



Bridgend News

October 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

We are almost at our mid-term break and still the national guidelines and restrictions continue to become tighter. Please continue to support us in ensuring our school stays open, by adhering to the social distancing and wearing a mask indoors. We also have our QR code displayed to assist us with our track and trace procedures, which I would be grateful if you could scan prior to entering the school building.

I would like to also reiterate, that where possible, your child does not bring in any items or unnecessary objects from home.

Our breakfast club has started to resume to normal by serving cereal/toast in the morning. We continue to restrict movement in the hall and the children come in and watch a small film or cartoon, prior to going out to the playground. Lunches will continue, for the foreseeable future, to be served in each classroom to avoid unnecessary mixing of 'bubbles'.

Kind regards

Jackie Aitken
Head Teacher

Parent Consultations



These have been carried out differently this year and as always, we would welcome your feedback on how valuable you found this and any ideas you may have for our next round of consultations.

Parent Council



Our Parent Council would just like to say that they are thinking of everyone and hope that they are managing to stay safe. Unfortunately this year, there will be no Halloween Disco, however, there's always next year!

Car Park



We are still having issues where families are walking through the car park and parking at the school gate. 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 ask that you give consideration to the drivers trying to turn into the turning circle with large buses.

Bicycle/Scooters



Many children come to school on their bikes or scooters. Could we please ask you to ensure your child's bike is in good condition with working brakes and that your child wears the appropriate safety equipment, especially a helmet.

Community News



LYPP: Here at LYPP we're grateful for the continued good weather, allowing us to be outside

at the park on Friday afternoons (2-4pm). It's been great to be able to keep in touch with so many young people and through our school mentoring programme. Watch this space! – Presently we are not running any indoor activities until 2021, but we are looking at ways to relaunch our football project later in October. We're also excited to be at the start of creating a youth run newsletter for Bridgend, including articles from local organisations, the community and the young people themselves! We currently have a small number of masks available, for free, to anyone who is in need of them. Contact me via the LYPP Linlithgow facebook page or directly at graeme@lypp.org.uk.

Church news: We do not have much more to report at this current time, however, we hope to be able to have some news with regard to preparation for Christmas. Remember, those intending to come to church, please should send a message with the Minister: 01506 890919, or, text: 07415028678 providing name and number of people attending.

Playbase: Due to our community centre being closed, weekly play sessions are still on hold. We are providing small family play sessions. Details can be found on our facebook page: Playbase, West Lothian. Our current sessions are full, with a waiting list. Contact Leigh, with the purple hoodie (wee red men logo) in the village for a chat or, for more information.

Speech and Language (Early Years):

If you have concerns about your child and their speech development, please contact us on our helpline: www.lets-talk.scot.nhs.uk. Flyer attached.

Outdoor Learning



Mrs Blaikie's outdoor learning sessions have been going well and the children are enjoying a range of experiences using resources in our natural environment. It may be an idea that on the day your child has outdoor learning, pupils bring their uniform in a separate bag in the event of clothing becoming too wet or dirty to wear throughout the remaining part of the school day. This is a successful practice in the nursery setting.

Harvest Celebration



Normally, we would have a collection for the local Foodbank distribution, however, this year, staff are donating some items, non-perishables, to make up a hamper. Family names will be put into a draw and the winning family will win the hamper.

Prefects and House Captains



We continue to promote pupil voice and leadership. After successful presentations and interviews, we can advise that the House captains and Vice-captains were voted for as follows:

Pardovan: Lena Scott
(Captain)/Katie Fleming (Vice)
Kingscavil: Charlie Baillie
(Captain)/T-Jay Sutherland (Vice)
Champfleurie: Sonny Kerr
(Captain)/Stephen Conroy (Vice).

We also have 8 Prefects this year. They are: Charlie Baillie, Ciaran Hardie, Sonny Kerr, Jessica McMillan, Rhea McLeod, Veronica Smith, Lena Scott and Emily Shaw.

Nursery



As you are aware, outdoor play continues to play a crucial role in our Nursery setting. Our children have demonstrated a real interest in 'farms' and staff are supporting this interest through learning opportunities. This also is enhanced by visits within our local area, therefore, we need to ensure our children are dressed appropriately. Please continue to send your child, with waterproofs and a change of clothing, in order that they can fully enjoy these opportunities. This also includes 'messy play'. Our Nursery will also be open during the October break and once again, please advise staff if your child is attending, in order that they can plan high quality experiences during this time.

Hallowee'en



Given that we are trying to reduce items being brought in from home, for this year, could we please ask that your child does not come to school in costume for Hallowee'en.

Dates for your Diary



October

- 9 Mid-Term break
- Nursery open
- 19 In-Service for staff
- 20 School pupils resume

November

December

18 End of Term

