

End of Term

I cannot believe that we have reached the final week of term, and the end of another school year! Together as a school community we have navigated ourselves through COVID, which has brought about times of uncertainty and change in what we could expect school life to be.

Yet throughout these uncertain times we have achieved so much together, and a number of successes should also be remembered. Who can forget the Christmas Play written, directed and acted by learners? The many successful learning activities shared on our Google Classroom during Remote Learning? Our winners in East Lothian Game Jam and our winner in a National Writing Competition?

There is so much to be proud of, and I am immensely proud to be part of your children's learning journeys. I look forward with much enthusiasm to the next session and the future success we will achieve.

Finally, I extend my thanks to the school community: to all staff, families, parents and learners who have worked so hard throughout this year, a year like no other!

Nursery

You will all be very aware that Humbie Nursery School is to open again in August. The model we will offer will be in line with 1140 hours. We will offer the 38 week model - full days across term time. We are currently in the process of recruiting staff to lead our Early Years Setting forward, and will share the outcomes of the recruitment process with you when this has been concluded. We look forward to welcoming our children to Humbie Nursery.

Summer Grid

For many the summer holidays are a chance to relax, chill and enjoy the freedom that it brings. We also know that not being at school and the break in routine might make some learners a wee bit anxious. This year we will share with learners a Summer Activity Grid to give an opportunity to take part in a bit of learning. It is completely optional but might be a way to keep a little bit of routine if needed. If you do decide to complete some of the activities, please share your learning with us through Twitter or email. We look forward to hearing from you!

Changes

We understand that there are a lot of changes to staffing, how our school will be organised and to our friends who will return with us next session. As soon as staff have been appointed, we will make every effort to share a little more with you via Groupcall. We will also ensure that we share photos once the work has been concluded on our school building, including the setting up of the nursery, the decoration of our classrooms and the office and staff room set up.

School Meals

While we await further guidance on expected mitigations to remain in place after the summer break, a decision has been made in terms of how school meals will be delivered in East Lothian schools from August 2021.

- Packed lunches will continue be served in classrooms from Wednesday 18th August to Friday 3rd September
- Our expectation is that dining halls will re-open on Monday 6th September, guidance permitting and following updated risk assessment
- Further confirmation will be issued prior to this date

What should I do... if my child tests positive for COVID during the summer break?

It is important that you keep our school and East Lothian Council informed if your child tests positive during the summer break, particularly within the first few weeks. This will help the Health Team to ensure that all contacts are traced.

Please email the details of your child's positive COVID test results to covidinschools@eastlothian.gov.uk. If you do not have access to email, then please call East Lothian Council on **01875 613921**. Thank you for your continued support in our efforts to keep everyone safe.

Leavers

The end of this session means there are a number of staff and learners moving on to new pastures.

To our P7 leavers – as you move onto your High Schools – we will miss you all so much! We will miss your creativity, enthusiasm and I personally will miss your chat! Remember how proud we are of who you have become and look forward to finding out what you will continue to achieve.

To those learners who move onto new schools... We will miss you! Be confident in what you can achieve and know that we are proud of you! We also look forward to finding out more about your future successes and achievements.

To Anna Robinson and Heather Dowdeswell, who have both supported us during recent times. We wish you both much success as you take up new posts, and thank you for all your hard work.

...and Mrs Pearson. Kirsten, I know you have broken hearts through your decision to move on from Humbie Primary. Whilst we all understand why you made your difficult decision, know there is also great sadness. However I know that you will continue to support our wee school and we all wish you the very best in your new role at 'not so very far away' Saltoun Primary. We will miss you!

Primary 1s

We have been excited to welcome our new P1s to Humbie Primary School. Although their transition has not been as we would have liked, we have tried to give them a flavour of what our school is like. We look forward very much to our P1 learners joining us in August and I know that learners will make them feel very welcome.

Returning to school

Staff return to school for inservice days on the 16th and 17th August. We look forward to welcoming learners to school on Wednesday **18th August 2021**.