



Strathesk
Primary School

Weekly Mail Drop
2nd September 2022

(Our weekly mail drop will continue to be sent out each **Friday** this year)

We have had another great week in school and we've enjoyed lots of outdoor learning in the sunshine. Children have started using the changing rooms again which is great. Thank you to those of you who are sending your child to school with a PE kit for PE and outdoor learning. If you aren't sure what day your child has PE and outdoor learning, please check with your child's class teacher. We ask that all children bring a change of clothes with them on their PE and outdoor learning days. Thank you for your support with this. There is additional clothing in school, including school uniform, so please chat with Ali Turbitt (our Home School Practitioner) if you could make use of this.

Thank you for encouraging your children to cycle or scoot to school. The children have been great at dismounting at the school gates for the safety of others in the playground. Can you please remind them to wear helmets for their own safety when cycling or scooting?

There are a few children in school who are allergic and/or afraid of animals, and dogs in particular. We ask therefore that you do not bring animals into the playground, even if on a lead. Thank you for supporting us with this.

We have a number of children with food intolerances and allergies in school. As a result we are a NUT FREE ZONE so please check that snacks or lunch items are totally nut free. This includes many chocolate spreads such as Nutella. Should children have items containing nuts with them accidentally, we will remove these to the office for collection and contact you to arrange for an alternative. The risk of cross contamination for some of our children is highly significant so we appreciate your support with this.

I had hoped to share the annual calendar with you today but we are building more opportunities into the calendar this year for families to join us in school and it is taking a little longer to complete as a result. I will share it with you next week together with a breakdown of our School Quality Improvement Plan for this year and an evaluation of our progress from last year.

Mr Armstrong is leading digital learning this year. There will be a curriculum evening later this month (details to follow) when we will share more curriculum information with you. In the meantime, he has asked me to share the following with you:

We have been covering internet safety this week with P5-7. As increasing numbers of children have accounts on social media sites/apps, we recommend that parents/carers regularly check that their child's privacy settings are correctly configured.

We respectfully suggest that children use the strictest privacy settings (e.g. *Friends only*) and only connect with people they know in 'real life' and that they do not:

- have profiles if they are below the required age for the app/site
- use their own photograph as their profile picture (these are often public, even if the profile is private)
- use their own name as a username
- post locations (sometimes this is on by default)
- post private information (age, email address, phone number etc)



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You might remember last year, I sent out a survey on homework and one on how we share your child's learning with you eg. annual reports and parent consultations. I am currently using your feedback to update these areas and I will share our amended policies with you shortly. Between now and the September weekend, teachers may begin sharing some home learning ideas with you on Seesaw or Google classroom and homework/home learning will begin on a weekly basis from the week beginning Monday 26th September.

Please have a lovely weekend, everyone. Take care and look after yourself and your family.

Pauline Maer