

Dear Parent/Carer,

Autumn update and confirmed dates

Welcome back to our Autumn term.

There have been some changes to the Covid 19 regulations which I am pleased to list below.

- We can now use our gym hall for indoor PE, one class at a time with the fire doors open for extra ventilation and no contact sports.
- We are permitted to invite parents to meet face to face when there is no other alternative.
- We can start some indoor after school clubs to support learning.

At present we are still not allowed to have large gatherings and therefore are still not holding assemblies in the hall but are hosting them virtually.

There will be no disco for Halloween or Christmas due to large groups mixing indoors.

We have had a traffic audit looking at the amount and speed of cars entering and leaving our playground. At present the one way pedestrian system has to remain and we will share the recommendations of the audit with you when we receive it.

We plan to hold parent phone calls to provide an update to you about your child's progress and will send home a date and an approximate time for you to expect our call. These will be in November. The call will last for no more than 5 minutes.

We are working on our Nativity play for this year and plan to record it with primary 1 children being in costume on stage in class groups and Senior pupils narrating. We will record the play and send all parents the link to view it.

We hope that in future years to be able to again attend St John's Church for our celebrations but this year most activities will be based within the school.

We have 4 afterschool clubs organised to start week beginning 25 October to support learning across the mainstream school.

These clubs are listed below and all places are allocated on a first come basis.

Monday- Miss Shearer- Health and Wellbeing, games and activity club open to pupils in Rooms 8 and 9.

Tuesday- Mrs Sharples- Homework and games club open to pupils in Rooms 9 and 11.

Tuesday- Miss Carle- Homework and extra tuition club open to rooms 12,14 and 15.

Thursday- Miss Pinkerton- Art and craft club open to Primary 2s in Room 6 and pupils in Room 7.

We plan to host after school clubs for Primary 1 pupils in the Spring term.

Our Active Sports leader is in charge of organising sports coaches to start training sessions. We will be in touch with you when the coaches are confirmed.

Caroline, our Early Years Worker is busy building up resources for our outdoor play and loose parts areas. She is also undertaking Forest School training. We encourage children to explore outside and have set up groups with identified children to develop independence, confidence and self esteem.

Our Nurture Room is supporting children across the school to develop social skills, discuss emotions and boost confidence. The Rainbow Room is open on a Wednesday and is staffed by Caroline and Mrs Murray.

Mrs Murray is also fully trained in Talk and Draw therapy. She offers these therapy sessions to identified children on a Thursday.

We are very much looking forward to this term and have listed all the dates which are confirmed and we hope to add to these as guidelines for Covid 19 are updated.

Date	Class	Activity
21.10.21	Whole school	Flu immunisation
25.10.21	Whole school	Xmas4schools to be returned
Week beginning 25.10.21	P2-P7	After school clubs commence
29.10.21	RRS Group	Meeting MSP to discuss global issues
Week beginning 8.11.21	Whole school	Parent phone calls start
12.11.21	Whole school	Children in Need Day- Dress down day
15.11.21	All pupils	Inset day 3, pupils do not attend
19.11.21	Whole school	Christmas jumper amnesty day
Week beginning 22.11.21	All pupils	Orders sent to school from Xmas4schools
26.11.21	Whole school	Christmas displays completed
1.12.21	Whole school	Wear Christmas jumpers any day/ every day!
1.12.21	Room2 and P3s from Room 8	Low Parks Museum to meet Santa
2.12.21	Room 6	Low Parks Museum to meet Santa
3.12.21	Room 7	Low Parks Museum to meet Santa
6.12.21	Room 1 and 1 pupil from Room 5	Low Parks Museum to meet Santa
7.12.21	P7 and P1	Recording Nativity play in hall
22.12.21	Whole school	Christmas parties in class
22.12.21	Whole school	Close at 2.30pm

Yours faithfully,

Alison Hope.