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Head Teacher Newsletter

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COVID-19 restrictions

A huge thanks from our team here to all families for wearing a face covering at drop off and pick up time. It is hugely appreciated.

Scottish Child Payment

What is Scottish Child payment?

The Scottish Government are introducing a new benefit payment to support children under 6 in Scotland from February 2021. As the government are expecting a large level of demand they are accepting applications now.

Families who meet the criteria and are eligible to apply will receive a payment of £10 per child, per week (equivalent to £520 per year) and payment will be made on a four-weekly basis. There are no limits to the number of children per family who can receive this benefit.

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People will be able to apply online at www.mygov.scot/benefits/ or through the Freephone helpline at 0800 182 2222. The helpline is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm

Home learning

It has been great to see so many children up and running with their Home Learning on Microsoft Teams. We are here to support with any technical issues so please get in touch if we can help. A polite reminder that if you wish to speak to your class teacher then please get in touch via the office.

Consultation on family support services.

The Edinburgh Children's Partnership is looking to gather the views and voices of parents and carers about how their families are being supported during the initial and ongoing COVID-19 lockdown period. By completing this survey you will be helping the partnership to better understand how it can continue to serve the needs of families in these difficult times and influence the design and shape of Family Support Services across the city. The Edinburgh Children's partnership would be very grateful if you could complete the survey before **Friday the 20th of November**.

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 10th December 2020

This year we will have our Christmas jumper day on **Thursday 10th December** 2020. Children are free to wear a festive jumper or any jumper that is brightly coloured! We will ask for a silver donation and their will be a bucket at the main gate as the children walk into school. All donations from Christmas jumper day will go to the local food bank to help replenish their stock of food items for people who need over the Christmas period.

Christmas lunch – Thursday 10th December 2020

Also on **Thursday 10th December,** the children will be able to have their Christmas lunch. These will be served in classes like all lunches have been this year. You will receive instructions from the school office this week on how to order a Christmas lunch for your children.

I will include a more comprehensive list of school Christmas events in my next newsletter.

Virtual assembly

We had our first virtual assembly on Microsoft Teams today. It was lovely to be able to see all the children together albeit under slightly different circumstances! We plan on making these a more regular event in school.

STEM Team news

Our Young STEM Leaders Morven and Zoe from P7 have won an Amazon voucher for the school! They were runners-up in a national competition to share their

experiences of leading STEM activities. Many of you will have seen the amazing home learning activities they created during lockdown for their Young STEM Leader Awards. Well done!

Our STEM Team is expanding! P6 - watch this space - we will soon be recruiting new members for the STEM Team!

Ask your kids about…

This term our classes have been focussing on literacy, numeracy and health and well-being after the school closure before the summer. Below is a brief summary of some of the wonderful learning happening in our school this week!

Nursery	Nursery have been painting poppies this week
Primary 1	Ask me to make a pattern using items found either in the house or in nature!
Primary 1/2	We are learning how to be 'Bucket fillers'; filling our own and others buckets with kindness.
Primary 2	Learning about the story of 'The Good Samaritan'
Primary 3	Learning about 'chimney' sums in maths!
Primary 3/4	Being resilient and learning that life is full of changes and everyone experiences ups and downs in our lives.
Primary 4	This week P4 will be attending a virtual trip at the National Museum of Scotland. We will be learning all about Dinosaurs and how to take notes when listening.
Primary 5	Revising 2D and learning all about 3D shapes
Primary 5/6	Learning about onomatopoeia in Art and Design
Primary 6	P6 have started reading for information about the Romans this week
Primary 7a	P7a have been writing letters to those who inspire them, and they are grateful for.
Primary 7b	Writing letters summarising our learning about this term's topic 'The Slave Trade'

Additional Support for Learning

Mrs Smith has created a video explaining how '**Zones of Regulation**' is used across the school in different ways to help children to manage their emotions. It can be found here:

https://youtu.be/la9XFvIqkPg

PE

Slight changes to the guidance around PE have meant that we are now able to hold PE indoors under certain circumstances. The children will have a weekly slot in the Community Centre hall that can be used if the weather is bad. We will still continue to hold PE lessons outside in all but the worst weathers.

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Poppy Appeal

Huge thanks to the school community for your generous donations to the poppy appeal over the past few days.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Chris