The ice lollies were also very popular. P4-P7 will have their tournament next week, also with ice lollies! There was great excitement in school on Monday when we managed to stream the Scotland v Czech Republic match. The children looked great in their Scotland tops/colours and there was much cheering as well as much resilience! We have also taken opportunities to celebrate all the

other European nationalities within our classes for those pupils to support other teams taking part in the Euros 2020 competition.

Ms Anstruther arranged for a footballer who plays for the women's team at Hearts to talk to Primary 1 and some members of our Girls' football team this week. The footballer was inspirational and talked about determination, perseverance and teamwork.

Assembly

Due to staff absence this week's Assembly was emailed to classes. The focus was on Clean Air Day and marked five years of Sciennes' support for the campaign. We had been pencilled in for a visit from the new Environment Minister, Mairi McAllan, yesterday but unfortunately she had conflicting engagements. Our P7 Captains were presented with a Clean Air Day bag from John Bynorth at Environmental Protection Scotland as a thank you for their contribution to the successful campaign launch in May. Mr Hutchison's P4A class received colouring books in recognition of his support since we launched the first Clean Air Day at Sciennes with former Environment Minister Roseanne Cunningham. The children have campaigned for clean air in surrounding streets and for closure of Sciennes Road outside the school through the Living Streets initiative, as well as learning about how air pollution can affect everyone's health both here and abroad.

Aerial Photograph

Our Parent Council drone photograph of the playground was picked up by [Edinburgh Live](#) and has been shared on Twitter. The concerns raised by parents will go to a full Council meeting and are also featured in this additional [Edinburgh Live](#) article.

Rosemary Reid

Congratulations to P5 pupil Rosemary Reid who took part in the Great Northern Swim at Lake Windermere last Sunday. Rosemary competed against 36 adults and secured a remarkable 9th place! Well done, Rosemary!

Napier University Minecraft

P6 pupils Vincent and Bernard Hinchcliffe-Drumm have been involved in a fantastic project for Napier University over the last few months. They were asked to create the university in Minecraft! Their creations will be used for teaching and induction for students and staff. Both boys received thoroughly deserved certificates from Napier. We join the Director of Information Services in being very impressed! Well done, boys!

Save the Children Fundraising

Very best of luck to P7 Xanthe Harris who is taking on fundraising cycle run from Glasgow to Edinburgh this Sunday to raise funds for Save the Children. Impressive! Here is a link to Xanthe's [JustGiving](#) page should you wish to sponsor her by making a donation.

School Fair

The pop-up summer fair was a huge success and we were lucky to have great weather. I enjoyed visiting the sites at Grange Crescent, Sciennes Gardens and Granby Road. A huge thank you to the families who set up stalls in their garden or in their street. There was a fantastic community spirit and it was also reassuring to see everyone adhering to current guidelines. Thank you to everyone involved, from host families to those spending their cash! Special thanks to Fran Armour, our amazing Events and Fundraising Convenor.

Parent Council AGM

Our AGM took place on Wednesday. The official Parent Council email on Tuesday will tell you all about this. Emma Kirk (Communications), Fran Armour (Events and Fundraising), Catherine Bromley (PVG) and Emma Urquhart are all moving on from Sciennes.

I want to thank Emma Kirk for her outstanding Communications work in connection with the Parent Council and the school. Emma has helped to keep everyone well informed and has helped create an ethos where everyone in the Parent Forum feels more included in our school.

I also want to thank Fran Armour for being an incredibly creative and brilliant fundraiser. Fran managed to continue to bring in much needed funds during COVID times and of course came up with the concept of our Community Fairs. Fran helped bring our community together safely at a time when we needed it most.

I want to thank Catherine Bromley for her work on ensuring all our Parent Council club leaders have a PVG. This is a less visible job than Communications and Events and Fundraising but it is an incredibly important job as it helps ensure that all our children are working with approved adults and ensures safety for all.

Finally, thank you to Emma Urquhart for her commitment and drive with Fruit Group as well as sterling support for the school Fairs. We hope that the Fruit Group will start again when conditions allow as our children and staff love it and we want to promote healthy snacks.

Council Health and Wellbeing Team

For the attention of Homeless families whose children attend our school:

City of Edinburgh Council Health & Wellbeing Team has secured some funding to support children/families who are homeless to help with:-

- School meals
- Child bus travel
- School Uniform/Clothes
- Sanitary Products
- Counselling for parents and carers
- Other miscellaneous small items that will help support child education or wellbeing.

Please email childpoverty@Edinburgh.gov.uk for any further information or advice.

Arrangements for Last day

Normally P1-P6 classes line the stairwell applauding the P7 procession from the Top Landing. Some of our parents had a great idea that other classes can clap and cheer from their classrooms as P7 make their way out. To give the P7 classes time to clear the playground they will exit at **11.30am** on Friday 25 June. We suggest they move to the Meadows if families want to take additional photographs and have cleared completely by 11.55am when P4, P5 and P6 begin to exit. P1, p2 and P3 will then also exit at normal times.

Staffing

It is always challenging to finalise staffing arrangements for the next session because there are so many considerations, but of utmost importance is meeting the needs of the children, class and teachers. I know everyone is keen to find out who their new teacher will be and I will send out an email to families on Monday. We will also tell the children on Monday. We are planning for the children to meet their new teacher on Tuesday. This will take place outside in the playground.

I hope you have a good weekend. The England v Scotland match is about to start shortly so I am off to watch with excitement and some trepidation!

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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	11.30am	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.

