



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back. As I am sure you are aware from Thursday, we will be going into a month-long Lockdown. I would like to reassure you that HT Active will still be opening for working parents. The times of HT Active are 3 - 5pm Monday -Thursday and 4pm on Fridays. Please ensure a prompt pick up as the gates will close at 4.05pm. If you arrive after this time, you will have to wait until 5pm to collect your child. The children, as far as possible, will be spilt into two groups Reception and Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. This does mean that the children will be mixing with children from other year groups. This is within government guidance, but I would ask that if your child does attend HT Active then please could you wash their clothes each night and ensure they have a bath or a shower to reduce the risk.

I have updated the Whole School COVID Risk Assessment and this is now on our website. You will see that it states that parents must remain 2m apart and that if you are waiting for a sibling then you must make sure you wait on the grassy area (2m apart) in the carpark and that your child/children stays with you. This is to ensure we all stay safe and reduce the risk.

Mrs McGeehan has written our first Reading Newsletter, please have a look at it, as there is lots of useful information in it. Thank you to Mrs McGeehan for doing this. As you know we are in Barvemeber and the children will be taking part in a daily Maths challenge where they are encouraged to use bar modelling to answer worded problems.

Lastly, **Mass for the Holy Souls:** Archbishop Bernard Longley will celebrate Mass tonight at 7pm (Monday 2nd November), live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral to acknowledge and remember those who have died this year.

We are still unable to invite prospective parents into school due to the new restrictions; we will be putting a virtual tour of the school on our website and inviting prospective parents to take part in a Microsoft Teams meeting where they can visit the school virtually and have a meeting with myself.

Just to remind you, that this Friday's newsletter will be a special Remembrance edition.

Lorna Buchanan

The Prayer

My loving Lord,
Touch my heart, my eyes, my mind
– my whole life.
Let everything that I say, think and do
radiate to the people around me.
Fill my littleness with your greatness



Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Autumn Term	
Throughout November	Barvember Math Challenge
Monday 2 nd November	HT Active Starts 3pm – 5pm
Week commencing 2 nd November	Remembrance Activities
Week commencing 9 th November	Children in Need Week – Joe Wickes themed Activities
Week commencing 16 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 20 th November	Odd Sock Day - Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!
Wednesday 25 th November	No Pens Wednesday A day to put the spotlight on spoken language and communication.
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas at 12pm