

Tarves Primary School Newsletter



Wednesday 28th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

A word from Mrs Conn

Welcome back, everyone, it is great to see you. I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break. We have hit the ground running for what I can't quite believe is the final term of this academic year. There are a few key pieces of information in this newsletter; to update you on our plans for school reports and inform you of changes to staffing arrangements, in particular. We have a busy term ahead which we are all excited about and are determined to finish this year on a positive!

Staffing Changes

Congratulations to Mrs Hendry who has been appointed as Acting Head Teacher at Slains Primary School with immediate effect. Mrs Hendry starts her new role this week which will last until the end of this academic year, at least. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the best!

We are pleased to welcome back Miss Kasim, who was initially in Primary 1 with Mrs Anderson before Miss Maturana secured this position. Miss Kasim will teach Primary 3 until the end of this academic year. We also welcome Mrs Dobby as our new, permanent Administrator. Mrs Dobby has worked extensively in the Office at Tarves in the last year. Welcome and congratulations to all our new staff!

Reports and Virtual Parent/Carer Meeting

We will be issuing a shorter version of our usual written progress report format and offering a follow-up Google Meet session. Written reports will be issued to all parents/carers on Friday 28th May with the Google Meet virtual meeting held on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th June. Further information will follow from the school Office in due course.



Google Meet

Class Photographs – Tempest

Tempest Photography will be taking class photographs on Wednesday 5th May. Please can we ask that all pupils wear school uniform on that day. Remember to brush your teeth for your best smile!



World Labyrinth Day 2021

This Friday is World Labyrinth Day. We are very lucky to have our very own painted in the playground which the children love and can really benefit from its use. We are planning some mindful and engaging activities which will help us manage our worries and feelings while having fun. Nursery will be learning how to walk the outdoor labyrinth as well as Miss McBeath running virtual sessions with the older pupils. Keep an eye on our Twitter page for photographs and further updates!

Lunchtime Activities/Clubs

We are restarting some of our outdoor lunchtime provision activities from next week. Mindfulness activities will be held on a Monday in two separate sessions, Primary 1 - 3 and Primary 4 - 7 during lunch times for any pupils wishing to join in. Loose Parts Play and Den Building will be held on a Tuesday lunch time and is open to everyone from Primary 1 - Primary 7.



Bikeability P6 and P7

Primary 6 and Primary 7 will be taking part in Bikeability this term.

Please be aware that the playground may be busier than usual with bikes coming and going in the next couple of weeks, many thanks for your understanding.

Curriculum - Living and Growing

In Term 4, the children will cover the topic of Living and Growing. All material covered is age and stage appropriate as suggested by the Scottish Government and the Curriculum for Excellence. Our teachers know our children well and do differentiate the content, as appropriate. I have attached the Curriculum for Excellence outcomes for Early Level (Primary 1), First Level (Primary 2 to 4) and Second Level (Primary 5 to 7) for your information. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss anything further.

The Big Pedal Reminder

The weather hasn't been so good this week, but let's try our best to keep up the good work with cycling and scooting to school. There are lots of brilliant prizes to be won (as well as bragging rights for placing high on the leader board!) Parents/Carers, you could win individual prizes by taking a picture of your son/daughter cycling or scooting to school, uploading to Twitter and tagging @Sustrans. Good luck and well done with all the efforts so far!



Dates for the Diary

- 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.
- Outdoor Learning Day will take place on Thursday 20th May 2021 – more information to follow from Miss McBeath.
- Monday 7th June is the Occasional Day Holiday for the Meldrum Cluster and Tarves Primary School and Nursery will be closed. Staff and pupils will return on Tuesday 8th June 2021.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lara Conn".

*Lara Conn
Head Teacher*