

Happy Friday everyone,

On Wednesday 15th of September children are being asked to come to school dressed in jeans. (trousers, shorts, skirt, or even just something blue) We want to raise money for the charity Jeans for Genes, so it would be great if you could bring a silver coin to donate (5p, 10p, 20p or 50p). Jeans for Genes is a charity that helps people with genetic conditions. They use money raised in a variety of ways, for example to fund specialist nurses, equipment and to staff helplines. Pupils can wear jeans on Wednesday and dress down. If they don't have jeans, they can wear something blue instead. Thank you to the P2s for raising our awareness and organising this day.

We have gathered a lot of lost property with no names. We will put this outside the front of the school office in boxes from Monday to Thursday next week and on Friday anything which is not collected will be put into the clothing bank. Please have a look to see if you are missing any items.

Please remember that we do not have a drop off zone for the Primary School. Please do not park in the top car park or in the main car park. The only people accessing the car park should be anyone who has a blue disabled parking badge. Any issues please speak to one of the Senior Leadership Team. Please can you pass on to any family members.

Thank you for the feedback on the Teams pages about the Meet the Teacher Thinglinks. Feedback is always well received by our staff.

We are currently working on how we will be reporting to you this year as we are still unable to meet in person and therefore cannot do a traditional Parents Night. This is most likely going to be through phone calls. We are currently working on the logistics of this.

As of the week beginning 20th September we are changing our playground timetables and year groups will be going out together. We are moving from having morning and afternoon breaks to a one morning and one lunch break and only having two sittings. We are hoping to start to use the gym again and we need to try and reduce the length of time the hall is occupied for lunches. A big plus is that children will be able to play with children from the other classes.

As we move into the season of more rain, can we please encourage children to bring a waterproof jacket to school every day. We will be going out whatever the weather and we want to ensure children are suitably attired. Blazers look smart but they are not great with our Scottish weather. Please also remember to put spare socks into school bags. Even Mrs Donnelly needed a pair this week after being outside.

Mrs Gardiner led this week's assembly, and it was all about Language and Communication. Primary 4 taught the school how to say Be kind, Be safe and Be Responsible in Makaton.

Our assemblies this term are an interesting mix of Teams Meetings and Thinglinks as we can't currently meet in the hall. We have a programme that we are following and the assembly is either led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team or a class. If it is a class assembly, it will be posted on their Teams page for their family to enjoy.

Next weeks will be led by P4a. For parents of this class their assembly will be posted on their Teams page on Monday. Please do watch this with your child as this will encourage them to talk to you about their learning.

Here are the themes, we are covering this term

- Vision, Values and Aims of our school
- Paralympics
- Anti-Racism (P5-7) and Anti Bullying (P1-4)
- Being a Language and Communication Friendly Establishment
- Rosh Hashanah - Judaism New Year led by P4a
- Dyslexia Awareness
- Harvest with a focus on East Dunbartonshire Food Banks.

This will take us up to October holidays. Each assembly points the children to the Rights of the Child. This link will help you understand about these rights.

<https://cypcs.org.uk/rights/uncrc/articles/>

The calendar on the East Dunbartonshire website has been updated
<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/school-holidays>

There is a PTA meeting on the 15th September. Please do get involved. Details can be found on both the school and PTA Facebook pages as well as in the flyer which has been emailed to you.

Our allotment has some amazing things growing in it at the point. Please feel free to stop and have a little investigate with your children. I found some lovely strawberries yesterday.

I think that is it for this week. Thanks for reading this and partnering with us.

Remember to follow the guidelines if you or your child shows symptoms of Covid.

Have a lovely weekend.

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