Next Session
As you are aware, the Deputy First Minister made an announcement this week regarding return to school in August. We had been planning for Blended Learning which involves a mix of time in school and follow up work at home. As a result of the announcement we have now been asked to prepare for a full return to school in August and Blended Learning is now Plan B. I’m afraid as this newsletter goes out, we have no further news other than during the summer months there will be updates from the government. We will communicate these to you as soon as we possibly can. We will use:

- The school app (please make sure you have this downloaded – contact rosewell.ps@midlothian.gov.uk if you need the password and user code)
- Google Classroom
- Twitter @rosewell_ps
- P1 Facebook Transition page
- Seesaw – ELC
- Parent Council Facebook page

Nursery (ELC)
Letters have been sent out to children returning to our ELC setting in August. As per the guidance issued last week, we are offering 600 hours at the moment. Later on Friday we will send out letters of offer to new children joining us from August onward. Please email the school rosewell.ps@midlothian.gov.uk if you have any queries regarding this.

Staffing News
Mrs Major has now left us and will be taking up another teaching post starting in August. We have really enjoyed having her on the team. Many of the children will know Mrs Major through PE sessions and, her now famous, Virtual Sports Day. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her well. We also said goodbye to Cindy, one of our MAs in the ELC. Cindy has brought many skills and her artistic talents to the setting. We wish her well too and will miss her as she moves on to another placement. Starting in August we have Kirsty MacLean, Joely Johnstone, Weronika Lambert and Susan Gilmour all joining the ELC team. We are looking forward to welcoming them all.

Google Classroom
We will continue to post a variety of activities on Google Classroom which you are more than welcome to access if you want to. Mrs Muirhead has put on a summer grid of activities, there is also an art competition run by the National Mining Museum if you would like to give it a go – please do. Also, if you haven’t met your new class teacher – there should be a message for you today on Google Classroom.

We have been evaluating the success of GC over the past few days and have been looking at how, we as a school, can build on the expertise and skills built up over the last ten weeks. We hope to be using this further from the start of the new session. It has been great to see how creative and innovative you have been. We have been so impressed with how Rosewell, as a community, has risen to the challenge that Mrs Clark pulled together all the highlights. If you haven’t seen it, please take a few moments to watch:
We are very proud of all that we have achieved as a community and can't wait to build on our successes when we return in August. In particular we would like to thank The Parent Council, chaired by Rachel Reidpath, who have been so supportive during these times. We would also like to thank YOU! All the parents and carers who have supported Home Learning. Don't forget to reward yourself with #HOTCHOCOLATEFRIDAY You have certainly gone ‘over and above’.

P1 and P7 Transition
We welcomed our new P1s into school this week, many of them in school uniform too! All the staff remarked that it was just the best feeling having children in the school again. It reminded them of what Rosewell Primary School is all about – building relationships with our children and families. Thank you to all the parents who brought their children along for the transition events. We know for some this was a decision not made lightly. Thank you for putting your trust in us.

We also said goodbye to our P7 pupils. Having said that, we are very determined to have a proper Rosewell farewell to them all when the time is appropriate. One of the traditions is that all the pupils in the school form the Rosewell Arch for P7s to walk through. In recent years we have also had a piper to pipe them on their way to high school. We are still planning for this to happen in some way before everyone starts back at school. We hope to be able to involve as many of you as possible.

To summarise:
Please keep looking out for updates – we will continue to post and send messages throughout summer as and when information is released.

Please take time to relax, if you can, and enjoy time with family as friends as restrictions continue to be lifted. Take pleasure in small things – like visiting the hairdressers which is top of all Rosewell staff’s lists this summer!

If you have a concern or a query you can always email rosewell_ps@midlothian.gov.uk

Looking forward to taking our next steps in August 2020 – Take Care Everyone and See You Soon.