

Tarves Primary School Newsletter



Monday 29th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

A word from Mrs Conn

It has been wonderful to have all our pupils and staff return to Tarves Primary and Nursery. There is a real buzz about school and watching the children laugh and play together has been a joy, much needed for us all. We are so pleased with how well the children have settled back into school routine and it is okay to have a wobbly day! We are all learning how to readjust together. I have to say a huge thank you to Primary 7 and Miss Slesser who led the Marie Curie National Day of Reflection last week. It was such an important, emotional day for everyone and we were so proud of how the children spoke sensitively and empathetically about grief and loss. Primary 6 are leading our Easter Assembly via Google Classroom this Thursday which we are looking forward to. I can't quite believe we are at the Easter break already! All that remains is for me to wish you a relaxing two weeks off (away from Google Classroom this time!) and fingers crossed for some lovely weather to enjoy.



Wellbeing Wednesday

This Wednesday, we will be taking part in a whole-school health and wellbeing day led by Miss Tornes and Miss McBeath. Exciting plans ahead! We will be creating mandalas, mindfully walking our new playground labyrinth, getting outside into the fresh air to play some team games, engaging with some meditation and mindful breathing exercises to help us manage our worries. Remember to wear comfortable clothes which make you feel happy on this day; leggings or joggers would be ideal. We can't wait! Congratulations to Miss McBeath who has recently qualified as a Connected Kids wellbeing tutor!

UPDATE: Drop Off and Collection Arrangements for after the Easter Break

Thank you to everyone for their cooperation with the drop off and collection arrangements now that all pupils have returned to school. Mrs Middleton and Miss Wilson will still be supervising our youngest pupils in the playground, before they come into school, to enable you to drop your children and leave promptly. We have further extended the timings of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation with mask wearing and social distancing which remains in place.

New timings for all pupils starting Monday 19th April 2021:

<u>Primary</u>	<u>Drop Off (am)</u>	<u>Collection (pm)</u>	<u>Door</u>
Nursery	Continue as per current arrangements with the Nursery team.		
1	8.50am	3.00-3.15pm	Primary 1 Door
2	8.55am	3.15pm	Blue Side Door
3	8.55am	3.15pm	Rear of Playground – Park Entrance
4	9.00am	3.20pm	Blue Side Door
4/5	9.00am	3.20pm	Blue Side Door
6	9.05am	3.25pm	Main Front Door
7	9.05am	3.25pm	Main Front Door

New Pupil

A warm Team Tarves welcome to Kaitlin who joins Primary 6 and Miss Gauld!



Nursery to Primary 1 Transition

We are aiming for a blended approach to transition again this year for our youngest pupils. This will include time in school, working with the Primary 1 teachers, and video access and information for parents/carers sent to you via email link. Offer letters, welcome packs and further information will be issued on **Wednesday 31st March** to our families with pupils moving from Nursery to Primary 1 in August 2021. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

First Aid Training – Upper Primary

On Wednesday 21st April, Primary 6 and Primary 7 will be taking part in First Aid training during school. We feel that basic First Aid is a crucial life-skill that all children should be taught in a fun and engaging way! More information can be accessed here: [First Aid Classes for Children \(minifirstaid.co.uk\)](http://minifirstaid.co.uk)



SNSA Testing

For pupils in our current Primary 1, Primary 4 and Primary 7 classes, we are required to complete SNSA testing every year. These are Scottish National Standardised Assessments, and they are carried out by every Primary 1, 4 and 7 pupil across Scotland. This data is then used to create a National picture of assessment and pupil achievement across the country.

All assessments are online based, are completed on the laptop (or iPad for our younger pupils) during school time and are conducted by the Class Teacher. These assessments are nothing to worry about and will be carried out in the usual, informal and routine method we have always used. Assessments will take place in class during the end of April and start of May this academic year.

Dates for the Diary

- Friday 2nd April is Good Friday and Tarves Primary School and Nursery will be closed.
- School will reopen for all staff and pupils after the Easter break on Monday 19th April 2021.
- Primary 7 will be hosting 'The Big Pedal' this year which will run for two weeks, starting from the first week back after the break. More information to follow!
- Monday 3rd May is the May Day Holiday and Tarves Primary School and Nursery will be closed. Staff and pupils will return on Tuesday 4th May 2021.
- We have arranged for class photographs to be taken on **Wednesday 5th May 2021**. More information will follow nearer the time!

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments. Have a lovely Easter break, when it comes, everyone!

LC.

Lara Conn
Head Teacher

