

## **End of Term 1**

I can't believe we are nearly at the end of term 1. What a term it has been! I am extremely proud of our hardworking staff for working so hard to ensure that all the new regulations have been implemented and also proud of our children who have taken these new procedures in their stride.



Our focus for this term has been on the recovery curriculum to help our pupils settle in and be ready for learning after five months off. We have been focussing on the three Rs, RELATIONSHIPS, REGULATIONS AND RE-ENGAGEMENTS. Building positive RELATIONSHIPS with staff and each other and learning how to REGULATE our emotions and deal with the stresses that the COVID 19 lockdown had on us all has been fundamental in ensuring happy children and a happy school. All of this has had to be in place before RE-ENGAGING the children in learning. This approach has been successful in supporting all of our pupils.

## **Uniform**

A huge thank you to all parents for ensuring our pupils are wearing full school uniform and looking so smart on a daily basis. Let's keep this up all year round and show everyone that we are proud to be part of the Sidlaw View community.

## **Head Teacher Post**

As per the letter sent out by Children and Families Service yesterday, I am pleased to confirm that I have been offered the role of Head Teacher at Sidlaw View PS on a more permanent basis and have decided to accept this opportunity. I love working at Sidlaw View PS and am looking forward to seeing it grow from strength to strength. Thank you for all the kind words and messages of support, they were greatly appreciated.

## **Breakfast Club**

I am delighted to announce that breakfast clubs will start again on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs Quinn, in our school office, is currently calling everyone we currently have on our list to see if they still require the school's breakfast club and then after that we will be able to open it up to anyone else who is on the waiting list. If you would like to register for a place at breakfast club, please phone the school office on 436458.



## **School Dinners**

The school dinner menu will change to a hot bagged lunch after the October holidays. Please see the link below for the menu from October until December.

[https://www.tayside-contracts.co.uk/assets/user/files/Catering/School-Catering/Hot\\_Menu\\_Oct-Dec\\_2020.pdf](https://www.tayside-contracts.co.uk/assets/user/files/Catering/School-Catering/Hot_Menu_Oct-Dec_2020.pdf)

## **Parent Pay**

As part of the COVID 19 risk assessments and current restrictions, we have no couriers collecting cash from schools. We are being encouraged to become cashless. This means that any monies coming into school for dinners, breakfast clubs, trips etc should be paid using Parent Pay. Everyone should have received a copy of their activation code however if you have not already signed up and need this again, please call the school office on 436458, email [sidlawviewprimary@dundeeschools.scot](mailto:sidlawviewprimary@dundeeschools.scot) or Dojo your class teacher directly. Even if you feel you do not need ParentPay at the moment, it would be beneficial to sign up now so it is there for the future. Thank you.

## **Car Parking**

Following concerns raised by parents and the local community, can I please remind all parents not to park on the zig zag lines outside the school. Please help to keep all of our children safe.

## School Improvement Planning

At Sidlaw View Primary, we are always striving to do better and ensure our children and families have the best learning experiences. The following areas are currently on our school improvement plan for this year and are based on self-evaluation, feedback from pupils, staff, families and partners and data gathered on an ongoing basis:

### **Vision, Values and Aims**

- Continue to embed the Vision, Values and Aims.
- Develop a leaflet for parents/carers in partnership with pupil learning council.

### **Learning and Teaching**

- Further develop cooperative learning strategies to support learning and teaching.
- Review approaches to teaching reading beyond RWI – create a reading pathway.
- Review approaches to mental maths and implement agreed maths strategies.
- High quality feedback to be a continued area for improvement.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

- Continue partnership working to support the needs of all children, particularly those who face complex barriers to learning.
- Develop a system to track and monitor the effectiveness of all interventions.
- Rigorously analyse attendance data and provide support where required.



## Safeguarding

For information, the child Protection Officers in school are Mrs Flynn HT, Mrs Matheson DHT and Miss Cruickshank PT. The care and wellbeing of children is of the utmost importance, we are here to support children and families. Should you have any concerns or require support, please don't hesitate to contact the school.



## Staffing

Miss McMahon is due her baby in two weeks' time. Friday will be Miss McMahon's last day at school. We would like to wish her the best of luck and look forward to meeting her bundle of joy very soon.

## Halloween Fun Day



We are all looking forward to some spooky fun and games on Friday 30th October to celebrate Halloween. We know our children will miss out on trick or treating this year due to COVID restrictions so we are going to make sure they have a day of fun in school. The children's learning will have a spooky twist to it so watch out on Twitter @SidlawViewPS to be involved in the fun! Children can choose to dress up in Halloween costumes or wear dress down clothes for the day. **Please note that no masks or pretend weapons will be allowed in**

**school as we don't want to frighten our younger children.** Please do not buy any costumes we have spare ones in school for anyone who needs them.

## Dates for Diaries

Please take note of the following dates:

Friday 2nd October

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October

End of Term 1 – 3.15pm finish

Start of Term 2



*Keep an eye out for updates on your child's learning through:*

*The Sidlaw View Twitter Page - @SidlawViewPS*