



Education Resources
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a very busy and very fast term! We have tried to keep its business as usual as much as we can in school although I am aware that many of our families the past few months have been affected by Corona Virus or Chickpox (and sometimes both)!! We have had many Covid related staff absences too.



You will have seen from the recent letter from Jason Leitch that there will be a few changes to the school Covid measures when we return after Easter. We are no longer required to send out the 'Warn and Inform' letter if we have positive cases in our classes. We will continue to ensure our good hand hygiene measures are in place and all our classrooms have good ventilation.

I hope you have taken the time to read the letter about our new online Parental Meetings system which we will be using next term. We are excited about being able to meet with you all virtually. Please make sure you go online and book your appointment. If you have any problems please contact the school office for some help.

Last week we had our first Assembly in the Gym Hall for over two years. In order to keep the numbers low and the classes well spaced out, I ran the same Assembly 4 times. Although we have continued with online Assemblies every Friday it was fantastic to have the children in front of me. I have to admit it was a bit emotional when they all stated singing as its been such a long time; It felt like the 'good old days'! I think our Primary 1 and 2 children really enjoyed their morning as they had never experienced an Assembly in the hall. Our Easter Service took place this morning with Joanne beaming in live from St John's Church along with the children from Primary 4. Well done P4 and Joanne.

We are already thinking ahead to next session so Mrs Faloon is out visiting the local Nurseries to meet our future Primary 1's. It looks like we will have 17 classes again next session with a few composites in the mix. I will keep you updated on classes next term.

Finally, I wanted to 'Thank You' again as your parental support and cooperation has managed to keep all our children, families and staff as safe as they could be. Whatever you are doing this Easter, enjoy the break from the school routine.

Kind regards,

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Dates For Your Diary

19th April	School returns
Week beginning 25th April	Parental meetings online
28th April	School Photos
2nd May	HOLIDAY
5th May	In-service day School closed for children
6th May	Newsletter Dress Down Day (£1 donation) RO Assembly
12th May	Parent Council at 7pm online
27th May	HOLIDAY
2nd June	HOLIDAY
3rd June	HOLIDAY

Pokemon Cards Could I kindly request that Pokemon cards are kept for home. Our staff are spending a lot of time sorting out issues which usually involves someone in tears over lost cards. I know they cost a lot of money so maybe it is best to keep them at home to play with.

Parent Pay Looking for Parent Pay support or tips? You will find all the information relating to this in the 'Parents Area' on the school website.



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New Playground Organisation

We are very aware that our children have found playtimes a bit boring over the past two years. We have spoken with them lots this year and now that the better weather is hopefully coming we have introduced a new Playground format this week. Initially, this will be just for our Primary 4-7 children. We will then evaluate the impact before rolling it out to the whole school. Do you remember we took part in 'Beat the Street' last year? We received a £250 Decathlon voucher at the time and used this to buy lots of new toys for outside.



Miss Daly and Miss Bain, our very own Ant and Dec, made an entertaining Tik Tok to explain to the children how it is going to work. In the playground there will be 4 different zones which the children will be timetabled for each day. On 'Friendship Friday' there will be no equipment in the playground and the children can play wherever and with who ever they want. I've included some photographs taken in the sunshine at the start of the week. It was all very exciting!

Zone 1—Loose Parts Play



Zone 2—Muga



Zone 3—New Toys



Zone 4—Quiet Area



After talking to the children we have also introduced 3 new rules which we will use in the playground too. These words have been discussed with the children and will become our common language outside.



School Trips

Our **Primary 7** and **Primary 1** children have both visited the Science Centre this month. The children were all super excited about going out of school! All classes will have the opportunity to go on a trip before the end of the school year. These are being subsidised by our Participatory Budget money.



Primary 5 visited the Low Parts Museum to take part in a new numeracy challenge that they will be launching to the public soon. Our children were there to trial it out and give the museum some valuable feedback.

Meet Bonnie

Bonnie is the latest edition to our Woodside team. She is a 'therapet' who comes in on a Friday morning to listen to some of our children read her a wee story.



P6 Bikeability Our Primary

6 children have been enjoying the sunshine as they now begin their Bikeability training. Thanks again to our parental helpers who are leading the training.

