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Dear Parents

There are now only a couple of weeks left in term 1! The pupils will be bringing their termly tracker home this Friday. Please read through and discuss with your child, write any comments in the parent comment section, class 1 pupils should write their comment at home too and return to school by Friday 2nd October. We will then photocopy and return to you.

Dates for your diary:

*Dress down day on Friday the 25th of September.

*School and nursery photographer - Thursday 1st October

Currently there is no further information to add to the yearly calendar so there will be no updated version sent out at the end of this term. We will return on **Monday 4th Jan 2020**, not the 5th as stated in the calendar.

Online/Technology:

Teams in class 2:

Thank you to the parents and pupils who managed to access Teams (again!). Almost all submitted spelling homework through teams. Pupils have worked in class to learn how to attach work to the assignment.

Seesaw:

Seesaw is now up and running in both classes and is a fantastic platform to share work with home, especially at this time when you can't come in to see your child's work.

If there are any school closures due to Covid 19, home learning will resume via Teams and Seesaw, home codes, logins and passwords will be sent home should this happen.

We are also in the process of setting up Sumdog for all pupils (for numeracy) class 2 have started this already.

During the summer, the Scottish Government announced additional funding for ICT. We have secured additional iPads for a number of pupils who will be able to take these home during any further home learning periods.

Appeal:

Does anyone have an old hoe, shovel or brush that the school can have for the school playground?

Playground:

I'm sure this is not any of our parents, but there have been recent incidents of dog fouling in the school playground. Dogs are not allowed in the playground. I have also posted on the Rhynie online Facebook page to appeal to the local community to also pick up after their dogs.

Term 1 Parent Survey:

Thank you for your responses to the recent parent survey.

Some of the comments about what we could improve are being discussed with staff to see what things can be put in place

"I feel they should be able to play together at break times"

Following the return to school guidance, we are keeping the class bubbles separate. However, I believe this is being discussed further up the political chain and there may be a change to this.

Here are some of the comments from parents about what is going well since we have come back to school:

- *"Providing a normal school family environment without worrying the children too much about covid 19."*
- *"Providing a happy school family atmosphere."*
- *"I think it is very good that you try to use glow again for homework!"*
- *"From the current situation you have adapted well and made the kids feel safe and not anxious at this time coming back to school and minimising risks were possible"*

- "It is a happy school, which seems well managed and has some teachers who really care about promoting love of learning."
- "Communication is very good and the staff are excellent. They know the children well and how to engage and encourage them."
- "Open communication"
- "Coping with very challenging situations! My children have a good rapport with their teachers, which helps them to feel safe."
- "Providing a good all round school experience and education. Adapting to new and challenging situations."
- "Overall providing a safe and productive learning environment."

Pupil Survey:

The pupils were asked 7 questions:

I feel safe and well looked after in school; I know how and when to wash my hands properly in school; I'm getting used to people wearing masks in school; I remember to keep my distance from adults in school; I understand the rule about staying with my own class at playtime and lunch; I am enjoying my work and activities in class; I am getting on well with other pupils.

The results were generally very positive. The only question that many pupils showed some worry about was getting used to people wearing masks in school, although they all know why the staff are wearing them.

Class 1 replied that they like, playing free choosing, art and playing with their friends.

Class 2 replied that they like maths, art, PE, playtime and creative writing.

Gartly School Update:

The role of pupils has fallen at Gartly. Their parents are having individual meetings today (Thursday) to discuss the situation.

Showing Signs of Illness:

After our spell of coughs and colds, attendance is now stable. However, if your child is unwell before attending school for any reason, please keep them off school until they are feeling better or you have contacted the NHS, if they show Covid-19 symptoms (see next page).

In school, any pupil (or member of staff) who shows any of the three symptoms for Covid-19 will need to leave school as soon as possible. Parents will be contacted to collect their child promptly. Parents should then contact NHS on 111 who will advise you on what to do next.

If a parent or sibling of a pupil in nursery or school is isolating and waiting for a test, all siblings should remain at home, as per NHS guidance, until a negative test result, or for the full isolation time. We appreciate your help with this as we want to keep everyone as safe as possible.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

COVID-19
CORONAVIRUS

STOP

If you or your child has the following symptoms

- A New Continuous Cough
- A High Temperature
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

STAY AT HOME
(self-isolate for 14 days) – do not leave your home or have visitors. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also self-isolate.

GET A TEST to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.

If your child has the following symptoms

- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting

DO NOT ENTER

They must stay at home for 48 hours, after the symptoms have gone.

Clean your hands and help protect us from germs that can make us sick

Many thanks
Miss Crawford