



# Musselburgh Burgh Primary School

## Newsletter 5 - January 2022



Dear Families,

### Welcome Back!

As we begin the first full week back after the Christmas break, I'm sure that for many the holidays will already feel like a distant memory! I do though hope that all of our families were able to enjoy a safe and healthy period of rest and feel refreshed for the new year ahead.

The new term has got off to a positive start although the return to indoor class bubbles, while necessary, is arguably disappointing. As you will know from recent communications, all East Lothian school dining halls remain closed and pupils are currently eating packed lunches and hot snacks in their classrooms. This restriction will be in place until 21<sup>st</sup> January initially, and we hope to be able to return to our full menu shortly after.

### Free Lunches for Primary 5

On the subject of lunches, I am delighted to let families know that the national free meal entitlement has now been further extended to include all Primary 5 pupils from the start of this term. We understand that many families who are eligible to receive free lunches are choosing not to claim them. However, families may not all be aware 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.

### Big Bedtime Read

This term we are very excited to be launching the Burgh's *Big Bedtime Read* project. The Big Bedtime Read will focus on raising awareness of the importance of parents and carers reading with their child regularly and encouraging them to read a story together each night. It includes an emphasis on establishing good bedtime routines and finding opportunities throughout the day to engage children in positive reading experiences.

The project will run from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March and pupils will participate in a variety of [reading and sleep related activities in school. Our first event will be a 'pyjama day' on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January when pupils and staff are invited to wear their pyjamas to school! More information about the activities planned and how you and your family can get involved will follow next week.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about anything that is happening in school this term.

Jon Doyle  
Head teacher

11<sup>th</sup> January 2022



**It's kind to remind  
each other to  
keep testing  
ourselves, even  
when vaccinated**

**You can still transmit Covid-19 when fully vaccinated and by testing regularly you can help protect others.**

### DIARY DATES

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Launch of the  
**Big Bedtime Read!**

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January

7-9pm - Burgh Parent  
Council

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January

The Big Bedtime Read  
Pyjama Day

#### 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> January

Scots Week

#### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Free Play Friday

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February

12.20/30pm - All break

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February

In-Service for staff

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Pupils return

