



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

7 January 2022

### DIARY DATES

Monday 14 - February Break

Monday 21 February All resume

P3-P7 **8.50am -3.20pm M-Th /12.05pm Friday**

P1-P2 **8.55am -2.55pm M-Th /12.10pm Friday**

Happy New Year!

We were all delighted to welcome back the pupils yesterday. It has been great to see everyone looking so well rested and we hope you managed to switch off over the break and spend time connecting with family and friends.

Traditionally in January, all classes focus on Scottish Studies and the children have begun lessons already. Ms Anstruther introduced a poetry challenge several years ago, mindful of the benefits for our brains in memorising poetry. Next week, each child will be asked to learn a Scottish poem, with P6 focusing on the poetry of Robert Burns. We hold an annual Burns recital competition in P6 and one pupil will be awarded the Steven Lui Cup, in memory of a pupil who died. Steven's family donated the trophy and also funded the Quiet Area of our playground, in memorial. Last year all the entries were by video, so we look forward to seeing and hearing the children in person again this year.

One positive case was reported in P6 today and we have informed all families, as well as separately emailing the families within the particular class. We have also sent them the latest version of the 'Warn and Inform' letter from NHS Lothian. Regular Lateral Flow testing continues to be recommended, particularly in the coming weeks.

Open windows at this time of year mean the cold is often being felt more keenly. A reminder please that the children really need warm layers in the classrooms, as well as outdoors. Our Parent Council operate regular nearly new flash sales and we have been asked to pass on the following from the Edinburgh School Uniform Bank:



## Edinburgh School Uniform Bank

*Edinburgh School Uniform Bank provides free new school uniform to children and young people who are referred by a professional who knows the family. This could be a teacher or support worker at school, a health visitor, a family support worker or social worker, a youth worker, a Maximise worker or someone similar. Please ask them to visit the website [www.edinburghuniform.org](http://www.edinburghuniform.org) to find out how to refer.*

*The Uniform Bank also provides batches of excellent quality nearly-new school uniform to schools and community groups for them to pass on to local families. This could be through a swap shop, a sharing rail, a pop-up uniform event or something similar, depending on COVID restrictions. Please ask your school, youth club or community group if they have a supply of nearly-new clothing or if they would like Edinburgh School Uniform Bank to support them with this.*

*As a registered charity, Edinburgh School Uniform Bank is independent from the Council and they rely on the support of local people and businesses. To find out how you can help by donating uniform or funds, volunteering or fundraising please visit [www.edinburghuniform.org](http://www.edinburghuniform.org)*

We know of several cases which occurred within the community over the holiday. We wish everyone a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming everyone back as soon as possible. As mentioned in an email on Wednesday, Andrew is signed off until at least the end of January. We look forward to welcoming him back to the helm, as soon as he is able.

We were struck by the beautiful sunrise on Thursday morning and this afternoon's sunshine has also been very pleasant. Signs of ever brightening days ahead.

We hope you have a relaxing weekend.

*Lucy, Carolyn, John, Steve and Jenni*



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