

# Clober Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to have our school community back together again over the past two weeks. The children are enjoying seeing their friends and there is a busy buzz around the school. Although there are restrictions in place which limit what we are able to do we are feeling positive that we will be able to enjoy our final term together.

We have all worked hard this term, at home and in school. It has been a difficult time for many and I am sure you are looking forward to the Easter break as a chance to recharge the batteries. On behalf of the Clober staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you an enjoyable Easter break.

Catriona Marshall  
Head Teacher

### **Staff News**

Congratulations to Mr Smith who became dad to son Joey and to Mr Hunter who became dad to son Zachary this month.

### **Red Nose Day**

This year's theme was "Funny Is Power" and on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March we dressed up as superheroes or dressed down in red to celebrate. Lots of fun activities went on in classes and we raised £105. Thanks to all who contributed to this and to those who will have donated directly to Comic Relief.

### **Lots of Socks!**

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March we wore lots of socks to raise awareness of Down's Syndrome. Your body is made up of billions of cells, which are too small to see without a strong microscope. Inside most of those cells are chromosomes, which are thread-like strands that contain hundreds, or even thousands, of genes. Genes determine physical traits, such as the colour of your eyes. Why the odd socks? A chromosome looks a little like a sock and people with Down's syndrome have an extra copy of the 21<sup>st</sup> chromosome.

### **Easter Service**

This is now available to view on the Assembly Teams page. Thank you to Mr Shields and P7 for their contributions to ensure that our Easter service has gone ahead. Unfortunately due to lockdown we have been unable to provide our usual musical contributions but have prepared an Easter art gallery instead.

### **World Book Day**

We loved dressing up for World Book Day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. What a lot of fantastic costumes you came up with! Thanks to Mrs Greer for organising this and to Carla McAllister of Usborne Books for donating book prizes for the winners.

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### Remote learning

Following the lockdown in March last year, the focus in Term 1 was to ensure that staff and children were trained in the use of Teams as a learning and teaching tool should we need to implement remote learning. I don't think any of us realised just how much we would come to rely on Teams in the months ahead! The Scottish Government issued pupil entitlements to us just before we went live and we had to work quickly to ensure our offer met these entitlements. Throughout this term, we have evaluated our remote learning offer. Thank you to all who took the time to respond to our parent and pupil surveys which were very positive. The adaptations made following the results of survey 1 were well received.

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We understand the challenges of working from home and supporting your child through remote learning but we have seen some very positive results upon the return to school, with many children benefitting from 1:1 time with parents at home. We will be looking at the sustainability of this moving forward, ensuring we continue to use Teams as an opportunity to consolidate learning. Assemblies will continue to be put on the Assembly Teams page and Sam Kelly, our Family Learning Assistant, will continue to post family challenges on the Feel Good Friday page. I hope you have taken part Sam's Easter Egg challenge, which is a lovely community project.

### **Snapshot Jotters/Interim reports**

There were 92 responses to our reporting survey. Parents were positive about the snapshot jotter and the interim report but identified the need for more information regarding where their child is at in their learning. With this in mind, we have adapted June's interim report to show whether children are on track, need support or are exceeding expectation in their learning. A booklet about Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) will be emailed to you to coincide with the snapshot jotter which will be sent home on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Paper copies of both December and June's interim reports will be sent home in your child's bag in response to requests for these.

I hope that the use of Seesaw in Term 3 will be a welcome addition to sharing your child's progress with you.

At the moment, guidance regarding reporting to parents has not changed. Phone calls and video conferencing are not recommended as a replacement for parents evenings. Please remember you can contact the school any time should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress.

### **Seesaw**

Seesaw is part of EDC's approach to reporting to parents. P1-3 have started their Seesaw journals. All classes have posted a welcome message and work from each child has been uploaded. Parents received their QR user codes this week and can comment on work, as well as uploading news from home. Seesaw will be great for parental engagement and we really hope you enjoy using it! We will be uploading more work in Term 3.

P4-6 will start their Seesaw journey in Term 3. P7 will be preparing for their secondary education and as Seesaw is not a platform used by secondary schools, they will not use Seesaw.

### **P7 Transition**

P7 have enjoyed assemblies on Teams this term with staff from Douglas Academy. In Term 3, some transition events have been planned. Some are designed to be done in class and others are to be completed at home.

We are working with Douglas Academy to ensure we provide the best we can offer to learners and their families at this time. If your child is due to attend another secondary school, we will be liaising with them to ensure that transition events are supported in school too.

### **P7 Activity Week**

Usually P7s enjoy a week away at a residential outdoor activity centre. We have been unable to provide this due to the pandemic restrictions. Instead, P7 will take part in an activity week in school. This was a great success last year and we have a lot of interesting activities planned! Activity week will be Monday

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14<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June. P7s may wear their leaver hoodies for the week and should come dressed for outdoors. More information will be sent out in Term 3.

### **P1 Transition**

Our new entrants will take part in the Growing Up project as usual in Term 3; we are finalising our plans for this and will contact parents next term. Any child who does not attend Clober EYC will be sent an invite to visit the school after hours (we are not permitted to do this while our children are in school) to have a look around. We will also upload virtual tours. An information evening for parents will be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June – this will be done over Teams and an invite will be sent nearer the time.

### **Stepping Up**

Usually, the children meet their new teacher and class mates in their new classroom at the end of June to prepare for the year ahead. Current guidance prevents us from doing this, though it may change by June. Last year we sent booklets home to every child with photos of their teacher and their classroom. We will do this again if we cannot step up in person.

