



St. Ninian's Primary School

'Ninian News' w/c 31st Aug & 7th Sept



Message from Mrs Smith

It has been my absolute pleasure to see all our children return to school so successfully over the last couple of weeks. It is amazing how new handwashing routines and arrangements for breaks and lunch have very quickly become the new normal. Our pupils have shown great resilience in facing any changes with grace and humour.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff team for their support and commitment to our young people. They have ensured that our pupils feel safe and loved upon return and are making every effort to ensure that the wellbeing of our children is at the heart of every decision that we make. Positive relationships are the foundations of any successful learning community and we are working hard as a team to ensure that we are re-building those with our pupils through one trusted adult conversations and wellbeing check ins.

Please continue to talk with your children about changes to school and the importance of keeping themselves and others safe. We thank you for your support so far in ensuring that our new pick up and drop off arrangements are working well. Please also remember that other local residents may need to access the paths during pick up and drop of times and that we should leave a clear walkway on the paths whilst remaining socially distanced. Local residents have also asked that parents be respectful of speed limits when they are entering the local area and parking within the local community to park and stride to school. Thank you all for your ongoing support and understanding with this.

Covid 19 Updates

During our recent Health and Safety Audit the school's arrangements were checked and verified and the team were happy that we had a robust plan in place to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff. We have received many calls from parents this week who wished to check symptoms with the school office before sending their child to school. Unfortunately, we are not qualified to offer medical advice over the phone but would urge parents to keep their child at home if they, in any way, suspect that they are unwell especially if any of the symptoms displayed could be Covid related. If your child is displaying any of the Covid symptoms they and any siblings must stay at home until they can be tested. Please keep the school office informed if your child does require to be tested and the result of the testing as soon as you receive it. Thank you.

Packed Lunches and Drinks....

Since we have returned to school we are finding that many more of our pupils are bringing packed lunches from home. Could we remind parents and carers that we cannot have any pupils bring food or have sandwich fillings that contain nuts. This includes chocolate spread and any products that have chocolate spread as a filling such as croissants as we have several children in school who have severe allergies to these foods. We would also ask that parents and carers ensure that their child has a separate drink for their lunch as many of our children are coming into the lunch hall with no drink. As agreed due to our water fountains being out of use at the moment we are offering children a top up to their water bottle or a cup of water in the afternoon.

School Camp last session

After a long process and many emails I am delighted to report that we have been able to issue refunds to our former P7 pupils and their families for their cancelled school camp. In the end the camp and insurance company agreed to pay 50% of the refund each, allowing us to make a full refund. Thank you for your patience with this and to Mrs Findlay in our school office who wrote all the cheques and organised their distribution to our families.

School Car Park

Can we ask that parents and carers do not drive into the school car-park at any time. If your child arrives late please walk with them to the school office entrance.

Meet the Teacher/Meet the Family....

We are all looking forward to our virtual Meet the Family/ Meet the teacher session on Thursday 3rd Sept. More details on how to access this will be shared next week.

Parent Council Meeting

Our next Parent Council Meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday 8th Sept @ 6.30pm. This Meeting is open to all parents to attend and it would be great to see some new faces!

UPDATE ON LEO...

LEO'S PARENTS HAVE ASKED ME TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GIFTS, SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR LEO. THEY HAVE BEEN OVERWHELMED BY THE RESPONSE OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR LEO AND HIS FAMILY AS HE BEGINS THE NEXT STAGES IN HIS TREATMENT.

Sacramental Dates: I am delighted to confirm that a date has now been set for our P5s who were due to make their First Holy Communion last session. The First Communion will take place on Saturday 3rd October at 12 noon in St Andrew's Church. Also our P7 pupils will make their Confirmation on Wednesday 28th April 2021 again at St Andrews. Other Sacramental news will follow as soon as we have it.

PE

Just a reminder that pupils can come to school on their specialist PE day wearing a yellow polo shirt or t shirt and sports clothes that are suitable for being outdoors. Spare shoes and socks would be advisable as Scottish weather can be unpredictable!

PE day for P4, P4/5, P6, P6/7 & P7 is a Wednesday

PE day for Nursery, P1, P1/2, P2/3, P3 & P5 is a Thursday