



Bulletin 14.3.22

Last week saw a steep rise in pupil Covid cases across the school and nursery... this seems to be in line with establishments across Edinburgh and the country in general. We are ever hopeful that as spring progresses things may change but important to note that we are still severely disrupted in our schools by the challenges Covid continues to present. An example of this is school lunches, when there is an outbreak within a class, a mitigation is that they return to having lunch in their own classroom. We can only do this with the support of our staff in helping to supervise both in class and playground and the school catering team, who then have to prepare lunches for the dining hall and individual classes – it really is all hands on deck. Hence, we continue with ventilation, handwashing, daily cleaning of banisters/door knobs/ light switches and monthly electrostatic fogging of the entire building. Staff still wear masks in corridors and when we cannot distance and as you are aware our parental consultations will be online at the end of the month.



Diary Dates:

Wb Mon 7 th March	Fairtrade Fortnight
Mon 14 th March	P3 First Reconciliation – 7pm, St John's Church
Wed 30 th March	Parental Consultations 4-7pm
Fri 1 st April	Parental Consultations 1-3pm
Fri 8 th April	End of Term, 12pm finish for all.



First Reconciliation

We look forward to celebrating with the P3 children and their families this evening as they receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr Jock has been in school to meet with them across the past few weeks to help prepare them as they take the next step in their sacramental journey.



Parking: **Report Dangerous Parking**, street bins, street lighting issues-
Report it – The City of Edinburgh Council: [Report It](#)

Dangerous driving: **Police Scotland telephone 101**

Tea with SLT

Due to the rising case numbers last week we were unable to meet with children across the school. Hoping this Friday will be back on track.

Parents Meetings the bookings system is now open, and all families should have received an email with instructions on how to book – please check your junk/spam email box as they are often delivered there. If you have problems trying to book please call or email the admin team who can help you. We would encourage all families to make a booking.

Pupil Equalities Group

Mrs Kelly and Jo from Children's Parliament met with the pupil equality group this morning. It was amazing to meet in person and the quality of discussion was excellent. We talked about how we make children across the school feel included and whether there is more we could do to achieve this? We also spoke about what aims the group would like to take forward. The children were very knowledgeable and had some great ideas. They now have a task to complete with their class and will feedback again at the next meeting.





EMPOWERED LEARNING

Mr Burgess, Mrs Gillespie and Miss Coleman took part in a very useful workshop with the Digital Learning Team and Apple on Friday, 4 March. The workshop helped us plan our teaching and learning strategy for 1:1 devices ahead of receipt of new iPads in two weeks' time. Further information for Parents / Carers can be found here: <https://digitaleducationteam.com/parents-carers>

Ukraine

The school have received some materials from the City of Edinburgh Council and the Educational Psychology team for teachers supporting/discussing the current tragic and troubling situation in Ukraine with children and young people.

Please see quote below which explains the context in which the materials have been developed:

When a critical world event occurs, children will hear about it in a number of ways, some of which may be inaccurate, untrue, or based on rumour or speculation. Wherever they happen, events may create feelings of personal anxiety and fear that children can find hard to articulate. Giving them a context to discuss, question and express their thoughts and feelings will help them to process what has happened in a safe environment with a trusted adult.

Please contact the school if your child is particularly anxious or worried at this time.

Reporting a Positive COVID Case: Please can you ensure you provide us with all of the information below by phone or email. This saves a follow up phone call from our office staff which increases their workload. We are required to submit all the information below.

Email admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk or call 0131 669 1363 with the following information if your child returns a positive Covid Lateral Flow or PCR test

- Your child's full name
- Class
- Date of birth
- Date test was taken
- Type of Test
- Date positive test returned
- Dates symptoms began (or none)
- Last day in school
- Siblings name and class

And finally... Cross Country is Back. We received information about a pilot cross country event for P6/7 at the Meadows, the first since January 2020. Fingers crossed we are lucky enough to 'win' a place. P6/7 Running Club members will receive further information should we be successful.



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