### **Class Assemblies/Events for Term 3**

Unfortunately, due to our second lockdown we will not be preparing class assemblies this session. We will focus on achievement in literacy and numeracy, Seesaw as a reporting tool and transition to the year ahead. We will also endeavour to include the fun activities which our children always look forward to in the final term – some dates are detailed below. Parents will not be able to join us for these events due to current Scottish Government guidance. At the time of writing, we cannot have classes together so all events will be done in the classroom (or outside in the case of the sports event) with your child's class only. We will have virtual events and upload these on Teams to be shared at home. If guidance changes we will adapt our plans accordingly.

### **Class Sports Event**

Each class will take part in an outdoor event, organised by our PE teacher Miss Barrett.

### **Talent show**

Our Talent Show is always a hit – this year we would like your help! Please send videos of pupils performing their talent to the office by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. A panel will choose the finalists and include them in a virtual talent show which will be shown at the end of term!

### **EYC Virtual Graduation/Leavers' Farewell P7**

Our early years children and P7 pupils will film these special moments to share with parents at home.

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➤ 21 April	All day	P7 pupils	Bikeability
➤ 22 April	All day	P6 pupils	Bikeability
➤ 28 April	All day	P7 pupils	Bikeability
➤ 29 April	All day	P6 pupils	Bikeability
➤ 5 May	All day	P7 pupils	Bikeability
➤ 12 May	If needed	P7 pupil	Bikeability
➤ 13th May	If needed	P6 pupils	Bikeability
➤ 17 May 2021	9.30am	P1-3 Pupils	P1-3 Class Sports Event
➤ 18 May 2021	9.30am	P4-7 Pupils	P4-7 Class Sports Event
➤ 3 May 2021	All day	All Pupils	School Closed – Bank Holiday
➤ 6 May 2021	All day	All Pupils	School Closed – Inservice Day
➤ 7 May 2021	3pm	All Pupils	Please have talent show entries in
➤ 28 May 2021	All day	All Pupils	School Closed – May Holiday
➤ 31 May 2021	All day	All Pupils	School Closed – May Holiday
➤ 1 June 2021	6.30pm	New P1 Parents	Meeting For New Parents - Teams
➤ 18 June 2021	3pm	All Pupils	Snapshot Jotters/Interim Reports home
➤ 22 June 2020	1.30pm	All pupils	Virtual Talent Show
➤ 23 June 2020	1.30pm	All Pupils	Virtual Achievement Assembly
➤ 23 June 2020	All Day	P7	Leavers' Day
➤ 24 June 2020	11.20am	All Pupils	Virtual Summer Service (Close at 1pm)

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### **Recognising Pupils' Achievements outwith Clober Primary**

We encourage children to tell us about their achievements outwith school however big or small. For this reason we would like your help. If you feel that your child has accomplished something for the first time, improved in something or has achieved an award (yellow belt in Judo, a badge at Scouts /Brownies/Boys Brigade etc) then please let us know by emailing the office. This will then be discussed at assembly and added to our achievements wall and records.

### **Road Safety**

Please refrain from parking on the yellow zigzags outside the school gate and the white markings opposite. This gives our children enough space to be able to look both ways and cross in safety. Although it can be frustrating in the morning when you are in a rush or on wet days, it is important to remember that I ask this to ensure that all our children are safe. This will continue to be enforced and monitored.

### **Arrival times for school**

P4-7 should arrive at 8.50am

P1-3 should arrive at 9am

Please do not send your children into the playground in advance of these times; at the moment classes must stay separate from each other.

### **Dates for the Diary**

You can find all dates for the diary for session 2020-21 on our website; look under the school Information tab.

### **Important Reminders**

**Nut Free School:** Please **do not send your child to school with any items containing nuts or nut traces**. We have children within the school who have **severe allergic reactions** which could result in anaphylactic shock.

**Medication:** Only certain members of staff are allowed to administer medication to pupils. This can only be done after the parent has completed the necessary paperwork. We have strict guidelines which we must follow.

**Parking:** Please do not park on the pavements, block driveways or double park outside the school. Too often there have been near misses at the school gate. Please think of all children and park away from the school at all times. St Luke's Church car park is a suitable place.

**Wet Intervals:** Wherever possible, children will be outside at break times. Please ensure they have a named waterproof jacket with them every day – regardless of the forecast as we all know how reliable they can be!

If the weather is terribly wet, we provide your child with activities to do during wet intervals. If you would like to provide your child with a book or small, inexpensive game, that would be great. Please do not send your child in with any valuable items such as a PSP or iPods.

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**Anti Vandalism / Health & Safety:** Please report any sightings to the police. As you know we are equipped with CCTV cameras and these are very beneficial to us. Such cameras are fully operational both day and night and allow us to identify and report any vandalism.

**Head Lice:** Please check your child's head on a regular basis and inform the school if you find an infestation.

### **Physical Education**

At the moment, PE must be done outdoors. Please send your child to school dressed for PE. Waterproofs and sensible footwear should be worn. No jewellery is permitted.

**All Jewellery MUST be removed during Physical Activities (incl PE):** I would ask that you refrain from piercing your child's ears until the beginning of the summer holidays as any size of earring prohibits your child from taking part in physical activities. Policy states that staff cannot remove jewellery.

**Mobile phones:** EDC policy states that any child requiring a mobile phone in school should hand their phone into the school office each morning and collect it at the end of the day.

**Attendance:** We monitor attendance every morning and afternoon session. If your child is going to be absent please contact the school office on **0141 955 2232**. Failure to do this puts a series of actions in place which could result in calling the Attendance Officer and Police Scotland. If your child is late please explain that he/she must pass the office to check off their name. The class teacher may have already alerted the office to begin the attendance check procedures and your child coming to the office when late could stop this procedure more quickly.

### **Keep in touch:**

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