



St. Ninian's Primary School



'Ninian News' - W/C 30th Nov & 7th Dec

Message from Head-Teacher...

As you will be aware by now we unfortunately had our first confirmed covid single case within our school community. I wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you all that appropriate actions were followed in consultation with the Health Protection Team and that we have a comprehensive risk assessment in place with protocols designed to keep both staff and pupils as safe as they can be at this challenging time.

Covid 19

As the second wave of Covid 19 continues to develop we are asking all parents to continue to protect our school community by following the most up to date information from the NHS. If you or any of your family are experiencing symptoms which include:

- high temperature,
- new persistent cough
- loss of taste or smell please seek immediate NHS guidance.

Similarly if you are contacted by test and trace then please following the self-isolation guidance. We also recommend that parents wear face masks when dropping off and picking up. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

Indoor Shoes

While we are still under level 4 restrictions we are not able to allow pupils to change shoes on a daily basis. We would urge parents on PE days to supply extra socks and shoes as PE will continue to be outside while we are under level 4. Pupils should also bring a waterproof jacket. We will review this as soon as Level 4 restrictions are lifted as we are aware that we have been lucky with the weather so far!

P7 Transition

Our P7 cohort started their online transition sessions this week with a welcome from Mrs Munro (Head of House) and Mrs Melville (DHT) Pupils then enjoyed a social enterprise lesson where they were asked to identify a social issue within their own community and draft letters to the First Minister about it. The next lesson is a Maths lesson on 17th December

Staff Christmas Gifts

Many parents have asked if they can still thank class teachers with a gift this Christmas.

Gifts are not expected by staff but if any family wanted to still do this they could as it would be up to individual teachers to follow quarantine procedures before taking them home.

P4 Reconciliation

This will take place in the school on Thursday 10th December @10am. Father will lead the pupils in a short Reconciliation Service before hearing their First Confession

Christmas Dates

This year we are requesting that pupils come in dressed in their party clothes on the day of their school party to save any changing within the school. Pupils will have indoor breaks on the day of their party so that they can stay clean and fresh for the festivities. Parties will be by class this year so that pupils can remain safe within their class bubble. A summary of the dates agreed are listed below:

Thursday 10th Dec – P6/7 and P7

Monday 14th Dec – P1 and P1/2

Tuesday 15th Dec – P2/3 and P3

Wed 16th Dec – P4 and P4/5

Thursday 17th Dec -P5 and P6

Christmas lunch is Wed 8th December and pupils can wear their Christmas jumpers!

Parent Council Spotlight by Mandy Taylor

We recently held our AGM and we were thrilled to have around 20 continuing members this year. Our constitution and code are now available on the PC section of the school website for anyone who wants to find out more about our role in supporting the school.

Fundraising opportunities are limited this year due to covid restrictions however we were still able to organise the ever popular Christmas Cards. Thanks to everyone who purchased items through the scheme to support our fabulous school. We managed to raise £540 for the school.

We are in discussions with M&S School Contracts with a view to possibly changing our uniform suppliers. This will be discussed again within the PC at our next meeting. Our next PC meeting is on Zoom on Tuesday 1st December @ 6.30pm please email stniansparentcouncil@live.co.uk if you would like to be sent the zoom link.

Advent

This Sunday 29th November is the beginning of advent. We will be sharing an Advent action sheet to help pupils spiritually prepare for the Christmas season.

Crib Blessing

Father will be with us on Monday 1st December to bless our crib. P1 and P1/2 will join him in the hall for this beautiful service and the rest of the school will take part on TEAMS

Christmas Cards

Some parents have asked that pupils be allowed to bring in Christmas cards. This has proved to be a challenge under current conditions but we have hopefully found a solution. Pupils can bring cards into school on Monday 30th Nov, 7th Dec and 14th Dec only for them to be placed into a class postbox. Cards can only be sent to class members who are in the same bubble. These will then be quarantined and distributed on the Friday to take home. Please do not send cards into school at any other time. We also ask that pupils write the name clearly on each envelope to make distribution easier. Please note that class teachers or the school office cannot provide class lists to parents to support the writing of Christmas cards.