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Newsletter 9 (Mini)

Summer is here and our Hill has exploded with green leaves and wildlife. The nights are light and, although the weather has been a little mixed, there has been some sunshine to enjoy!

We have been out and about delivering **food hampers, work packs and devices** to some of our families. Your waves and big smiles from the window were wonderful! These devices and food parcels have been made possible by your generosity and I would like to offer my sincere thanks to families who have donated devices or funds. You are truly making a difference! If you would like to donate, please email the school office.

Home Learning Update

Our Home Learning offer, accessed via our website (and for some classes MS365), will continue. Please remember that these activities and programmes of work should not be seen as something which must be followed religiously and which therefore becomes an added burden on the family; the suggested timings offered in the programme below will be supportive for some families and impossible for others. If necessary use home learning in little bursts and break it up with reading for enjoyment, exercise and other activities. It is not essential that everything gets done and it is certainly not wise to attempt to have learners race through the material and then have nothing to do. Please assess the work supplied and gauge how to pace it. If this seems too much – that will be fine too. **If you can, please prioritise our Friday Assembly (9:30am); keeping connected is very important!**

Thank you to those of you in P1, P2, P3, P6 and P7 who completed our home learning survey; feedback was over-whelming positive! We are delighted that you are enjoying the tasks set and are keen to get feedback from your teacher! P4 and P5- your feedback form is currently live!

A few more Home Learning updates:

- as staff have settled in to a home learning 'rhythm' tasks are being published further in advance; this should be supportive as families try to juggle their time
- you will now find the **set prayers** for each class available on the school website for your reference
- there are currently no plans to introduce P1 and P2 pupils to MS365
- we are exploring the option of a Teams Pupil Meeting in Primary 7; details to follow
- staff are busy preparing for the new term ahead; there will be no teaching videos in the last two weeks of term
- in the last two weeks of term you will see a personal project task for all learners in P2-P7; this will be an extra opportunity for our learners to read and write in context for a real purpose
- in the last two weeks of term there will be further flexibility in the numeracy provision across all stages; this should allow for revision of work covered and perhaps more time to work on the personal project detailed above

There will inevitably be ongoing challenges with logins and access; simply email us at the school office if you are having difficulties. We continue to support families access online learning. We appreciate that home

learning requires devices and internet access. If you are finding it difficult to arrange access to the internet for your child for any reason, please contact the school office so we can explore ways to support you.

The **Pupil Parliament** have worked hard all year making suggestions and improvements across our school. Find out more about their work at <https://foxcovertprimary.wordpress.com/pupil-parliament/> You will see that they wanted to find out everyone's views about the **school tie**. Staff and pupils have already been surveyed but we would like to know what you as parents think too! Visit <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=af6sSGo3tUKfacnke7-5xEKxFtMeQnIGI5FjuejMIPIUNTJSRTdSODAzRTc3VTIMWDBYRkc0Wlc2NC4u> and complete our survey. Please note that we may not be able to implement any change next session but the pupils would still like to connect with you and gather your opinion.

Our staff team continues to support in the St Augustine's **Hub**. Find out more at <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

Pupils moving to **S1 in August** this year would normally spend three days visiting their new high school in June. Due to current restrictions, we are changing how we do this. This year we are running three days of activities from Tuesday 16 to Thursday 18 June; the days our P7 pupils would have spent at high school. This is to help pupils say goodbye to their primary school and to welcome them to high school. Primary schools are sending all P7 pupils a pack with details of the activities. At primary school our P7s learnt about building resilience, through the character Skipper, and the tools we need for coping with the ups and downs of life. As they leave primary school, they will be leaving Skipper behind, but they will be taking these tools with them as they go off to secondary school.

Those of you who have pupils in the **Sacramental Classes** will have heard from Father Jeremy regarding possible plans for the future. More details to follow.

Sports Day 2020 was great fun. Many thanks to all those athletes who participated!

We all have a **duty to protect children**, whether we are professionals or private individuals. If you think a child is being or is at risk of being abused or neglected, speak to:

- Social Care Direct by calling 0131 200 2324
- the Police by calling 101 or in an emergency 999
- a member of staff at school
- any Health Professional

We are keen to support you in anyway we can. If you need to **talk to us** about any matter- big or small- please email the school admin account admin@foxcovert-rc.edin.sch.uk Please do not send emails directly to individual staff or message them via twitter or MS365. Thank you very much for supporting our staff in this small way; it greatly reduces workload.

Finally, please look out for the wonderful **St Andrew's Community Magazine**. Thank you so very much to all those who offered content. It is a wonderful record of life at this unprecedented time.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Favier

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