

Tarves Primary School Newsletter

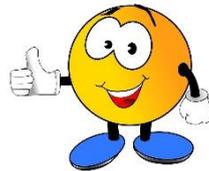


Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

A word from Mrs Conn

A very warm welcome back to our youngest learners in Nursery through to Primary 3. It has been fantastic to have some of the children in school, the lifeblood of Tarves is slowly returning! We have missed you very much and are looking forward to having Primary 4 to Primary 7 join us in the coming weeks. You have all been working so hard, both in school, and on Google Classroom. Your teachers, parents and I are all so proud of your efforts! Keep up the brilliant work and online engagement for a few more weeks, you can do this!



World Book Day 2021

This year, World Book Day falls on Thursday 4th March. Miss Slesser and Mrs Anderson, as Literacy Coordinators, have been busy planning and organising lots of exciting activities for you to participate in, whether you are learning remotely at home or are in school. We want to hear all about what you are reading, who your favourite characters and authors are, or to read some of your own stories you have written! More information regarding WBD 2021 is attached to this email in a letter from Miss Slesser and Mrs Anderson alongside a virtual WBD token for you to spend. If you are unable to print, we have tokens available in school for collection. Please email the Office and we can arrange these for you. Happy reading! 😊



Drop Off and Collection Arrangements

Thank you to everyone for their cooperation with the drop off and collection arrangements for pupils in Nursery to Primary 3. Please bear with us as we try to do our best to accommodate as much as possible with limited staffing. Mrs Middleton and Miss Wilson will be supervising in the playground, before they come into school, to enable you to drop your children and leave promptly. Please do not arrive at school early and wait, we have had several queries from the community about large groups congregating outside of school. We would rather the children are dropped off as close to 9.00am as possible or even few minutes after 9.00am rather than parents/carers arriving early and waiting, your son/daughter will not be marked as late. We understand there is a lack of space, but please use all available space including the pavement directly outside of school, across the road, the park entrance and lane as much as practically possible to wait, should you have to. The staff car park should not be used to wait as this is not safe with vehicles moving around. Thank you, we appreciate it is very challenging at the moment.

A reminder of the current arrangements are as follows to help ease congestion:

Class	Drop Off Time	Location	Collection Time	Location
Primary 1	Staggered from 8.55am	Primary 1 door	Staggered from 3.05pm	Primary 1 door
Primary 2	9.00am	Blue Side Door	3.20pm	Blue Side Door
Primary 3	9.00am	Main Front Door	3.20pm	Rear of School at Park Entrance

Educational Psychology Service

This has been such a difficult and uncertain time for everyone. The Educational Psychology Service have created a series of family nurture leaflets that have been added to their website. The leaflets cover a variety of topics including managing feelings, help with sleeping, emotion coaching and understanding the brain. We hope that you may find these useful.

Link to the leaflets can be accessed here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/as/aberdeenshireeps/family-nurture-leaflets/>



Tarves Park Walk and Talk Activities

If you have been at the park recently, you may have noticed some new Walk and Talk activities have appeared! We are working alongside NHS Grampian Speech and Language to help develop attention and listening skills, and phonological awareness which are all important for speech and early literacy development. Try some of them out, when you can, and let us know what you think!

Outdoor Classroom Resources

The sun has been shining this week and long may it continue! We have been getting out and about more and enjoying our outdoor learning spaces. We have some wonderful new resources to use in our outdoor classroom including den building materials, loose parts for creative and imaginative play, rainbow stacking stones and games.



Email Queries

The main school email account is always manned. Please ensure that all correspondence for myself or your son/daughter's class teacher is sent via this account to ensure your message is not missed or delayed - tarves.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk. The exception would be to email me directly regarding the Hardship Fund. This will ensure your message is swiftly passed to the class teacher, and anyone else who may be able to advise, by a member of our Office team via the correct channels and will be responded to as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments. Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

Lara Conn
Head Teacher