

# Gourdon Primary School Newsletter



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Welcome to Term 4! I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. Please read on to find out what we have planned from now until the end of this term. We have done our best as always to plan as much as we can for this term and appreciate your understanding if the planned events and activities have to be changed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

As always, if you would like to know any further details, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Miss Wells (Head Teacher)

**CORONAVIRUS**  
**STAY SAFE**  
**PROTECT OTHERS**  
**SAVE LIVES**

Our school is only as safe as everyone helps to make it and so I would ask everyone to continue to ensure they keep themselves and their families up to date by reading through the Risk Assessment available on our school website: <https://gourdon.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/>

Click the link: [https://gourdon.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/letters-sent-home/ecs-covid\\_19-risk-assessment-for-schools-15th-march-2021/](https://gourdon.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/letters-sent-home/ecs-covid_19-risk-assessment-for-schools-15th-march-2021/) and continue to ensure they follow the guidance.

Due to increased ventilation, pupils should have additional layers of clothing with them at school as well as waterproofs. The weather is very changeable as you are aware and P.E. can only take place indoors for non-contact, low impact activities.

Thank you for your continued support.

## 5 important steps

to help our schools and childcare settings stay open



Adults wear a face covering at drop off/pick up



Stick to one adult at drop off/pick up



Adults keep 2 metres apart



Avoid car sharing



Self-isolate if anyone in your household has symptoms

For up to date information, support and advice visit [parentclub.scot](http://parentclub.scot)

Protecting all of us, takes all of us



## P7-S1 Transition

Our P7 to S1 Transition is already underway. The transition is virtual this year via Google Classroom, with Google Meets as well as a face-to-face visit from Mackie PSAT staff.

Whilst P7s will be engaging with their transition activities with Mrs Christie, P6s will have dedicated time to engage with activities supporting their transition to P7 and their additional leadership opportunities with Miss Wells.



## Pre-School Transition

Pre-school transition will also take place this term and information detailing transition events will be sent to pre-school pupils and their families.

## Scottish Poetry Competition



Our Scottish Poetry Competition will take place from Tuesday 4th May with finalists being chosen by Friday 14th May. All poems will be posted onto See Saw again to help support pupils.

Good luck to everyone and I look forward to hearing your performances.

## Health and Wellbeing

P1 will have a visit from the Community Police and their vehicle on Monday 10th May.

P6/7 will have a virtual Teams 'meet' with Royal Navy on Wednesday 12th May.

Our Health week is starting on Monday 24th May to Friday 28th May. Throughout that week classes will take part in the sports events. Due to current restrictions, classes will take part in their sports events within their assembly bubbles, socially distanced outside and unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to spectate.



Pupils will still be earning house points towards their House Shield as well as Sports Champion.

All pupils should come to school wearing PE clothing during Health week to enable them to take part in outdoor activities.

## Eco-Warriors

Our Eco-reps will be meeting this term with Mrs Cormack to look at improving our school grounds and recycling.

## Visible Learning

Ms McDonald will be meeting with our Visible Learning team this term to create our next Learning character. We look forward to sharing the pupil's designs and overall winner.

## P7 Legacy Day

Our P7 pupils have begun to engage with their Legacy project for this term. We have the opportunity to work with commissioned artist, Robyn Woolston. The project is to be part of the design, consultation and creation process with our community to produce two Book Swap stations for Gourdon. Please follow the link to find out more via the project blog:  
<https://gourdonbookswapstations.tumblr.com>



We have also started to plan the P7's Legacy celebrations. On Friday 18th June, the P7s may be doing something odd in the playground, but don't worry, silent discos always look strange to those who are not dancing like no-one is watching! The P7s will also be working on their Legacy remembrance to capture their seven year journey through primary school and looking forward to their next exciting chapter.

## Prize Giving

Prize giving will take place on Monday 14th June with classes attending in their assembly bubbles. Again, due to current restrictions, we are unable to invite parents but we will of course share pupil's awards via See Saw.

## Parent Consultation for Proposed Changes to School Hours

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the parental consultation for a proposed change to our school hours. 48 out of 63 families responded with their thoughts to the proposed changes.

Due to our current Covid situation and uncertainty for what August 2021 will look like for our school and our families, I have had to make the decision to postpone the consultation process at the moment.

This means that I will not be making any changes to our school hours at the moment and for August 2021.

## Reporting to Parents

As you are aware, we have been reporting to parents constantly via See Saw, sharing progress, new learning as well as celebrations and achievements.

From August 2021, we will no longer be using See Saw as our pupil profile and reporting tool and instead be changing to Google Classroom via GLOW.



This decision has been made at Authority level and is out with my control. However, all pupils and staff are engaging with Google Classroom this term and pupils have made a very positive start and have been teaching myself a few things as well!

We will of course share with you support and guidance to support the accessing of Google classroom from home in August 2021.

As we are unable to have face to face meetings with parents due to current restrictions, this term parents will be invited to have a phone conversation with class teachers instead.

Parents will be able to choose a time and date online for their 10-minute phone appointment. Class teachers will be able to share pupil progress and attainment with families.

Online booking for appointments will be sent out next week.

## PE—Term 4 (April to June)

PE will continue to take place outside as often as possible and so outdoor PE shoes and suitable clothing should be worn to school on PE days.

Although Covid-19 guidance has changed, we are only allowed to take part in non-contact, low impact activities indoors which obviously limits what can be planned for pupils.

Additional clothing including a change of socks and trousers is proving very helpful to pupils and PE sessions as the ground is not always dry and the weather has been changing dramatically.

Please still ensure no jewellery is worn for PE and tape earrings if ears are newly pierced as staff are not allowed to take out or put in earrings. Hair being tied up for all PE lessons is also very helpful.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Mondays - P1 have PE**

**Wednesdays —P2/3 have PE**

**Thursdays —P4/5 and P6/7 have PE**



## Dates for you Diary



Monday 3rd May—Holiday school closed to all pupils and staff

Tuesday 4th May—Scottish Poetry Competition begins

Monday 24th May to Friday 28th May—Health Week

Monday 14th June—Prize Giving

Friday 18th June—P7 Legacy afternoon

Friday 25th June—Term 4 ends

Tuesday 17th August—Term 1 begins