



## Head Teacher Newsletter Autumn 2020

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Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter. With regular emails being sent out, there is less need for a monthly newsletter; however, I still want to share the highlights of our school and celebrate the positive aspects of school life. There is more to school than Covid-19 restrictions!

### Freestyle Friday

Our children had a wonderful time on Friday in their fancy dress. Please take a look at the photos on twitter to see their fantastic costumes and their smiling faces. We need to take these small opportunities for fun whenever we can get them!



**P2 will be able to have their fancy dress day on their return so that they don't miss out!**

More information on our theme for the end of November will come out nearer the time – PLEASE READ YOUR EMAILS TO KEEP UP TO DATE.

### KEEPING PARENTS INFORMED

**Parents Night** - Our Parents Information telephone calls will take place next Wednesday & Thursday (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November). You will receive a phone call in the slot that you have asked for. The number will come up as Private Number or Unknown Number. The teacher's will be able to give you an update on your child's progress. As usual, these appointments are time restricted to get through the whole class. If you have any specific concerns that cannot be answered in these slots, please contact the school office for a further appointment.

**Emails** – Emails are our main form of communication. Please ensure you read these so that you do not miss out on important information. I know the emails can be overwhelming, but equally, we want to keep you informed and I believe it is important to keep you up-to-date.

### Park View Parent Partnership

Our next meeting is **tonight - Wednesday 4 November 2020** - to avoid any potential Bonfire Night clashes.

For the foreseeable future, our monthly meetings will take place online using Zoom. Invitation with link to join below:

<https://strath.zoom.us/j/94360402245>

Meeting ID: 943 6040 2245

Password: 658146

Once again, I'd like to thank the Parent Partnership for their continued support in various formats, but especially for the support in what we can do for the children. The treats for our Freestyle Friday were all provided by the Parent Partnership and the money they receive through fundraising from our whole school community.

Please support them in any way you can.

## **Attendance**

Every school is required to monitor attendance and act when attendance is dropping below 95%. Our recording system for absence has recently changed and allows us to put a code in for pupils self-isolating under Public Health instruction, which means when pupils are self-isolating, it will not affect their official attendance.

The whole school attendance for October is 95.5%. This is an increase of 0.3% from September.

The attendance rate for each class was:

- P1 98.5%
- P2 93.1%
- P3 96.9%
- P4 96.5%
- P5 94.8%
- P6 95.1%
- P7 96.5%

## **P7 Transition**



Our Primary 7 pupils will be starting their Transition Programme for High School soon. Obviously, our normal programme has had to be tweaked, but Miss Rice at Stonelaw has worked really hard to come up with some alternatives to help ensure the P7 pupils have a smooth transition. Through this, their concerns and fears are laid to rest, to make way for the general excitement and positivity that comes with moving to High School.

The programme starts on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November when Miss Rice will come to visit both P7 classes and let them know what will happen in the coming months. We will have some online Q&As for pupils and parents, opportunities to collaborate with Learning Community primary schools (albeit virtually), joint projects and visits to the High School nearer the end of the year. There will also be enhanced transition visits for all pupils who require extra support in this process.

## **Pupil Leadership**

Park View has always encouraged pupils to be fully involved in all aspects of school life and decisions that affect them. Our staff are always keen to lead committees to help with this crucial aspect of school life. Again, we have had to make changes to this in these times. We have set up committees for all classes, and representatives have been chosen. But as we cannot meet collectively, each week there will be a focus on each committee and the representative will lead some discussion on a particular topic with the whole class. This means we still get the views of all pupils and pupils can be involved in leadership roles, albeit in a restricted capacity.



This week our Fundraising and Charity Reps will be selling Poppies in all classes.

## **Skills for learning, life and work**

A massive thank you to all parents, aunts, uncles and friends who have contributed to our 'Skills for Work' videos. The children are really enjoying watching these and making the connections between their own skills and how these relate to real life jobs. Your videos are really bringing the whole school community together and the children love it when they see their own family or their friend's parents coming up on the screen. What a way to motivate our pupils and encourage our vision to be 'Effective Contributors' to society! Thank You! And thank you to Mr Law for co-ordinating all of this.



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT PARK VIEW

### Recent Head Teachers Awards

The following children have received Head Teachers Awards for wide and varied reasons. We strongly encourage all of our pupils to live by our school values and show these in everyday life. As parents, we all want our children to display these. Well done to the following children over the past few weeks!

#### **Politeness, Ambition, Responsibility and Kindness**

P1  
Mason, Milo, Praise, Millie, Hollie and Erin – all for their amazing independent writing!

P2  
Tyler and Cayson for the super spelling!

P3  
Connor – for super spelling and Brodie for beautiful handwriting

P4  
Ayaan for great work on his spelling

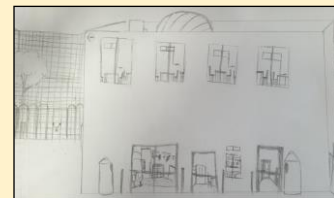
P5  
George, Kenzie and Cayde for terrific imaginative writing. Sarah for excellent times table knowledge!

P6  
Adam for magnificent maths, Melissa for the amazing effort in her self-isolation work (and her mum!)  
Jamie, Davis, Georgia, Tracey-Ann and Leon for their creative writing

Ava for her kindness towards others.

P7  
Niamh, Oliver and Sufyaan for great work in addition.

Well done to everyone above - you continue to make our whole school community very proud of you!



*Park View Primary School,  
by Casey Gardner, P7*

### Covid Restrictions

I don't want to dwell too much on this as I send regular emails to keep you updated, but it would be remiss of me not to highlight the most important issues in our newsletter. As you know, we are now in Tier 3 and SLC have asked us to share with parents some extra restrictions in place.

**Masks must be worn by parents when dropping off pupils within and around the school gates.**

I would urge everyone to stick to this – not only to reduce the risk of infection, but to reduce the risk of staff and pupils having to self-isolate.

**When coming to the office, please do not approach, unless you have a mask on.**

Visits to the office should generally be discouraged. However, there will be occasions when this will be necessary. Again, please stick to these rules.

As you are all aware, we have had a positive case which resulted in a class and staff having to self-isolate. We have many restrictions and processes in place to minimise infection across the school. However, any restrictions we have in place will not eliminate the risk of infection or the risk of self-isolation. The Scottish Government have removed the necessity for children under 12 to be physically distant from each other and with approx 25 children in every class, it is impossible for all children to remain 2m away from each other at all times.

**We know this is frustrating for all concerned, and we want to thank everyone for their support in these ever increasing difficult times.**

# COVID advice from NHS

## When to self-isolate

### *Self-isolate immediately if:*

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- you've tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus
- you live with someone who has symptoms or tested positive
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app
- you arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk – see GOV.UK: how to self-isolate when you travel to the UK

### *Information:*

**If you think you've been in contact with someone who has coronavirus, but you do not have symptoms and have not been told to self-isolate, continue to follow social distancing advice.**

## When to get a test

**Get a test as soon as possible if you have any symptoms of coronavirus.**

### The symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

**The test needs to be done in the first 5 days of having symptoms.**

**You do not need to get a test if you have no symptoms or if you have different symptoms.**

### Get a test to check if you have coronavirus

### Tell people you've been in close contact with that you have symptoms

**You may want to tell people you've been in close contact with in the past 48 hours that you might have coronavirus.**

### What does close contact mean?

**They do not need to self-isolate unless they're contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service. But they should take extra care to follow social distancing advice, including washing their hands often.**

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs J McColl

Head Teacher