



Thursday 17 September 2020

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. I can't believe we are already approaching the sixth week of term. Our children continue to manage the routines like true professionals!

As you may be aware there have now been a number of positive cases of Covid 19 in schools across the city. It is imperative that we therefore continue to do all we can to ensure children have as few contacts as possible across a school day. Our specialist staff and Support for Learning Staff are still only able to meet with a maximum of two groups daily.

Children are washing their hands when entering and leaving the classroom, after being at the toilet and after lunch.

We have zoned the playground so that children are only in stage group outdoors. This is to minimise the number of children they mix with outside during the school day.

Please can you remember to socially distance from other adults whilst waiting before or after school. There should only be one adult per family bringing or collecting children. Wherever possible please meet your child outside of the playground at the end of the day.

We still have a steady stream of new pupils joining us which is really lovely. A warm welcome to any new families reading this newsletter.

Bowling Green tidy

I'd like to say a huge thank you to the parents, children and After School Club staff who spent time over the last two weekends tidying the Bowling Greens. That has been hugely appreciated and hopefully we can begin using the area on a regular basis.

You will have received the Class Newsletter for your child's class which will have given you an insight into their learning for the term ahead.

Meet the Teacher

Unfortunately, we are not able to have parents in school for our annual Meet the Teacher event, so we have planned an alternative. This year each stage will produce a presentation giving information on the learning in the classes. This will have more detail than the newsletters and will also include photographs of the classrooms so you are able to see the room where your child is spending their day. These presentations will be uploaded to our school website on **Friday 2nd October**.

Parent Consultations

We are also aiming to have our first Parent Consultations of the session online. This is a completely new area for us and will involve ten minute slots online with parents being sent a

link and a time to login. We are hopeful for these to take place over the week beginning 2nd November. More information will be given about this nearer the time.

P.E.

The Scottish Government have now issued guidelines on P.E. indoors. The City of Edinburgh Council are in the process of producing guidelines for all schools. I will keep you updated on this however at present it is still considered safer to use outdoor spaces for exercising. Please send your child to school in PE appropriate clothing– joggers/leggings, a T-shirt and suitable footwear, on the days they have PE.

Planting in the Playground

Our primary three classes have recently planted carrots and potatoes at the picnic table end of the playground. They were very excited to tell me that these have already started growing. When I asked them what they could do with the carrots and potatoes when they are ready they had it all planned – carrot and potato soup, potato salad and carrot cake. A three course meal! We'll keep you updated on the progress of the vegetables.

Primary 7 News Programme

Our very talented primary 7 classes are now producing a weekly Broughton News Programme which is filmed using a green screen! The news items are all very interesting and current and can be viewed on our website. Below are links to the first two episodes.

Episode 1 - <https://broughtonprimary.org/2020/09/07/broughton-news/>

Episode 2 - <https://broughtonprimary.org/2020/09/14/broughton-news-episode-2/>

Other news

We are continuing with our weekly virtual assemblies. These have been made even better by going live to different classes to hear news and share information. Please keep letting us know of any out of school achievements for our Big Book.

Mrs Bertram has sent home a form asking about out of school sporting clubs and groups. This will help us gather information about the types of activities our children are participating in outside of school.

ICT audit – If you have not already returned the Device Access Survey, please can you do so as soon as possible. This will help us plan for provision of devices should we have to return to a period of home learning.

Please can you make sure your child brings a coat to school as they will be outdoors in all weathers.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 17 September – Flu vaccinations for pupils

Monday 21 September – School Holiday

Friday 2 October – Meet the Teacher presentations posted online

Friday 16 October – Term ends

Tuesday 27 October – Pupils resume

Week commencing 2 November – Online Parent Consultations

I hope you all enjoy the long weekend.

Maria Gowans, Head Teacher