

HeadTeacher Report – Parent Council mtg : Tues 1st Dec 2020

School continues to go well despite the ongoing circumstances. Our staff, learners, parents and carers are, in general, settled into the routines and accepting that whilst we can't run school as we would like our ethos and values remain the same.

COVID – 19 update

At the time of writing this we have still only had one positive case which is very reassuring. The vast majority of families are adhering to the required protocols and taking due care. A reminder to keep children at home whilst a family member is being tested and getting a child tested if showing symptoms has been issued in the newsletter of Mon 23rd Nov.

Parents and carers have been made aware of the protocols involved in the use of two way video technology if we move to a blended learning approach. It is unlikely that our approach will involve any significant live teaching times but will include a daily check in (book and a biscuit approach) along with learning assignments available for pupils to access.

Children continue to be taught in class bubbles. At the P7 stage in particular the children have questioned as to why they can't work across the year as they are able to mix outside. It has been explained to them that this is to reduce possibility of infection and of a larger number requiring to isolate. It is interesting to see the effect of returning to a single class approach. To this end we have made the decision to rearrange the P7 class bubbles to support P7 / S1 transition.

Budget

As for Oct HT report we continue to work within our budget. New ipads have been ordered but are still to arrive in school.

PEF

As well as continuing to provide nurture support through our pupil support officer, nurture teacher and family support worked we have also secured spaces at Forest schools and at Urban Nature. A small element of PEF will support these interventions.

Staffing

Cheryl is now on maternity leave and we are eagerly awaiting news of the arrival of Baby Berthinussen. We are delighted that Aimi Armstrong will take on the post of Acting DHT from Wed Dec 2nd. Claire Campbell starts her maternity leave on Fri 27th Nov and we wish her all the best. Cara Gordon has also made the decision to take a career break and will be leaving us once our newly appointed staff are able to join us. Unfortunately our P1 team has two members of staff on long term absence. We wish them both a full recovery and hope that they will be well enough to return to school in the not too distant future.

New staff :

Paul Bruce – P7 (whilst Aimi is Acting DHT)

Kirsty Trail – P6

Sam Bell – P4 (to cover Katie Lamb when she goes on maternity leave)

Reporting to parents

The majority of parents and carers have now received a written profile and a phone call to provide some information on learner progress. Our aim is for all to have this before we break for Christmas. In the case of P1T, Ms Ashraf has taken over the reporting aspect. Unfortunately in the case of P1M whilst we have managed to avoid too many changes to staffing on a day to day basis we are still looking at how best to manage reporting.

Christmas@Trinity

In true Trinity fashion Christmas Festive Fun will take place throughout the month of December. This year we are able to go for a **no cost to families Christmas** (thanks to generous donations from the Parent Council, our TPSA and a local toddler group). Activities include a silent disco, T shirt decorating, community outdoor art gallery, parties, remote theatre visit, a story and a satsuma etc. Everyone at school is determined to make this a Christmas full of fun!

Thank you again

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