

Dear Meadowers,

It has been an exhausting week for all the children and staff as we transition back into school. You may well find you have tired and possibly out of sorts children this weekend because they have tried really hard all week.

The school was buzzing with noise and chatter as everyone got back into the routines of school. It's important to note that we are still operating under very strict guidelines which means school feels quite regimented and after lockdown for many this is tricky as we move from one thing to the next. (especially the staff)

The weather has made all the difference as we have all been able to get outside throughout the day and it's lovely to hear the noise of laughter from the different areas of the playground.

A few reminders for you

Teams - don't forget that all homework and notices are posted on Teams. This is one of our main communication channels for you and we have noticed a lot of children haven't logged in this week. As of next week, all children will have homework again so please do encourage your children to engage with this. This is particularly important for the P7s as their Teams tile will continue to be used for their transition programme and also when they reach their next school if they are staying within East Dunbartonshire.

Bug club is being set up for the children which gives them another opportunity to access texts which are suitable for their age and stage. We will no longer be sending books home but children will be using and working with paper books regularly in class.

PE clothing - as we move into the summer months please can you ensure that children are wearing suitable sports wear and not beach wear. We are starting to see crop tops emerging. These are not suitable for school at any time. This is the same for football colours, these are not suitable for school.

Please also remember the children will be going outside whatever the weather. Please check daily the weather forecast so that your child has the appropriate clothing e.g. waterproofs or sun hat and sun screen.

Today's assembly is now on your child's Teams page. This week the theme is our Vision and Values. Please do have a look.

The new Cashless Catering has been installed into school with a few glitches but we are getting there. Please can you make sure that when you pre order with your child that they are very clear about what they have ordered.

We have all done so well with ensuring that we keep our children in their bubbles. Can I remind you not to drop off your children early or arrive early to pick them up? This can become a particular issue at the 'b' class start and end of the day as people arrive early and we haven't cleared away the first wave. Please don't be tempted to stand and chat to your friends. We just don't have the space. Remember drop and go or collect and go.

We have two weeks left before the Easter holidays and we are working hard on establishing where children are in their learning and planning for the next term. We are also balancing this with supporting the children with their relationships. For some they have had very little contact with others for a long time therefore this is hard for them to feel settled again. Staff are very aware of this and are keeping close eye on the children around them. You may find at times children are teary or struggling. It's important that you don't panic but work through this with your children. Talking and it and helping them to find solutions will empower them to know they can cope.

Have a lovely weekend. Hope the weather stays dry.

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