



March Newsletter Session 2020/21
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Diary Dates

Thursday 1st April Marie Curie *wear something yellow* Day
School closes at **2.30pm**
Monday 19th April School Re-opens
Monday 3rd May School closed
Thursday 6th May Election Day so school closed to pupils
Friday 28 & Monday 31 May School closed
We will keep you updated if any of these dates change.

Our Recovery Curriculum Guide for Families

All families were provided with a paper copy of our new Recovery Curriculum Guide this week. The guide contains information relating to our priorities for learning and teaching, as well as tips on how to support your child's learning at home. We hope you find the information helpful. Our whole-school homework programme will re-start after the Easter Break, week beginning 26th April. Homework will follow the same format as was in place before Christmas – more information will be shared via your child's Google Classroom. Now more than ever, we strongly encourage all children to complete homework tasks in order to reinforce learning covered in class.

School Gates

Owing to ongoing restrictions, school gates are opened by a staff member at 8.50am. This allows us to have some supervision in place across the playground before school begins at 9.00am. Unfortunately, the front gate now needs to remain locked until this time as an adult kept opening the gate for children to enter despite there being no adult supervision in place before this time. We must all continue to work together to ensure everyone's safety.

School meals

We have been advised by Support Services that the cost of a school meal will increase to £1.95 from Monday 26th April. Please adjust any payments to ParentPay for that date onwards. This coincides with the launch of the Summer Menu too. Please follow the link below for details:

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/primary-menu>

Now that we are also expecting to have better weather, children have the option of eating their packed lunches outside in the playground. If you do not wish your child to do this, please ensure your child knows this. Being outdoors as much as possible continues to be encouraged whilst restrictions are in place.

Breakfast Club

Thank you for the recent feedback from the Google Form to gauge levels of interest. Whilst we don't foresee this service being resumed after Easter Break, we will use the information if or when we are at the point of resuming any form of Breakfast Club. Whilst the current restrictions are in place, we cannot accommodate the anticipated numbers within the required bubbles and the Risk Assessments would be compromised.

Beat the Street

We hope you are enjoying the current initiative of building up points by walking, running, cycling, scootering or skipping your way round the local area as a family. The competition continues until 28th April so there is still lots of time for "pounding the pavements". Well done to everyone taking part! Stay safe and remember to keep within the current guidelines.



Spring Break

As we prepare to close the school for the Spring Break, it is important to recognise the significance of this point in the year. Although Lockdown meant that Remote Learning was primarily how learners were accessing their learning, school itself has not been closed. Staff were planning, delivering and reviewing digital learning, communicating with families and colleagues. Emergency Childcare Hubs continued throughout the time before all stages returned. It has been challenging for everyone, and I am sure we will all benefit from having some "down time" with our families. As the vaccine programme evolves, we also hope that the route-map will allow for some easing of measures that are in place currently. Our last term this session will be extra special, we are sure. A very Happy Easter or Spring Break to everyone!