



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

20 August 2021

DIARY DATES

Monday 20 September – Holiday Monday

Monday 18 October to Tuesday 26 October (Monday 25 October Inservice day for staff)

Dear Families

I want to start my first Roundup by thanking you all for your support and encouragement in what was a very challenging year for all of us. The staff at Sciennes did their very best for you and your children and I am very grateful to them for their hard work and dedication. Together we are stronger!

On Monday and Tuesday we had two Inservice days. We worked together on sessions covering Modern Languages, Assessment, Planning, Additional Support for Learning and Child Protection. We hosted transition meetings for some children and families and teachers worked in their classrooms to get them ready for your children.

The best part of the week was welcoming the children back on Wednesday. Suddenly our building became a school again, full of happy and eager learners. Our new Primary 1 children started on Wednesday or Thursday, with all of them in school on Friday. They all seemed to settle well and I enjoyed starting to get to know them by joining in playground fun!

It was also good to welcome all the new children and families from P2- P7 to Sciennes.

We officially took over the management of St Leonard's nursery on 16 August. We are really looking forward to working with new colleagues and families.

We have reorganised senior leadership stage responsibility. Ms Anstruther will now work with the Nursey and Primary 1. To start with she will be based at St Leonard's all-day Monday and Tuesday as well as Wednesday morning. Mr Armstrong will work with P2 and P3, I will work with P4 and Ms Gallagher will continue to work with P5-P7. We are delighted to let you know that Ms McGrouther is continuing in her post as Acting Principal Teacher. Mr Hutchison will teach PE from P3-P7 Monday to Thursday. Mrs Berry has reduced her hours and will now only teach on a Wednesday.

You may have read reports in some media outlets about primary league tables. Whilst Sciennes was mentioned positively in the article, we do not hold with this approach. If you have any questions about this please email me at andrew.hunter@sciennes.edin.sch.uk.

Lining up this year, especially at the East side, proved a bit more challenging than normal due to reduced space. However, everyone was patient and supportive which helped reassure children. From Monday, we will start to let the children enter school at their allocated time without lining up. It is important that children arrive at school just before they are due to go in. This helps ensure safety for all.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. I'm looking forward to going out to a local restaurant for some food and the odd glass of wine tonight.

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SUMMARY OF STAGGERED START AND FINISH TIMES AUGUST 2021

| Year Group | Start Time | Mon – Thurs Finish Time | Friday Finish Time | ENTRANCE/EXIT |
|------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| P1 | 8.50am | 2.50pm | 12.05pm | WEST DOOR (Sick Kids Hospital side) |
| P2 | 8.50am | 2.50pm | 12.05pm | EAST DOOR (Main Entrance) |
| P3 | 8.45am | 3.15pm | 12.00pm | WEST DOOR |
| P4 | 8.45am | 3.15pm | 12.00pm | EAST DOOR |
| P5 | 8.55am | 3.25pm | 12.10pm | WEST DOOR |
| P6 | 8.55am | 3.25pm | 12.10pm | EAST DOOR |
| P7 | 8.55am | 3.25pm | 12.10pm | EAST DOOR |

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

DROP OFF P2-P7 pupils can come into school directly without lining up at their designated time.

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. We encourage 2m distancing and wearing face coverings. 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