



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. Our amazing P4-6 drumming performance? The many successful learning activities shared on our Google Classroom during Remote Learning? And of course our Euro-quizzers who won the East Lothian heat and represented us at a very difficult National 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!

**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](mailto: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.

**Nursery**

We very much look forward to welcoming new children into our Nursery which will be offering full days during term time (38 weeks) in line with the 1140 hours model. We are currently recruiting an enthusiastic Early Years Practitioner to work alongside Ms Aylott. We will share with you who the successful candidate is as soon as we can.

**Primary 1s**

We have been excited to welcome our new P1s to Saltoun 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 our current learners will make them feel very welcome.

**Changes**

We understand that there are a lot of changes to staffing and to how our school will look. 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 new fire doors, new kitchens in our Nursery and GP room and improvement to our nursery outdoor area.

**Returning to school**

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

**Leavers**

The end of this session means there are staff and learners who move on to new pastures.

To our nursery leavers... most of our nursery leavers are starting P1 with us, but Katie is going to a different primary school. We look forward to hearing about all your future successes and adventures in P1. We know you will have the best time, but will miss you very much!

Ms Wagenbichler, has made the decision to move to a new setting. Whilst we understand why you have made your difficult decision, know there is also great sadness. You have been a part of many of our current, and past learners' lives as they have passed through our Nursery. I know that everyone will want to wish you much happiness in your new role.

Hannah Lawson has supported learners across the whole school in recent times. We will miss you and wish you much success and happiness in the future.

Alison Brown has this year been instrumental in the support for learners across P1-3. We thank you for all your efforts and the difference you have made to our school.

... and to Pippa Johnson who also moves onto a new post. You have brought enthusiasm and passion to our school and shared this with the lucky learners in P1-3. We will miss you very much but know you will keep in touch with our wee school.

We extend our thanks to each of you for all your hard work...  
*We will miss you!*

**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!

**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 18<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.
- Our expectation is that dining halls will re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, guidance permitting and following updated risk assessment.
- Further confirmation will be issued prior to this date.