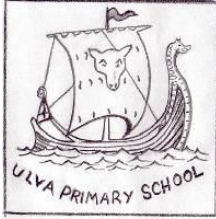


Ulva Primary School Newsletter

Spring Term 2021

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We are so happy to be together again!

DEAR PARENTS

We are so glad to welcome you all back to Ulva Primary! The children seem delighted to be back and eager to learn as usual. The children will be spending more time outdoors so it's wonderful to see the weather improve and days getting longer.

I would like to express my thanks to each and every one of you for supporting your child through lockdown. It was super seeing all the learning on Seesaw that was going on at home.

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



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.

Please remember FACTS:



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. Please inform the school office as soon as possible if your mobile telephone number changes. Thank you.

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 & SOUP

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.

We are providing soup again on a Tuesday.

LAST TERM

The pupils and staff of Ulva Primary School have had a good start to the year.

Our live sessions went well with all pupils able to access live meets at regular points throughout the day and explore power points, websites and other resources live with the Mrs Nicolson and Miss French. The weekly timetable also allowed for independent time to work at home on tasks set by the teacher and a daily catch up with pupils and staff.

THE DESPERATE JOURNEY

Our topic was 'The Desperate Journey' by Kathleen Fidler. This story follows the Murray family from the North of Scotland, to the cotton mills of Glasgow to where they finally settle in the North of Canada. As

part of the topic the children had been writing about the thoughts and feelings the Murray family might have had when leaving Scotland, studying maps of Canada, learning about the transatlantic ships that the Murray family would have travelled in, making 'Welcome to Canada' posters and learning about the Inuit people and inukshuks.

The children were given a link to a website which told them all about how they were built and what they were used for, they looked at lots of different examples before creating their own which were absolutely stunning.



HEALTH & WELLBEING

This term we will be focussing on the transition back to school and the children's emotional and mental wellbeing. We have been working through the SHANARRI wellbeing indicators and the children have produced posters showing when they feel Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, with Active, Respected, Responsible and Included to be revisited this term. The children have also set themselves personal targets in maths, literacy and something from another area of home, for motivation and to foster a sense of achievement.



Inukshuks were used by the Inuit people as navigation markers, sign posts for good hunting or fishing spots and to mark sacred places.

THIS TERM

PE KIT

We will be having PE mainly outside. Please provide your child with warm PE clothes for this.

This term we will be focusing on improving our general fitness levels through aerobics and circuit training.

MILE A DAY

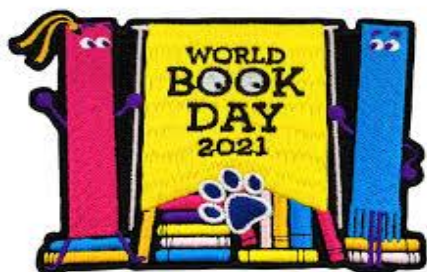
We have also started our daily mile again, which the children and staff are loving.

There will be a continued focus on positive thinking. We will be adding leaves to our 'POSITIVITREE' every week, writing about positive things big and small that have happened in school and at home over the previous week.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. We will not be dressing up this year but instead we will be taking our reading to the beach where we will be enjoying our first beach school session.



BEACH SCHOOL

We will be visiting the lovely beach at Laganulva on a Thursday morning for our Beach School sessions from the 4th March.

Can you please ensure your child/children are dressed warmly with welly boots for these sessions. We have welly boots and waterproofs available at the school if you would like some put aside for your child to use.

BEACH CLEAN

The school will be closed on Thursday 6th May for Poling Day. We plan to do a beach clean that day if the weather is not too bad. It would be wonderful if you could join us. I will get in touch with you nearer the time with further information.



PLACEMENT STUDENT

We are delighted that Sarah Dickinson will be joining us as part of her Professional Graduate Diploma in Education. Sarah will be starting her placement in April. We are certain that she will enjoy her time with us.

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 a full written report in May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

15.2.21 - In-service
16.2.21 - Schools open
4.3.21 - World Book Day
1.4.21 - Schools close
19.4.21 - Schools open
6.5.21 - Poling Day - Beach Clean
27.5.21 - Schools close
28.5.21 - In-service
31.5.21 - Holiday
1.6.21 - Schools open
30.6.21 - Schools close
12.8.21 & 13.8.21 - In-service
16.8.21 - Schools open