

# Tarves Primary School Newsletter



**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

## **A word from Mrs Conn**

We've had a bit of a turbulent start to the year with Omicron affecting most of our school community and beyond. I would like to thank everyone for their support during this time and for following the guidance. As per my last Covid-19 update letter, in school, we will be continuing with enhanced cleaning, mask wearing, use of CO2 monitors and outdoor learning etc. as much as practically possible. Some positive news is that cases in school are now decreasing. If your child is isolating, work is available on Google Classroom, as previous.

Our development of outdoor learning spaces continues. We have applied for trees to be planted for the Queen's Jubilee later this year and are also supporting Haddo with their Jubilee tree planting, too. We are very much looking forward to this!

We received £100 from the Evening Express tokens for schools. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this. We will be spending the money on enhancing our practical learning resources for the children.



## **Homework Review**

We have recently reviewed our homework procedures in line with our recovery curriculum. Numeracy and Literacy homework activities, which may be games-based, will be provided weekly for pupils and posted on Google Classroom. Reading remains as much as possible, particularly with the younger year groups, but is also relevant in the upper stages.

At times in the school year, we may also issue a longer homework piece which may be linked to a topic or curricular area e.g. Science. Please note that completion of homework is not compulsory but is strongly encouraged.

## **Parent/Carer Consultations – March 2022**

We will be holding Parent/Carer Consultations via Google Classroom, unless advised otherwise in coming weeks. Each appointment will be a video call with the Class Teacher and will be 10 minutes long. The Class Teacher will talk through your child's progress thus far. This will be held towards the end of March; more information will follow closer to the time. You will also receive a full, written progress report for your child/ren at the end of the academic year.

## **Primary 7 Dalguise Payment Reminder**

A reminder to Primary 7 parents/carers that the next instalment of money for the Dalguise trip is due before the end of this month, unless you have a payment plan in place, discussed with Mrs Dobby at the main Office. Please do get in touch with us if you need any help.

## **February In-Service Days and Mid-Term Holiday**

Tarves Primary School and Nursery will be closed for staff and pupils on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February. School will be closed to pupils **only** on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February for staff training. School will reopen on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February, as normal, for all pupils.



### **School Uniform – Schoolwear Made Easy**

We have updated our uniform again to include some tartan items, including a pinafore and a kilt, for purchase. Please note, these are not compulsory, but are optional, should you wish. We will look to update this range further in coming months.

### **Forest School and Birdwatching**

This week, classes will be taking part in the RSPB Birdwatch for Schools event with Miss McBeath. Attached to this email is a PDF of activities and information, should you wish to take part at home this weekend! Happy birdwatching! Please tag us in any pictures on Twitter using @TarvesSchool.

Miss McBeath has passed and is now a fully-fledged (excuse the pun!) Forest School and Outdoor Learning Leader. A huge congratulations for all your hard work. Well done!

### **Chicken Update**

Our ladies have arrived safe and are settled in their new home. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help – we haven't forgotten about you! 😊 We are currently in the middle of a 'flockdown' due to Avian Flu. Our hens have to be kept indoors away from wild birds, and so, we are taking measures to limit the number of people in contact for now.

We are hoping to have a full rota in place as soon as possible. If your availability has changed in any way or you would now like to help, please contact Mrs Dobby.

Finally, a huge thank you to the local business **Gray Feed Services** who are kindly providing our chicken feed and bedding free of charge. Further information on their products and services can be accessed on their website ([High Quality and Nutritionally Balanced Animal Feeds | Gray Feed Services](#)) and also via Facebook ([Gray Feed Services - Home | Facebook](#)).



Kind regards,



**Lara Conn, Head Teacher**