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Dear Parents and Families

Please find below this week's news and updates:

PARENTS' NIGHTS – thank you!

Thank you to everyone for your patience last week with the new parents' night phone calls. Our class teachers managed to contact almost everyone 😊

Next steps – sharing pupil work with parents and families

Class teachers will be sharing pupil work via SeeSaw over the next few weeks. Miss Burns has created up-to-date information regarding parental access to SeeSaw for this specific purpose which will be posted this week.

FLU VACCINATIONS

Our NHS flu vaccinations for pupils in P1-7 took place in school on Tuesday last week (10 Nov). For pupils in the class who have been isolating, the NHS Immunisation Team will return in approx 2 weeks' time to vaccinate this class. For all other pupils who missed the flu vaccine, if parents wish their children to receive the flu vaccine or if you have any queries, please contact the School Immunisation Team at the email address below to arrange a community clinic appointment:

schoolimmsflu@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

When you send an email to the above address, please include the following information:

- Child's name
- Date of birth
- School
- CHI number (if known)

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK – everyone to wear ODD SOCKS from Mon 16 - Fri 20 Nov!

The theme for **Anti-Bullying Week 2020** is 'United Against Bullying'. Anti-Bullying Week will take place across the UK from **Monday 16 - Friday 20 November**.

We are asking as many pupils as possible to wear **Odd Socks** to mark Anti-Bullying Week. All pupils and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks to school this week to show their support for a robust whole school and community approach to Anti-Bullying. We will be taking photos of our odd socks this week for our Anti-Bullying collage which will be posted on our social media platforms. For more information, please see

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>



STAFFING UPDATE

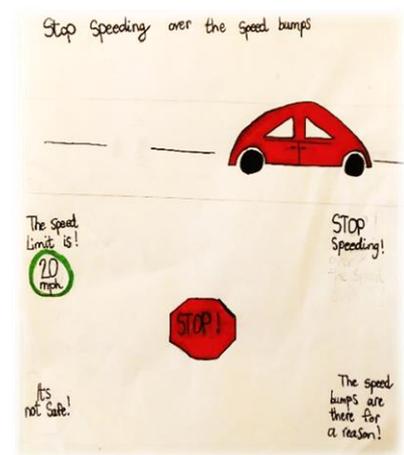
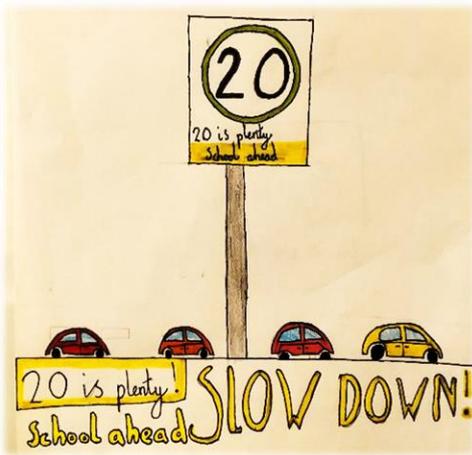
Mr Parton will be helping Miss Burns and P2a (room 4) this week and Miss Jenny McLean will continue in P2b (room 5). Miss Ashley McMannus (student) is in room 4 with Miss Burns and Mr Parton and Miss Lisa Mitchell (student) is in room 7 with Miss Breslin.

Johnny (our janitor) is unwell just now, so our new supply janitor, Tommy will be looking after us until approx Christmas.

ROAD SAFETY

With **National Road Safety Week** running from **16 – 20 November 2020**, we need everyone's support with the following **road safety issues** around our school:

- Speeding in general and speeding over the speed bumps;
- Parking on the double yellow lines and on the zig zags;
- Stopping in the middle of the road for drop-off instead of parking safely;
- Parking on the pavements, making it difficult for children to pass safely.



COVID-19 UPDATE: FURTHER UPDATED GUIDANCE ON FACE COVERINGS

****New on Wednesday 11 November****

As you know, the Scottish Government has now introduced a system of **new protection levels** to help stop the spread of COVID-19; Renfrewshire has been placed at **Level 3**. This means some extra guidance for schools to help keep everyone safe:

- Schools can now resume indoor PE for pupils, as long as the new protection levels don't increase to Level 4. There are certain restrictions for indoor PE, including a 'no changing' policy and increased ventilation. At Kirklandneuk, pupils come dressed for PE every day, so there are no implications regarding changing; all windows in the gym hall are open every day. The indoor PE timetable is ready to go, so we just need to wait for the weekly update from the Scottish Government on Tuesday 17 November which will let us know which protection level we have been placed into for the next 2-4 weeks. If we remain in Level 3, indoor PE can go ahead; if we are placed in Level 4, PE lessons will continue outdoors.



