

**Eddleston Primary School**

**Newsletter 4: November 2020**





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**Head Teacher’s Welcome**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can’t believe it’s now November and just a mere few weeks to go until Christmas! It’s certainly crept up on us this year!

As we’re all aware, Christmas this year will look a little different for us all, however, I would like to very much assure you that we will be endeavouring to ensure that Christmas is just as fun and exciting as every other year for our children.

I would again like to extend a thank you to all our families for your continued and relentless support for the school during the current times and again like to thank the Parent Council and ECEC for your support during this challenging time. It’s very much appreciated.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I hope you enjoy looking through our newsletter with updates on what learning experiences our children have been/will be involved in.

Kind regards

***Miss Lorna Murdoch***

Head Teacher

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**Outdoor clothing/footwear - Reminder**

As the weather is beginning to become colder and colder and also much wetter, we would ask that pupils come to school appropriately dressed for the changeable weather conditions. In addition, as advised by SBC, all windows require to be partially open during the day to ensure a good amount of ventilation in classrooms, thus pupils may feel slightly cooler than usual, thus, a warmer jumper/another layer would reduce the chances of this.

**iPads**

As you’ll be aware, our P4-7 pupils have now received an iPad from SBC in partnership with ‘Inspire Learning’. We would ask that you gently remind your child not to change their password on their iPad. The passwords should all be set to the children’s date of birth to ensure that pupils don’t forget their password. We’ve had a few problems with pupils changing their password and then forgetting it, which causes Admin issues and a loss in time for the pupils being able to use their iPad. We would also ask that pupils bring their iPads to school fully charged to allow the iPads to be ready for use in class.

**Parental skills**

We’re very much aware that our parents/community members hold a wide range of knowledge, skills and abilities. We would, as always, very much welcome this to be shared with the school and pupils. If you have a particular skill-set that you’d like to share and would be able to do this on a virtual/digital platform, please let us know as we’d be very interested!

**Water bottles**

As another way of reminding pupils of the importance to be drinking water throughout the day, the Eco-Committee are going to drive forward an initiative where they will ensure that all pupils have a water bottle. They will also be looking into incentives for pupils to ensure they drink water on a regular basis.

**Postcards**

At one of our Inset days, we looked at the ways in which we currently praise our children. As we are always keen to ensure that we’re doing the very best that we can, one staff suggestion was for all staff to be given ‘postcards’ which could be sent home with the child to let them know and make their parent/carer aware of something they’ve done really well that day. This could be something both inside the classroom and out-with the classroom ie in the playground.

**Parent Council**  ****

**Current Chair:** Dr Alan Wise (2020-2021)

**A.G.M**

**Date:** Thursday 4th February 2021

**Time:** 6:30-8pm

**Location:** Virtual (Zoom)

**‘Support for Learning’ policy**

We would like to thank our parents/carers for the wealth of responses to this consultation. It’s very important for us to seek feedback from pupils, staff and parents, which will directly feed into the revised draft of the policy, which Mrs Tocher has now begun to work on. SBC have an overarching ‘Inclusion’ framework/policy which is devolved to each school, where an individual school level policy is then created and built into the WTA (Working time agreement) to allow Class Teachers the time to write such policies. We will let you know and send out a copy when a revised draft has been completed and approved.

**Wider achievements**

We recognise that our pupils achieve both inside and out-with school. Thus, we feel that it is important for our pupils to share these successes with their peers. These achievements could include musical successes, sport or an achievement in a specific hobby.

Please let us know about any achievements outside school that your child would like us to know about.

**Numeracy curriculum event**

Our event on the 25th November will take a virtual platform, which will take the format of photos/videos being posted throughout the day on our Twitter site to share with you what resources we use in Numeracy lessons and to share what learning the children have been engaging in. We hope that you are able to enjoy seeing our posts.

**Pupil council**

Our Pupil Council have gotten together for the first time this session, with Mrs Tocher. The key topics that were discussed were;

* ‘Dress Down Days’
* Pupil Houses
* ‘Cash for Kids’ at Christmas

Our Pupil Council will be in touch with you soon around some of the ideas above.

**COVID-19**

As we continue to follow the guidance laid out by the Scottish Government and by Scottish Borders Council, we would like to gently remind our parents/carers to wear (if possible) a face covering when in the playground and to leave entrances/exits to the main entrance and the infant door clear to allow for social distancing amongst adults and to allow the children to have a clear exit from the building. You will notice that SBC have now provided signage for all schools to place in their playgrounds. I would again like to thank you for your understanding with this.

**Newsletter contributions**

We always welcome any newsletter contributions, therefore, if any of our parents/carers/members of the local community have any newsletter contributions that are school-related, please let us know.

**Parent Council update**

**100 Club**

We’ve had a fantastic response from the community this year and have sold 117 numbers for the 100 Club. Hence, to maintain similar chances of winning prizes we are going to hold 2 additional draws throughout the year – one in Dec and one in June. Thanks again to Alison Glasgow for organising the 100 Club this year. We drew the September 100 Club at the Nov Parent Council Meeting. Congratulations to: 3rd prize Alyssa Stewart, 2nd prize Seonaidh Morton and 1st prize Susan Walker.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle Fundraiser**

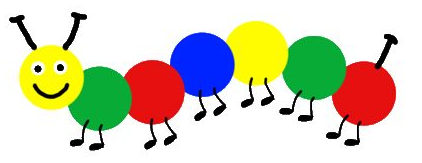
We are running a Xmas Hamper fundraiser this year which is reliant on prize donations. A list of these is available so please go to <https://forms.gle/KxJ4HTUcU3zM9Tju6> and select a prize(s) you’d like to donate prior to 11 Dec. Please donate prizes directly into the school or to myself by **11 Dec**. Raffle tickets for the various prizes are available from me on 07765513224 at £1 per ticket. The draw will take place by videocall on 15 December, details to be announced.



Thank you,

Alan Wise

Chair, Eddleston Primary School Parent Council

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**November 2020**

* This month we will be e-mailing, via the school, our club’s Parents’ Welcome information as a reminder of our session times and costs, as well as procedures. (Please note that some of these procedures are revised at present, due to COVID-19 safeguarding requirements)
* We would ask that where enquiring about or wishing to contact the out of school club, you do so as below and not through the school office or via social media, where at all possible;

Club mobile (text or call) - 07833 158064

E-mail- [eddlestonoosc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:eddlestonoosc@yahoo.co.uk)

We will be holding a “Christmas Movie Monday” on Monday 14th December to kick off the final week of the school term and a Christmas themed session on Thursday 17th December (both will be charged at normal session rates). We are again limited to a maximum of 20 children, so book early to avoid disappointment! 

Alison Brown (Manager)

Eddleston OOSC