

# Clober Primary School Newsletter

## March 2022



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a beautiful sunny week at Clober as I write this newsletter and we can see the daffodils and crocuses making an appearance in the school grounds. The children are enjoying lots of time outdoors and we are looking forward to the final term of school and all the fun it brings. We are making a few changes to our school day; please read on to find out more! I hope you enjoy reading this term's newsletter and all the exciting learning and events we have been engaging with.

Have a very happy Easter,

Catriona Marshall

Head Teacher

### **Scottish Government Guidance: Routine Protective Measures**

The Scottish Government has issued guidance on routine protective measures for schools which details what we must continue to have in place next term to ensure everyone's health and safety. These measures include a continued focus on hand and respiratory hygiene, good ventilation, cleaning surfaces in the school regularly, and keeping a safe distance between adults. We will continue to review and update risk assessments in school.

We are now in a position to make some operational changes to the school day. The staggered start and finish will no longer operate.

**From Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, school will start for all pupils, P1-P7, at 9am.** The children should enter at the door they currently use in the morning. Doors will be manned by support staff and will remain open until 9.10am. Children may come to school any time between 9am and 9.10am. Doors will not open before 9am, unless the weather is poor.

We are able to remove the need for staggered break times and lunches too; this means year groups will be able to mingle in the playground under the supervision of our support staff. P1-3 will play in separate area of the school grounds from P4-7. The lunch time experience will be more relaxed.

P1-3 will enter the dining hall first, with P4-7 thereafter. There will be a member of the leadership in the dining hall to ensure it all runs smoothly. As the lunch break will now be longer, 12.15 – 1.05pm, there will be no afternoon break.

**All children will be dismissed from school at 3.05pm, except P1 who will be matched to their adults at 3pm.**

Next term, LFT testing will cease for staff and there will be no NHS warn and inform letters sent to parents from the school. We will continue to liaise with Public Health and the local authority to monitor Covid absences.

Please note that if you, or anyone in your household, has symptoms of Covid 19 then you should continue to follow NHS guidance. Your child should not attend school if unwell, or if they have any symptoms of Covid 19.

### **School capacity**

As you know, our school roll has steadily increased year on year and we are now bursting at the seams! As a result, new temporary accommodation will be installed over the summer holidays which will provide two new classrooms. We are looking forward to having some more space.

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### **Staff News**

In line with our rising school roll, an additional temporary Depute Head Teacher will be appointed, ready to begin in August.

Mr Dunford will be leaving Clober in June to embark on a career break. Mrs Wan will be retiring and Mrs Stirling will be leaving us to begin teacher training.

There's lots to organise between now and June and I will keep you informed regarding staffing and class structure when plans are finalised.

### **Red Nose Day**

This year's theme was "Funny Is Power" and on Friday 18<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 outdoors on the MUGA and we sold out of red noses! Thanks to P4/5 and P5 who organised the event and raised £415.25. Thanks also to all who contributed to this fabulous total and to those who will have donated directly to Comic Relief.

### **World Book Day**

We loved dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. What a lot of fantastic costumes you came up with and we loved seeing the photos of everyone reading in strange places or in strange positions! Thanks to Mrs Greer for organising this and to Tesco for donating book prizes for the winners. Throughout the week, children engaged in reading activities and took part in author visits from Angela Proctor and live links with Sarah Oliver.

### **Book Fair**

Our Book Fair arrived in school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March and pupils were very interested in the books on offer – so much so that we sold £1299.26 worth of books! As a result, the school now has £719.56 to spend on replenishing our libraries – thanks to everyone who contribute to this fantastic total!

### **PTA Fundraising**

The PTA work tirelessly to raise money for the school and over the session they have donated £5000. This money has been spent on new interactive whiteboards for P1a, P1/2 and P4. The P7s are very proud of their new hoodies, also subsidised by the PTA. We are very grateful for their continued support and thanks to everyone who has contributed time, money or both to PTA events.

Please don't forget that Clober Primary PTA - Milngavie is registered with easyfundraising. So, although we're unable to get together and hold fundraising events in person, we can continue to raise free funds, at no extra cost to you.

