



Naidheachdan Lacadail

COVID-19 AND ABSENCES

As you are aware there have been a small number of positive cases linked to Laxdale Primary School. This has included staff and pupils. There have also been a number of pupils and staff who have had to isolate due to being contacted by Track and Trace and required to take time off school. It has been a challenging time for the school and for families. I would like to thank you all for your patience and tolerance over the past number of weeks. Hopefully we will have a more settled start to Term 2.

RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE

We continue to operate the school adhering to the current guidelines that are in place. The premises Risk Assessment is continually being updated to comply with all the changes and updates. Once again pupils, staff and families are to be commended for their compliance.

WHOLE SCHOOL SPONSORED WALK

Sponsor forms have been issued to all pupils for the Sponsored Walk on Wednesday 6th October. P1-P3 pupils will complete the walk in the morning. They will leave the school around 9.45am and walk along the pavement of the main road out to the park. At the park, Murray Macleod will speak briefly to the children about the work involved in maintaining the park and their future plans. The pupils will then get time to play on the equipment before walking back to school in time for lunch.

P4-P7 pupils will leave the school at 1.20pm and complete the same route as the younger pupils and Murray will speak to them when they arrive at the park.

Pupils will be provided with Hi-vis waistcoats to wear on the walk. Please ensure your child has comfortable walking shoes and a waterproof jacket to wear on the walk.

A Risk Assessment has been completed for the walk and it will be shared with pupils and staff.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

A reminder that the school photographer has been booked for Tuesday 5th October for individual and class photos. We recommend that pupils wear full school uniform (shirt and tie) for school photos. Thank you.

ASSEMBLY

Rev. William Heenan will lead a virtual Assembly on Wednesday morning. He will speak to the pupils about Readings from the Bible, tying it in with our School Improvement Plan project on Reading.

HEAD TEACHER HALF HOUR

I hope to spend half an hour with each class on the last week of term discussing various topics. This is an opportunity for me to meet with all the pupils and allow time for discussion and to get their views and suggestions. I always enjoy time spent with the pupils and view it as a valuable time for discussion.

OCTOBER HOLIDAY

The school will close on Thursday 7th October and reopen to pupils on Thursday 21st October.

CNAG GAELIC AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB

Koren Pickering is the new CNAG Officer for Laxdale Primary School. She hopes to resume the club after the October break. Information will go out to parents in advance of the club starting. It is hoped we will continue running the club on Monday and Wednesday

DATE FOR THE DIARY

We plan to hold a Gaelic Promotional Day on Wednesday 17th November. We will work in Partnership with Evelyn Coull Macleod, Gaelic Education Manager, and Comman nam Parant. More information to follow once plans have been confirmed.

NON UNIFORM DATES FOR SESSION 2021-22

Friday 29th October 2021
Friday 19th November 2021
Friday 17th December 2021
Friday 28th January 2022
Friday 25th February 2022
Friday 25th March 2022
Friday 22nd April 2022
Friday 27th May 2022
Friday 24th June 2022

FOODBANK/FARESHARE

Please remember that this service is available to all families who are struggling at this challenging time. Please know that you can contact the service and it is totally anonymous and there is no referral process. If you are interested, please contact the school or text or email Rachel at 07970959193/ rmacdonald1s@gnes.net

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