



Dear Families,

### **Welcome Back!**

Our pupils and staff have been back in school for almost four weeks and already the summer holidays feel like a distant memory! I know I speak for all of the Burgh team, however, when I say how delightful it is to have our children back in their classrooms and playground without the 'bubbles' that impacted on school life so heavily over the last 18 months. While none of us are under any illusion about the ongoing risks or the need for restrictions to continue, the new term does feel a lot more like the 'normal' school life we've missed so much!

### **School Website Launch and New Vision, Values & Aims!**

Our website has had something of a makeover in recent months and - thanks to the fantastic efforts of our own IT guru Miss. Scott - we are delighted to launch our new-look online hub where you'll soon find everything you need to know about the Burgh. From uniform orders to term dates, nursery enrolment to school improvement plans, or Parent Council information to pupil achievements; it's now all in one place at [www.edubuzz.org/theburgh](http://www.edubuzz.org/theburgh) Please make sure you check it out.

We're also excited to be launching the Burgh's new Vision, Values and Aims shortly after a full consultation with our school community throughout the last year. Look out for more information coming soon...

### **Physical Distancing in and Around the School**

Please remember that only parents of children in P1-P3 are allowed to enter the playground and they must remain within the areas identified for them when waiting to drop-off or collect their child. Only one adult per child should enter the playground, and high school students collecting younger siblings must wait outside the school gates. All visitors to the school, including the playground area, must wear a facemask at all times unless exempt. It is all of our responsibility to ensure that we do everything we can to reduce the risk of infection and to avoid the threat of further school closures.

### **Free Meal and Clothing Grant Entitlement**

With the national free meal entitlement now extended to include all P4 and (from January 2022) P5 pupils, we understand that many families who are eligible to receive free lunches are choosing not to claim them. Families may not all be aware, however, that the Free School Meal allowance also entitles them to an annual clothing grant of £120, as well as free access to all Active Schools sports clubs and activities. Eligible families only need to complete one (online) form to access all three allowances so make sure you don't miss out! Complete the form at: [www.eastlothian.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals](http://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals) today.

### **School Uniform and Clothing**

Now that our expectations around school uniform have been reinstated, it is lovely to see pupils wearing the Burgh school colours again.

We are very aware, however, of the financial pressure that purchasing new uniform has on families, and want to remind you about our spare clothing rail (outside the main entrance) which has plenty of used items of uniform, in great condition, free to families every day. Please just help yourself!

Autumn now seems to be on its way to Musselburgh so can I encourage you to send your child to school with a jacket please, in case of any unexpected showers?

Please also remember that ventilation is key to fighting virus transmission and all classroom windows and doors will remain open as often as possible throughout the day. As the colder months draw in, it will be increasingly important for pupils to have warm clothing on for school each day.

Our pupils are not currently changing their clothes for PE so we would encourage them to dress in warm, casual and comfortable clothing on PE days. Your child's teacher will let you know which days they will be having PE.

# Musselburgh Burgh Primary School

## Newsletter 2 - September 2021

### NHS Flu Vaccination Programme

Our partners from the NHS will be in school to carry out their annual immunisation programme on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November and are keen to administer the nasal spray to as many children as possible.

With the impact of Covid, it is more important than ever to reduce the pressure on the NHS and to protect our most vulnerable family members and friends. For this reason, school staff are also being given the option of having the flu vaccine in school this year.

### Communication

Unfortunately, our 'phone-first' policy continues to be in place due to the necessary restrictions on visitors to the school. For the time being, all appointments must be scheduled in advance and any issues should be raised by emailing or calling the school office. Please do not email teaching staff directly as we cannot guarantee these messages will always be picked up regularly.

If your child has an issue or a fall-out with another child in school, please encourage them to let staff know about it so that it can be investigated and dealt with at the time. Usually, small incidents can be resolved quickly and effectively by school staff but, in the case of more serious incidents, we will sometimes call the parents of all children involved.

A few parents have expressed concern about being approached by other adults in the playground regarding their children's behaviour. This can come across as angry and, occasionally, threatening and we would urge you not to approach people in this way.

It should go without saying that adults should never approach somebody else's child directly, in the school playground or anywhere else. Thank you for your co-operation.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about anything that is happening in school this term. The continued support of all of our families is welcome and gratefully received, and we will always do everything we can to work in partnership with you to meet the needs of our children.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Jon Doyle  
Head teacher

10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## DIARY DATES

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Walk to School Week

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> & Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Sept**

September break - school closed

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Sep - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Oct**

Maths Week Scotland

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> October**

4.00-7.00pm

Parent Consultation Evenings  
(Virtual via Google Meet)  
Appointment times to follow

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

October Holiday

Finish at 12.20pm/12.30pm

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

In service day for school staff

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Pupils return to school

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

7-9pm - Burgh Parent Council

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Anti-Bullying Week:  
"One Kind Word"

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Flu vaccinations (nasal spray)

## Everything is possible



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