

## Ramsay Campus

### August 2020 Newsletter

Welcome back everyone! It feels wonderful to type these words, after such a weird and disconcerting time. It was so nice to hear and see the children all back looking so much taller and grown up, we have missed them!

I am sending you this as a campus newsletter as all the information is the same across campus. As things change and more arrangements are put in place for each school I will then send out separate newsletters.

#### Annual Data Forms

Please look out for your child's annual data forms - these will be sent home on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August. It is crucial that we have up to date contact numbers for yourself and emergency contacts. This allows us to deal with any illness quickly and efficiently which is very important in order for us to keep everyone safe.

#### Classes

Pupils are having staggered break and lunch times, this is to allow us to keep each class together and to discourage children from mixing with other classes during the school day.

#### Clothing

Please send your child to school wearing suitable outdoor clothing as we will be outside as much as possible for break times and learning experiences. A waterproof jacket would help on drizzly days!

#### PE

Mrs Duncan will take each class from P3 -P7 and both St Margaret's classes for a block of time each week. Your class teacher will post your day in google classrooms. (P1 and P2 will also let you know their PE day. PE will be delivered by their class teacher) On your child's PE day please send them to school dressed for outdoors PE - layers are good as they may do some of their session in the hall.

## Science

As well as working with P1 and P2 Mrs Cumming will be working with class teachers to deliver science across campus. We are really excited about this opportunity as it will allow children to have active science experiences in small groups!

## Cover

We are currently trying to catch up with all our child planning meetings etc. Your child may tell you that Mrs Cumming, Mrs Cooney or Mrs Caldwell was in class working with them, this is to allow class teachers to attend these meetings. There are many meetings initially as a lot were missed due to lockdown but this will calm down by the end of August.

## Trips

We are still unable to take any trips out of school and this includes any planned outdoor camp experiences. We are currently in contact with school camps finance departments and will be in touch ASAP with parents regarding refunding of any monies paid. When it is safe to do so, we plan to resume our programme of attending school camps.

## Milk

Milk letters have gone out today and should be returned by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

## P1-P3 Lunches

P1-P3 are now being provided with a packed lunch. We ask the children each morning to select their choice of sandwich and once each week there is also a choice of pizza and sausage roll. If you do not wish your child to have a school lunch (or even part of one eg drink or fruit) please call the school office and let us know. We will be issuing the letter this week that gives the option for you to opt out of Friday packed lunch. Please note that nursery children will not receive a packed lunch on a Friday.

## COVID 19

I would like to create a group of parents who would be interested in joining me to discuss any arrangements that we put in place around COVID 19. This would include looking at risk assessments and any new measures indicated by the Scottish Government or Midlothian Council. If you would be interested in taking part in this type of group please send me an email [d.donnelly@mgfl.net](mailto:d.donnelly@mgfl.net)

### Safe Route

Please take care when using the safe route. This should be treated as a normal pavement so please keep to the left and we advise that face masks are worn due to the volume of people at peak times.

### Playground

Every child or adult who enters the playground must use the sanitise stations at each gate and sanitise their hands. At St Margaret's PS this will be outside the entrance to the school. Please also note that only one adult per family should be in the playground and adults are asked to follow social distancing guidelines. We thank you for your support in these measures, helping to keep our school community safe.

### Flu nasal spray vaccination

With COVID 19 around it is more important than ever to get the flu vaccine to decrease the pressure on the NHS and protect the health of the most vulnerable.

The NHS Lothian Community Vaccination Team carries out an annual immunisation programme which consists of a nasal spray and is administered, with your consent, in school. Please look out for your child's consent form and pack (in bags TODAY Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August) and please return the completed and signed form as soon as possible.

### Parent Council

The St Margaret's Parent Council AGM will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. This will most likely be through zoom and we will issue meeting details nearer the time to all parents.

The Loanhead Parent Council AGM will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. This will most likely be through zoom and we will issue meeting details nearer the time to all parents.

**Dates for your diary**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September St Margaret's Parent Council AGM

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September Loanhead Parent Council AGM

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September & Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September - HOLIDAY

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - HOLIDAY

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Inservice Day - staff only attend

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Term 1 ends 3.15pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January - all return 8.50am

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February - HOLIDAY

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February- Inservice Day - staff only attend

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Term 2 ends 3.15pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April - all return 8.50am

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - HOLIDAY

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Inservice Day - staff only attend

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Term 3 ends 12.25pm