

Ulva Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020

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We are so happy to be together again!

DEAR PARENTS

Well what a year it has been so far! The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on all of us, but I am delighted that the children have come back to school with a renewed sense of enthusiasm and an eagerness to continue on their learning journey.

I would just like to say again a massive THANK YOU for all your support throughout lockdown. Thank you for engaging with Seesaw and supporting your child at home, they learned so much!

Do not hesitate to contact the school if you want to chat over any areas of concern. Also be assured that no matter which school I am in, I can be contacted at any time.

For point of reference, the telephone number for Lochdonhead Primary School is - 01680 812473 and my mobile number is 079029 44626/07786685227.



Susie Carmichael,
Head Teacher

STAFFING

The staffing arrangements for this year are -

Susie Carmichael, Head Teacher. I shall be in school for half the week. The days will be dependent on the needs of each school.

Mairi Nicolson, Principal and Class Teacher will be in school each day.

Kate Grierson, Teacher, covering non-contact time.

Beccy Roth, Music Teacher will be with us on Tuesday afternoons.

Rae Tiernan, Additional Support Needs Assistant.

Lucie Howard, Clerical & Classroom assistant.

Stacey Inglis, Cleaner & Janitor.

PUPILS

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!



We are also delighted to welcome a new Primary 1 to the school. He has settled in very well and is enjoying learning lots of exciting new things.

ABSENCE AND ILLNESS

Individuals should not attend school if they feel unwell.

The main symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

As we move into autumn, we feel it is a good time to remind everyone about NHS advice on children's attendance at school when they are feeling poorly. For bouts of sickness or upset stomach children should be kept at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. If your child shows signs of being unwell, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school.

Thank you for your co-operation and partnership in helping us to maintain a happy, healthy school.

If your child is absent from school it is important that the office is contacted on the morning of absence before 9:30am if possible. This procedure is in place for the safety and security of pupils. You will receive a telephone call or text message if no call is received.

PICK UP / DROP OFF

Parents / carers should avoid coming into the school grounds unless it is essential. Can you please drop your child off at the school gate no earlier than 9.25am for a 9.30am start. We would ask that parents

maintain the 2m distance between families while waiting at the school gate for your child at 3.30pm.

WATER & SNACKS

Children are encouraged to drink water at any time throughout the day. Please send in a water bottle to school where it can be refilled. We would ask that juices are kept for lunchtimes only.

At present we will not be providing healthy snacks. Can you please therefore provide a healthy snack for your child.

PE KIT



N.B. Please name all your child's clothing.

We will be having PE at school as before but this will be done mainly outside. We will let you know when to bring a PE kit into school.

THIS TERM

Good health and wellbeing is central to effective learning. The Scottish Government and the stakeholders who are part of the National Education Recovery Group advise that schools should be prioritising the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of children and young people, practitioners and families. This will therefore be the main focus for the first few weeks back until we have all settled back in.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

We plan to enjoy a lot of outdoor learning. We have a number of waterproofs and wellington boots at the school that have been thoroughly cleaned. We will not be using these on a shared basis as before, but we can allocate a set to your child to be used if you would like, or you may

prefer to send in a set of your own from home.

TECHNOLOGY

The pupils have been taking pictures of their wild teddies in the natural habitat outside in our school grounds. Then they were learning how to connect their I-pads to the laptops, transfer the photos, copy and paste onto a word document and print, great work improving their ICT skills!



PLANTS

At the most recent Pupil Council meeting the pupils requested some more plants for the classroom. If you have any small indoor plants you would like to donate, we would be very grateful, thank you.

PARENT COUNCIL

The post holders for the Parent Council are:

Rebecca Munro - Chair
Sam Wright - Secretary
Lucie Howard - Treasurer

WORKING WITH PARENTS

As you know we are very keen indeed to involve you in any way we can in the working life of the school. Unfortunately, at present, we have been advised against non-essential visitors to the school. We will therefore be getting in touch with you online for your thoughts and views. I am happy to organise a Google Meet for the next Parent Council meeting.

For more information, and many more photos, please visit our blog on

<https://ulvaschoolprimary.wordpress.com/>

REPORTING TO PARENTS

The pupils are keen that we continue with WOW slips to celebrate achievements at home. Can you please return these slips to school to share.

We will be continuing with 'Seesaw' as a reporting tool. If you need any assistance with this please let us know.

We will send out an interim report in December and a full written report in May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

11.8.19 - In-service
12.8.19 - Schools open
2.10.19 - Schools close
19.10.19 - Schools open