

Friday 12th June 2020



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Phased Return Update

It has been lovely to have more children back in school over the last two weeks. They have thoroughly enjoyed being back and the noise of children in school again is a sign that we continue to move back towards a new normal. The staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure that the environment has been welcoming and they have appreciated all your messages of thanks and support. A few changes to our drop off and collection procedures have been made and I would ask you to take the time to read the letter that has been sent. We are all mindful of this important time for our year 5 children and we hope to update you next week regarding our plans to possibly have them in school for sometime before the end of term. We look forward to welcoming more children back in eligible year groups from Monday.

Letters Home

We are trialling releasing letters by email. We would welcome your thoughts on this over the coming weeks. Please could you supply any updated email addresses to the office.

Rags 2 Riches

Thank you to FOES who have continued to collect donations. If you would like to drop bags directly to school, please leave them by the door to the technology room (on the car park) on Tuesday 16th June as they are being collected the following day.

Home Learning

We know the challenges that this can bring for children and parents at home. We want to share some of your success from home on our newsletter next week. If you have any projects or pieces of work that the children are particularly proud of please send a picture of this to the school office.



Brave the Shave!

Isla has made the brave decision to shave her hair in support of Macmillan cancer. We are very proud of her and her efforts to raise money for a truly wonderful cause that is close to many people's hearts. Her fundraising page is <https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/isla-johnstone> **Isla has now surpassed her £1,000 target! There is still time to donate if you would like to.**



We expect all of the children to follow our 6 key school values all of the time and this half term we are focussing on 'Responsibility'.



Staffing September 2020

As the 31st May teacher resignation deadline has passed, we are now able to share with you the class structure for September 2020. At present, all classes will be below 23 which means we can continue to provide a small nurturing environment for children.

Class	Year Groups	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
1	Nursery & Reception	Mrs Louise Bishop (T-F) Mr Aaron McDonagh (M)	Mrs Jo Stone (M-T) & Mrs Amanda Hyett (W-F)
2	Year 1 & 2	Mrs Leila Steele (M-W) Mrs Claire Marks (Th-F)	Mrs Liz Crumpton (Tues-Thur)
3	Year 3 & 4	Mrs Mary Dodd	Mrs Liz Crumpton (M & F) Mrs Caroline Waller (Tues)
4	Year 4 & 5	Mr Scott Tranmer	Mrs Caroline Waller (W-Thur)

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4th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all been keeping safe at this unprecedented time. Going back to school will be an anxious time for many children which is why I want to give children the opportunity to join a weekly Zoom Yoga class. This will be carried out in the comfort of your own home using a Yoga mat if you have one available.

Yoga has many benefits for children including:

- Develops strength, coordination and balance
- Promotes acceptance and tolerance of others
- Improves focus and concentration
- Provides a range of calming techniques
- Supports positive physical and mental health

Day and Time	Number of sessions	Cost	Year Groups
Friday: 4 - 4.45pm	6	£24	ALL

The first session will run on Friday 12th June 2020. To secure your child's space, please email this form to littleyogico@gmail.com and make payment via bank transfer:

Mrs S Harris Account number: 16291075 Sort code: 07 01 16

Please ensure payment includes your name and reference as YOGA. Please email to confirm you have sent payment. Once I have received payment I will email the Zoom code and password.

Child's Name:	Year Group:	
School:		
Name of person making the bank transfer		
Details of any medical conditions		

Look forward to working with your little yogis!

Best wishes

Steph Harris





DIGITAL DRAMA

Zoom Red Banana Drama

School years 3-6

Kerry is offering online drama sessions via Zoom. Come and have fun with friends!!

Sessions will be fully interactive and energetic with theatre games, improvisation and drama exercises adapted and created for an online experience. They will promote play, communication, confidence, and be hugely enjoyable!

If your child has not done drama before this is a great way for them to have a go without feeling any expectation or pressure to perform, just the opportunity to have fun and be creative!

The classes will run for 5 weeks every Tuesday at 3pm – 4pm beginning on 30th June -28th July.

Cost for 5 Weeks is £25

Kerry has run drama classes in Dumbleton Village hall since 2004 but has recently taken a break to retrain as a counsellor for young people. She would now like to offer the drama classes online so that the craziness of red banana drama can continue!

Classes will be limited to 15 participants. 8 participants are needed for the sessions to run. A zoom link and a password will be sent the morning of each workshop. On clicking the link children will enter a waiting room and will be accepted by Kerry when identity is confirmed. Headphones are advised but not necessary.

For more information or to book a place please contact Kerry at redbananadrama@yahoo.co.uk or on 07828415470

www.redbananadrama.com

More classes may run after this date depending on the changing situation.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Please see latest government advice...

New helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk 8am to 6pm (Mon-Fri)

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june>

Caring, Sharing, Believing and Achieving Together