



GLENCORSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MARCH 2021

'A small school building big dreams'

Welcome back. It has been so good to have all our children back at school again and to see you all. Although the children are settling in well, we are aware that they may feel anxious for some time to come. Please do not hesitate to contact us if this is the case.

Statutory Consultation Report

As you are aware the Consultation Report for closure of Glencorse was considered by Midlothian Council on 19th January and approved. Notification of Council decision has been sent to Scottish Ministers who will consider the decision of the Council. This will take up to 8 weeks from the Council decision. To date we are still waiting on the outcome. We will inform you of the decision as soon as we are made aware of it.

- Parents are reminded that they should not enter school buildings unless required. If you are collecting your child early from school, then please press the buzzer and your child will be brought to you. If you do require to enter the building you must wear a face mask.
- If arriving by car, parents should park further away from the school and then walk with your child to avoid congestion.

Organisation of the School Day

- Once again the back door will be open from 8.40am with school starting at 8.50am.
- Children will leave school via the back door - 3.15pm Mondays - Thursdays and at 12.25pm on Fridays.
- Parents are reminded that if they do enter the playground they should wear a mask and maintain social distancing of 2 metres.

Curriculum

This term the children had already requested to find out about plastic pollution in the oceans so this will be the focus of our 'project' work.

I will discuss project ideas with the children for our final term.

Science Project

This term as part of our Science work, Vibrations and Waves, will be making musical instruments out of recyclable material. We would appreciate if you would please forward plastic bottles,

toilet roll holders and anything you can think of that would make a great instrument! Thank you.

- **PE**

On Fridays your child will be doing PE outside, weather permitting. Please note that your child can get changed in school, wear PE kit under uniform or come to school wearing joggers. Children can now have a change of shoes in school.

Thank you.

- **H&WB**

We are allowed to go for local walks as long as we choose quiet places where we will not come into contact with lots of other people. We hope to do this as often as possible - weather permitting - so please make sure that your child has a coat and is wearing sensible shoes. Thank you.

We will use the 'Out of School' permission slips you have already completed. Please inform the office if any of your contact details have changed. Thank you.

First Minister's Reading Challenge

This year pupils will be taking part in the above challenge. The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage children to read for pleasure and to foster a love of reading and books. Children will be issued with a reading passport where they should keep a record of books they read.

We have also made a display in our school library where every child has their own 'bookcase'. Children will add a book spine to their bookcase to share the books they have read.

Parent Consultations

We will be holding Parent Consultations in March. However due to COVID-19 restrictions this will have to be done differently - either through Zoom or telephone or perhaps we can arrange for a parent to come into school at the end of a day so we can have a face to face chat (mask to mask chat!) or maybe we can even have a chat in the playground - weather permitting!!

More information will follow once we receive further advice from Midlothian Council.

In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions about your child.

Important information

- **Contacting the school**

Parents are reminded that if they are unable to collect their child on time at the end of the day, they should contact the school as soon as possible. Please note there may be times when staff have to leave promptly at the end of the day. Please contact the school on **0131 271 4590**

- **Letters and Notices**

Please ensure that you check your child's school bag or ask them to check if they have any letters for your information. Sometimes letters are not being removed from schoolbags and parents therefore are not receiving important information.

Please note that reminder notices may also be posted on the front door and in the sheds, on Seesaw or the school website glencorse.mgfl.net for your information.

Thank you for your co-operation in regard to the above requests.

World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on March 4th the children have been asked to bring their favourite book to school. Please find attached a World Book Day voucher worth £1.00 which can be redeemed at any participating bookshop until 28th March 2021.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 19th March the children have, once again, decided that they would like to have a fundraising event in aid of Red Nose Day. We hope that as many children as possible will join our fun morning by wearing something 'Red'. This will cost £1.00.

Thank you.

COVID-19

Please remember you should not send your child to school if they show any symptoms of COVID-19:

- fever/high temperature (37.8c or greater)
- a continuous cough
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste.

If your child has had a test for COVID, we must have visual confirmation of a negative test result before a child can return to school. Thank you.

Easter Holidays

School closes at 3.15pm on Thursday 1st April, and resumes for all on Tuesday 20th April at 8.50am.

We hope that you have a lovely holiday.

