



Bridgend News

September 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

We have now settled into some form of normal school life and this is thanks to all the staff and yourselves in ensuring the wellbeing and commitment of our pupils.

As you are aware, national guidelines and restrictions are becoming tighter to ensure everyone's safety and I would like to make a request that you support us in ensuring our school stays safe and open to everyone by adhering to these and avoid unnecessary gathering. I would also ask that no unnecessary item or large items are brought in from home, where possible.

Our gym hall floor has been repaired, and we anticipate holding our breakfast club in this room later this week. Normal breakfast club provision will start next Wednesday by providing cereal and toast. There will be no activities for the children during this time, until further notice. For the time being, lunches will continue to be distributed to the classrooms to minimise unnecessary mixing of group 'bubbles'.

Nursery parents will have received their letter advising of the provision over the school holidays. Please ensure you complete the return slip to staff to ensure full benefit and quality of experiences during this period.

Kind regards

Jackie Aitken
Head Teacher

Parent Consultations



Staff will be in touch with regard to the organisation of this very shortly.

Parent Council



Our Parent Council are here to support the life of our school and its community.

Car Park



We are still having issues where families are walking through the car park. **Please ensure** that all children enter/exit the school staying on the path. The bus company are also continuing to have issues at various times of the day, and once again, we respectfully request that this area is kept free at all times.

Tracksuits



We are currently updating our tracksuit provision in the school. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated. If your child has outgrown their tracksuit and it is in good condition, please send this in to the school.

Community News



LYPP: Things at LYPP are slowly creaking into gear again, however, it's likely to be months before we can resume

anything close to what resembles 2019. We're delighted in the meantime, that we have been able to start a series of 1:1 mentoring sessions with primary school and we'll continue to be in the village on Friday afternoons from 2-4 pm. This month, we've also launched a new counselling service for those in S1 and above, with limited spaces, and if you would like further information on this, please get in touch with us.

Church news: We are hoping to get permission from West Lothian Presbytery to re-open Kingscavil Church from Sunday 11 October and have weekly services there at 10 am. With 2 metre social distancing, we have 24 locations for sitting. If it were pairs of people, then the maximum would be 48. There is a maximum limit of 50 people for any church. If individuals, this means that our capacity would be 24. We are therefore asking those who intend to come along, to phone and reserve a space, in advance. Those intending to come to church, should send a message to the Minister: 01506 890919, or, text: 07415028678 providing name and number of people attending.

Revised Holiday Dates

As you are aware, the schools came back early in August. As a result of this, there have been changes made to holidays across the school session. Details can be found:

<https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/schoolholidays>

Nursery



In Nursery, there is a play-based curriculum and this takes on many different forms. As you are aware, outdoor play is crucial and our children require to be dressed accordingly for such activities. In the current climate, we are no longer able to provide the necessary clothing, and we need your support in ensuring your child is dressed appropriately. This also includes 'messy play'. With messy play, the sensory experience also helps children to understand and explore how things feel, smell and taste. Through exploration, this nurtures an awareness and understanding of the world around them. These activities can become extremely messy, so please ensure your child does not wear anything of value to our nursery setting.

Gala Throne



We are now the home of the historic throne used in Bridgend Gala Day. This is now in the main entrance, outside the school office. Thank you to Mrs McArthur for sharing this with us.

Dates for your Diary



September

21 & 22 September holiday

Nursery open

23 All resume

October

9 Mid-Term break

19 In-Service for staff

Nursery children back

20

School pupils resume

November

