



# ROYAL MILE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### **The Return to school for Early Learning and Childcare and Primaries 1 – 3 on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021**

It has been wonderful to hear these children around the school and the nursery buildings. Of course, we can't wait for the older classes to return full time. We will all just need to wait and keep following the rules so that the situation keeps on improving.

We will be listening closely to the First Minister's updates.

Please remember to maintain a physical distance of 2m from other adults and wear a face covering if possible at pick up and drop off times. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

### **Few Changes....**

**We have made a few changes to our Class Teams and organisation in school.**

Primary 1 – Miss Copeland and Mrs McGlashan

Primary 2 – Mrs Aylward and Mrs Swan/ Mrs Wilson

Primary 3 – Miss Brunner and Mr Barrett

Primary 4 – Mr Madine/ Mrs Ho and Mrs McEwan

Primary 5 – Miss Murray and Mrs Cameron

Primary 6 – Mr McPheely and Mrs Macaulay

Primary 7 – Mrs Harrison and Mrs B

**In the ELC Nursery Building we are using both playrooms Calton Hill Class Upstairs and Castle Hill Class downstairs.**

We are delighted to welcome our new starts to the two groups and the nursery is filling up. It is always good to offer everyone a chance to work with new people and share their skills, expertise and interests.

### **Art Gallery**

Although it is delayed we are starting to prepare for our annual art exhibition opening. Mrs Harrison has put together a series of activities based on 'The Little Book Of Hopes' which are in all class schedules on MONDAYS. Children will be able to contribute to the exhibition and we can help with materials once they have plans in place.

*If you would like to access the book online [literacytrust.org.uk/bookofhopes](http://literacytrust.org.uk/bookofhopes) and you can watch last week's assembly for the introduction.*

### **School lunches**

Please remember that if your child is attending school, whether in P1 – 3 or in the POP group for Key Worker/ Eligible Families, in person you should book their lunches using ParentPay by Wednesday evening or provide a packed lunch from home.

**PLEASE CAN YOU SEND INDOOR SHOES.** Please check that your child has these in school, we will lend out as many as possible.

**Children will be going outside.** They will need shoes suitable for walking and they should bring a jacket with a hood to school. Wellington boots on wet days.

### **P4 – 7 in TEAMS**

Nearly everyone in the Upper School is now accessing and submitting work via the TEAMS app using their CEC logins. They are also able to attend meetings with Miss Finlayson (SFL) Brass Instruction, Pupil Group Meetings including Pupil Council and Golden Time. We are able to keep children in school and those learning remotely in touch as well.

If you are struggling with getting connected then please call 0131 556 3347/

[admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk). If borrowing a device or some data would help please call the school.

### **Profile Jotter Week**

As you know we have a profile Jotter Week twice a year, October and March. The children do all their work for a week in one jotter, this means that you have a 'snapshot' of what the children are doing and achieving in school. Children can then evaluate and reflect on their work and set Targets with their teacher. It also means that when the children leave in Primary



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7 you have an amazing record of their time at Primary School. It is always lovely to see their drawings from P1!

We are thinking carefully about how we are going to ensure children in the upper school will continue this tradition – so please watch out for messages about this soon.

### **Wednesday Drop Off/ Pick Up**

We continue to put out trays so that you can drop off work for teachers to look at or collect paper for folders at the school between 10am and 2pm. Please remember that we have to quarantine work for 72 hours and Teachers may be working remotely or in school supporting the Eligible/ Key Worker group.

### **Head Teacher Challenge**

Please check the HT Blog in the next couple of days for an updated display of the costumes and ‘hello’s sent in as part of the challenges. They look great in school and we hope lots more people will see it in person soon.

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, families and friends of Royal Mile Primary School for their support and patience during these unprecedented times.*

*We have supported each other, risen to every challenge, looked for solutions to every problem ... and kept smiling! Thank you!*

***“May we treasure one another, may we realise how precious we are” (Fischy Music)***

### **Dates for Your Diary TBC**

#### **March**

**4<sup>th</sup> World Book Day**

**15<sup>th</sup> British Science Week**

**19<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day**

#### **April**

**1st Virtual Art Gallery Opening and Tours**

**SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSE Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**SCHOOL AND NURSERY OPEN TO PUPILS**

**20<sup>th</sup> April at usual times.**

**PLEASE ENSURE WE HAVE THE CORRECT CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOU.**

If your child becomes unwell in school we will need to contact you immediately.

**Absences 0131 556 3347 Option 1.** Please let us know why your child is absent and when you think they will return to school.

**Please telephone on 0131 556 3347 Option 2 if you have to drop off or collect your child outwith the usual times at school or nursery.**

**If you have any questions or enquiries you can contact us on 0131 556 3347 Option 2 (leave a message if it is busy) or [admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk) and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.**

**Thank you to everyone for coming to school at the right times and following the new one-way system as that helps to maintain social distancing.**

**If you have an appointment and need to collect outwith these times.** Please let us know at drop off.



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**If you need to come in to school for any reason** – please telephone beforehand to make an appointment if possible. When you arrive at the door, ring the buzzer and step back to the yellow line to wait for assistance. We'll come as quickly as we can.