When you shop via the easyfundraising website or app, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Amazon and many more, you will raise FREE donations for the school.

If you're not already registered, please visit our easyfundraising page here:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cloberpta/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=s-e3](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cloberpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e3)

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This will really make a difference to our school! Thank you for your support.



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### Reporting pupil progress

All classes have received a phone call and an interim report regarding pupil progress.

In addition, an end of year report detailing progress and next steps in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing will be issued in June.

A survey will go out to parents to gather views regarding reporting procedures in the final term.

Please remember you can contact the school any time should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress.

### P6 Euroquiz



Our P6 team worked very hard to ensure they were ready for the EDC Euroquiz which took place online on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. They performed very well and were excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done everyone! Thanks also to Mrs Greer who prepared the children for the competition.

### Easter Service

This is now available to view on the Assembly Teams page. Thank you to Mr Shields, P7 readers and our very talented musicians for their contributions.

### P7 Transition

P7 have enjoyed assemblies on Teams this term with staff from Douglas Academy. In addition, some have visited Douglas Academy to take part in STEM sessions. Those interested in debating took part in an online Speakers' Corner with cluster primary schools on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

We are working with Douglas Academy to ensure we provide the best we can offer to learners and their families at this time. The good news is that transition days will go ahead, with P7s visiting Douglas Academy in June. Please see the dates section at the end of this newsletter for all the important dates for your diary. 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.

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### **P7 West End Adventure**

This session, P7 will spend three days with West End Adventure. P7s may wear their leaver hoodies for this event and should come dressed for outdoors. More information will be sent out in Term 3, including a meeting for parents which will be on Teams on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm.

### **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 attend. We will also upload virtual tours. An information evening for parents will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm on Teams.

### **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. We will be doing this in person on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June – the children will meet their new classmates and teachers in a short session during the school day.

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

We are still finalising our plans for events during term 3, including celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee, which the Pupil Council are leading. Here's just a taste of things to come:

### **Sports Events**

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 – and the online version last year enabled children to contribute in ways which they would not have been able to do if it were a live show! We intend to make this a virtual event again this year. Please send videos of pupils performing their talent to the office by Friday 13<sup>h</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 Graduation/Leavers' Farewell P7**

Our early years children and P7 pupils will begin preparing for these events in term 3. We will issue arrangements for these once plans are finalised.

### **Dates for Term 3**

➤ Mon 25 April	am	P1 pupils	NHS dental screening
➤ Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> April	all day	P7 pupils	Douglas Academy wellbeing day
➤ Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May holiday		
➤ Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> May	6pm	P7 pupils	Meeting re West End Adventure (Teams)
➤ Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> May	In-service Day		
➤ Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> May	3pm	all pupils	Talent Show deadline
➤ Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> May	all day	P7 pupils	Douglas Academy literacy and numeracy

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➤ Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	P1-3	Sports Event
➤ Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	P4-7	Sports Event
➤ Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30 - 4.30	P7 pupils	West End Adventure
➤ Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> May	8.30 - 4.30	P7 pupils	West End Adventure
➤ Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May	May holiday		
➤ Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> May	8.30 - 4.30	P7 pupils	West End Adventure
➤ Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> May	7pm	parents	PTA Meeting (Teams)
➤ Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> June	all day	all pupils	Jubilee celebrations
➤ Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Jubilee Holiday		
➤ Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Jubilee Holiday		
➤ Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	all day	P7	Douglas Academy transition day
➤ Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30pm	parents	Parent Council Meeting (Teams)
➤ Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> June	all day	P7	Douglas Academy transition day
➤ Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> June	6pm	P1 new entrants	Meeting for parents (Teams)
➤ Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> June	tbc	EYC children	EYC graduation
➤ Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> June	tbc	P7	Leavers Farewell
➤ Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> June	11am	All pupils	Stepping Up
➤ Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm	All pupils	Virtual Talent Show
➤ Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> June	9.30am/11am	All Pupils	Achievement Assembly
➤ Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	11am	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, your child will receive a certificate and will be 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**

Children can arrive any time between 9am and 9.10am.

Dismissal is at 3.05pm, except P1 who will be matched to their adults at 3pm.

### **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.

**Anti Vandalism / Health & Safety:** Please report any sightings to the police. As you know we are  
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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. No smart watches should be worn in school.

**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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