- Currently, school staff keep a two-metre distance from pupils as much as possible; staff will continue to wear a face covering wherever this is not possible. This will apply from Primary 3 and above. We are conscious of the impact of this on our pupils - where children require additional support, we will identify a different approach which balances safety and quality of communication (e.g. staff have specific transparent face coverings for working closely with pupils).
- School staff will wear face coverings in all communal areas of the school and have explained to our pupils why this is important.
- Visitors, parents and carers should wear a face covering when entering the school or playground and at pick-up and drop-off. **We also ask you wear a face covering at any busy pick-up or drop-off points outside school.**
- The national advice of good airflow within schools is important to minimise spread of the virus. As we approach winter and colder weather, we will make sure classrooms are safe, warm and comfortable. However, we ask parents and carers to please continue to ensure that our pupils have warm clothing such as a school jumper or fleece in colder weather. Please contact the school directly if we can be of assistance with this.

All of the above is in addition to the existing safety measures in our school which follow the national guidance and are already of a very high standard. These include:

- thorough cleaning within the school, very good handwashing regimes, physical distancing between staff and between staff and pupils wherever possible and good hygiene when catching coughs and sneezes.

- staggering school start/finish times, breaks and lunchtimes, maintaining class groupings and good ventilation of buildings.

We would also like to remind parents and carers that all children should wear a face covering when travelling to and from school by school bus, unless they are exempt.

More information on [what we are doing to keep schools safe](#) is available on the Renfrewshire Council website, as is a [guide to what to do if you suspect or have coronavirus](#).

We know the ongoing situation is very challenging for everyone, but we are doing everything we can to keep our school safe and maintain a welcoming and nurturing learning environment for pupils.

The response from our pupils has been fantastic and we cannot thank everyone enough for your continued support. Please stay safe at home and follow the latest public health advice.

Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- **A new, persistent cough**
- **Fever**
- **Loss of sense of smell and / or taste**

If you or your child has any of these symptoms, you must stay at home and arrange for Covid-19 testing via NHS Inform.

CHRISTMAS POST

Traditionally, we undertake a 'Christmas Post' enterprise topic spanning Nov-Dec each year and this is usually co-ordinated by our P3 pupils. Unfortunately, due to quarantine issues, we will not be able to proceed with this annual event in the same way.

We are asking families not to buy cards this year for the purpose of sending into school. The arrangements for quarantine and delivery are not possible in school (items from multiple homes on different days and the concerns of crossing pupil bubbles). All pupils will undertake Christmas activities in class which will include an alternative approach to sending cards.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

All pupils have designed a Christmas card and families will have the usual opportunity to purchase individual creations on cards, mugs etc. Christmas card designs were sent home with pupils on Friday 13 Nov. If you would like to purchase your child's design on a card or mug etc, please log into your ParentPay account to **place your order and make the payment by Wed 18 Nov 2020**.

CHRISTMAS T-SHIRT COMPETITION

All pupils will have the opportunity to design a Christmas T-Shirt, with the winning design being made into a fantastic Christmas top! This competition is open to all pupils in P1-7 and will be completed in school this week. Thank you to the PTA for organising this!

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY TIMELINE

We are finalising our Christmas activity timeline and will communicate this to all families this week. Our activities include a virtual Christmas Panto, class parties and of course, a virtual Nativity and music which all pupils in P1-7 will feature in. Pupils will not need fancy Christmas clothes this year for the parties, however we are asking if everyone could make sure that they have a Christmas top or jumper to wear for the party day in mid-December. If anyone has a difficulty in accessing a Christmas top or jumper, please let the school know and we will help you with this.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK @ KPS?

Date	What's on? Anti-Bullying Week and Road Safety Week
Mon 16 Nov	Brian Donnelly in school today. Try to wear odd socks for Anti-Bullying as much as you can this week!
Tues 17 Nov	
Wed 18 Nov	TODAY IS OUR MAIN ODD SOCKS DAY (photo day for Odd Socks Collage) 9.20am: P1-3 Virtual Assembly with Mrs MacK; Pupil of the Week + HT Awards 1.35pm: P4-7 Virtual Assembly with Mrs MacK; Pupil of the Week + HT Awards 6.00pm: PTA Zoom Meeting – all welcome!
Thurs 19 Nov	
Fri 20 Nov	Andrew Mitchell from Active Schools will be working outside with some of our classes
Coming up...	
Mon 30 Nov	St Andrew's Day Holiday – school closed to pupils and staff
Fri 18 Dec	Last day of term before the Christmas break

With best wishes,

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Head Teacher