Robert Smillie Memorial Primary & Nursery



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Dear Parent / Carer

Please take a few minutes to read the latest school news. Many thanks

This term has seen a few changes to safety regulations, firstly with the rise of Omicron and then as Covid numbers have come down again. Current regulations allow us to do more than at the start of the year, but because primary school children are mostly unvaccinated, we still have many restrictions in place. We hope that as the year goes on, we will be able to share more of our activities with our school community in more sociable ways.

Start / Finish Times - Changing Back:

From Tuesday 19th April all children will start school at 9am and finish at 3pm. Lunch for all will be from 12.15pm to 1pm

Parent Consultations:

These will take place between Monday 21st and Thursday 24th March over the telephone. Appointment times will be staggered according to when teachers are available. As before, each appointment time will be a maximum of 7 minutes. If issues arise that you need longer to discuss with the teacher, DHT or HT, a further appointment will be made.

Letters will come from the school office with choice of times. Please return these by Tuesday 15th March

Activities, Events, Trips and Excursions this term:

This term has seen a big change in activities and events that we have been able to do with the children. Some of the above have been funded through the participatory budget.

We have had the following groups of children involved in activities:

- P5/6 Clyde in the Classroom project started with a trip to the science centre.
- P5 Music tuition from Mr. Johnston is taking place each week in P5/6 and P4/5.
- Piping and Drumming tuition for P6 and P7 pupils has started again. Those who take part will have the chance to join the Academy Pipe Band.
- P3/4 went to a Glasgow Museum for their Egyptians topic.
- P6 and P5 Swimming, 12-week block.
- P7 have had visitors in to help them prepare for transition to Larkhall Academy and we are hoping to be able to run some outdoor activities for them in the summer term.
- School Football team have attended 2 football festivals.





P7, P6 and P5/6 performed 'The Last Aliens' Scottish Opera on Thursday 24th
February. The recording of this is available on the school app and website https://youtu.be/M8dp_upL6vc



Rock up and Ride – Cycling project for 28 children - P4/5 and now P5/6 & P6 at Chatelherault that
equips those who are lucky enough to attend with helmet, gloves and a bike!





- Active Sports club (P2s last term, P6s this term)
- The Voice Afterschool club. Started back again after the Feb holiday.
- Lunch time football school team training (Many thanks to Mr Wedlock for this).
- Lunch timetable tennis club (P6 and P7 children)
- Dance club for P3/4
- Dance with P7s Outdoor Lunchtime club run by P7 pupils for P1, P2s and P3s.
- SLC Leisure cards for access to clubs and swimming have been issued to the 41 children who asked for this.

Coerver Coaching and School of Football



Over the next 4 weeks of term and through to the summer holidays we have partnered with Coerver Coaching. All children in P1-P7 will receive weekly input from the coaches at their gym sessions and in addition there will be an opportunity for children to apply for the junior or senior School of Football.

We believe that this partnership will help to build pupil confidence and motivation, improve pupil's physical and social skills and help with late comings and attendance. The children are excited about it, as are the staff!

Dress Down Day Themes

Fri 25th March – PJ Day (Pyjamas) Fri 29th Apr – Sporty Thurs 26th May – Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses (Queen's Jubilee)

Dates for your Diary

Week of Mar 21 Parent evening phone calls

Fri 25th March PJ day (Pyjama Day) Dress Down Day

Fri 1st April Last day of term – 2.30pm finish

Tues 19th April Summer Term begins
Fri 29th Apr Sporty Dress Down Day
Mon 2nd May May Day bank holiday

Thurs 5th May In-Service Day (children do not attend)
Week of 23rd May Health Week (including school sports)

Thurs 26th May Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses Dress Down Day

Thurs 2nd June Queens Jubilee Holiday

Fri 3rd June Bank Holiday

Fri 24th June Last Day of Term – 1pm Finish

During week of Mon 20th June, there will be a leavers' assembly and our Nursery Graduation.

Dates for these will go onto the app as soon as they are in the school diary.

