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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term! Although it seems a lifetime ago, I hope you all had a lovely happy and Holy Easter Holiday, the weather was all seasons but it is lovely to start the new term with some sunshine (and rain)!

We know the summer term is usually full of lots of opportunities for parents and carers to come into school for Sports Days and End of Year shows and leavers etc. We are restricted by the guidance and we will keep you updated as we move through the route map. We are still planning to hold these events within school to ensure our children have as close to normal of a summer term as they can and that our Primary 7s have the opportunities to make positive memories. We will continue to send out weekly updates this term instead of newsletters to keep everyone informed.

Exciting News

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Eloise Clark, born on Wednesday 28th April 2021. A swift exit for Mr Clark that lunchtime! We look forward to meeting her in the coming weeks.

Monday Holidays

Just a reminder that we are on holiday on **Monday 3rd May** and also **Monday 24th May** is a staff in-service day.

P6/7 Cover – next week

Tuesday – Miss Chidgey
Thursday – Mrs Cran

Wednesday - Mrs Syme
Friday – Mrs Syme

Class Updates

Instead of a monthly newsletter, classes will now share what they plan on teaching each week to help to support conversations at home and better inform parents of what their children are learning.

Primary 1-3

Primary 1-3 have settled back in well after the Easter holidays and are enjoying having Mrs McCready on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. We have started a new topic this term with Mrs McCready on Mini-beasts which the pupils are very excited about. We have even had a few wee visitors to our classroom!

In literacy we have been focusing on learning about capital letters, what they look like and why some words start with a capital letter. We have been practising the letter formation of capital letters too. In reading we are learning our set 2 and set 3 sounds and we practise these each day in class.

Next week we will be focusing on writing punctuated sentences using and, but or because to extend our writing.

This term we have started a Maths topic on fractions and next week we are going to be learning about halves, quarters and thirds.

Primary 4-5

Since returning from the Easter Holiday, P4/5 have embraced their final term with vigour and enthusiasm! We've finished off our non-fiction literacy unit on informal/formal language by creating formal letters in role as a manager of a (disappointing) theme park. We have also spent time revisiting our spelling, taking our recent Fry's assessments into account to create our own weekly spelling lists to improve our common word spellings.

Next week we will be moving onto our fiction unit focusing on folktales.

We've really been pushing ourselves within numeracy too, as we explore missing number (eg. $3 + ? = 7$) and missing function (eg. $3 ? 4 = 7$) questions to build the basis of our algebraic knowledge. We've looked at how important equations can be in real life contexts. Next week we will be moving onto fractions and this will include fractions of quantities and shapes.

Primary 6-7

We have been learning about algebra in numeracy. We have been enjoying learning about this new topic and liked the challenge that it brought us.

We have also been looking at the different Food Groups in Health and Wellbeing. We have learned that there are five different food groups, and we used this knowledge to create a meal plan for a day which stuck to the recommended daily allowance for saturates, fat, salt and sugar. We used the Tesco website to find these values and tried to alter our choices to be the healthiest.

We have explored the differences between Denmark and Scotland, comparing and contrasting the landscape, cultures, food stuff and language.

In literacy we have been working on a play called The Elephant in the Room and our Artist of the week we learned about in music was Whitney Houston.

Next week we will continue to develop our knowledge and application of algebra in numeracy. We will continue to work with the play The Elephant in the Room and will be writing an extended piece of writing in relation to this. We will also start learning about a new sport in P.E - handball.

P.E Days

PE will be on Tuesday 4th May for all classes and will be delivered by class teachers. P.E will continue to take place outside, unless in extreme weathers. We are unable to provide changing facilities so your child must come dressed for P.E. You may wish to provide an extra snack and a water bottle on these days and if it is forecast to rain a change of socks and shoes to keep feet dry.

Contact with School

In line with our risk assessment, please note that no adults other than school staff or other essential staff are permitted into the school building. If you need to contact the school office, please do so via email to stmatthews_ps@midlothian.gov.uk. Direct calls to the school office should only be made for urgent matters. To report a pupil absence, please continue to use the messaging service provided via the school phone.

We would like to thank you once again for your continued support. We will keep you updated with any further information via our usual channels of communication.

Yours sincerely,



Anna Chidgey
Headteacher

