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March Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this finds you well and having had a safe and enjoyable weekend. As staff and pupils look forward to yet another busy week, at St Andrew's Primary, I would like to thank you for your patience and support in taking the time to read the following information.

Joanne Hunter 😊

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Health and Safety - Covid:

Once again, we would like to thank parents, carers and pupils for their continued support in implementing nationally recommended measures to mitigate against Covid. It is great to see our school community working together to keep everyone safe. Should your child require to isolate – please contact our school office who will be happy to direct you to the latest guidance, from NHS and Scottish Government, as well as clarifying arrangements for your child to engage in learning remotely, should they feel well enough.

Health and Safety – Traffic and Parking

Our updated Risk Assessment continues to permit only contract taxis and those parents/carers with agreed parking permits to park within the school grounds. Staff will continue to supervise the gates and car park, where possible, but your continued cooperation in this matter is much appreciated. Parking attendants have recently been conducting spot checks at double-yellow lined zones, outside the school gates, and will continue to visit over the coming months.

Health and Safety – School Arrival and Dismissal

Staggered start and finish times will remain in place until at least the Easter break. Please note that although our Nursery opens at 8:30, wider staffing arrangements mean that **school pupils will only be admitted the building at their designated start time**. For this reason, we would encourage pupils to avoid arriving unnecessarily early at the start of the school day. Where this is unavoidable, due to work or travel factors, then I would remind parents and carers that they are responsible for the safety and conduct of their children whilst in and around the school grounds. All pupils are expected to demonstrate **safe and polite** behaviour, at the beginning and end of the school day. Younger pupils, in particular, should **be under the supervision of an adults at all times**, and should be discouraged from running in and out of the nursery and school gate, where they are at risk of being injured by pupil taxis or causing injury to our nursery pupils who are arriving on foot.

Parent/Carer Consultations:

Parent/Carer Consultations are due to take place on **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March 3:30-6:00**. We had hoped that it would be possible to hold these consultations in school, however, current authority guidance requires that these continue to be held by phone call.

I appreciate that this will be disappointing for many of you who would have hoped to view your child's work and meet their teacher in person. Staff have arranged that a sample of pupil work will be sent home on Monday 21st March for you to view and discuss with your child. **All samples of work should be returned to school on Tuesday 22nd March, in advance of the phone consultation with your child's teacher.** Staff are hopeful that the opportunity to view pupil work will give parents/carers a clearer picture of their child's progress and so support a more meaningful phone conversation with the class teacher.

Our Support for Learning teacher, Mrs Kristoffersen, will also be available to discuss pupil progress. Should you wish a call from her, please contact our school office staff who will be happy to arrange this for you. A separate letter confirming final arrangements for all consultations will follow later this week.

It is worth noting that St Andrew's Primary are also due to host Parent/Carer consultations in mid-June, following the issue of the Pupil Progress Report. We are keeping everything crossed that these will be permitted to take place in person!

Communication:

As always, we are keen to keep in regular contact with you, regarding the progress and well-being of your child. Please feel free to contact the school office, either by phone or email, if there is something that you would like to discuss, and a member of staff will be in touch at the earliest opportunity.

Remember - regular updates on the school's Twitter feed, website and Google Classroom, are also useful ways of remaining engaged in your child's learning and finding out about the wider life of the school too. Thank you.

Comic Relief – Friday 18th March



In support of Comic Relief Primary 5 are leading us in a crazy hair and crazy clothes themed morning. Pupils are welcome to come to school with their craziest hair and clothes! Should you wish to make a donation to Comic Relief then please send monies in with your child and these will be collected from the classroom.

