We will also be distributing book vouchers when these are received in school to pupils in P1-P3 and then to our P4-P7 pupils when they return to school.

## **Parent Consultations**

Our Parent Consultations were scheduled to take place in school on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th March. With current guidance we will not be able to do this.

Consultations will take place as they did previously in November 2020. We will allocate you a day and a time period for your child's consultation and your child's class teacher will call you. Please note that this call may come from the school number or a withheld number.

Please note that we cannot accommodate specific time slots or change days at this time. We appreciate your support with this.

### P4-P7 Return to School

At this time, the Scottish Government has indicated that P4-P7 pupils might return to school with effect from the 15th March 2021.

At this time we have no further information with regards to this and will look to hear more information, like you, from the Scottish Government.

As soon as we have guidance and information with regards to this we will communicate it to you as quickly as we can.

At present, P4-P7 pupils remain working remotely at home. While we recognise that this is challenging for families, we know you will support with this. Please note that where a child is not engaging our current guidance means that we must contact families and encourage you to encourage your child to participate in learning. There is a process to undertake for all schools if a child is not participating in learning.

We thank you for your continued support and the innovative approaches families have taken to support with learning at this time.

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# School Newsletter February 2021 Be the best we can be

It has been another strange beginning to 2021 with very few pupils in school and most families learning from home.

Thank you to all of our families for your support during this time. I know it has been difficult for many in a range of ways, including juggling working from home and supporting your children with their learning. This is no mean feat, and one which our teaching and support staff have also been doing. We thank you all for your support and your commitment to ensuring your children continue to learn as best as they can with your support at home.

It has been lovely welcoming our P1-P3 pupils in to school over the last week and having the noise and hustle of the school starting again. Our pupils have been fantastic, settling in well and have been so enthusiastic to be back in our building.

Our whole staff team are really looking forward to seeing our P4-P7 pupils back in school as soon as we can, and have our fingers crossed that all goes well and everyone in our school is back on the 15th March.

Thank you again for your support of our school, it really is much appreciated.

L Walker

## **Staffing Updates**

We have had changes to our staff team since returning to school in January.

Our school was given the opportunity to secure a second full time permanent depute head teacher. Interviews have taken place and we are delighted to inform you that Mr Wilson has been successful at interview.

Mr Wilson has shown great commitment to the community of Mayfield in his time here, and has been Acting Depute for a period of time.

We are delighted that he has been successful and can now be our second Depute Head Teacher on a permanent basis with Mrs Dingwall.

Please be sure to congratulate him the next time you see him!

We are really sad to share that Anne-Marie Fowlds our Home School Practitioner left her post on Friday. Anne-Marie has been a fantastic support in our school community to both our families and our staff, and will be sorely missed.

Our school team would like to thank Ann-Marie for her commitment to our families and the tireless support she has given to ensure all of our families have the supports that they are entitled to.

We will be interviewing for the post of Home School Practitioner on Monday 1st March and will communicate the outcome of this to all families.

Mrs Hackett has returned from her maternity leave in January and is thoroughly enjoying being back in school. Mrs Hackett will be supporting across the school each Wednesday to Friday for the remainder of this school session. We are delighted to have her back!

Mrs Skene, our new Support for Learning Teacher, joined our school in January. Mrs Skene has settled in to school life well and is getting to know all of our pupils and supports required. Mrs Skene will be contacting families with regards to supports and is already working with pupils. We are delighted she has joined our team, and that this vital role is now re-established within our school.

Mr Wood will be starting as a teacher in our school on the 22nd March. Mr Wood will be working in classes across the school including P1W on a Monday, P2 and P3/4 one day per week. We are sure you will join us in welcoming him when he starts!

#### World Book Day

World Book Day takes place this Thursday (4th March) in school. To support this we are asking that all pupils in school come in their pyjamas as a dress down day. Pupils will have the opportunity to share stories across the school day.

For those pupils who are working at home, we would encourage you to stay in your pyjamas and share some photos of you learning or reading in an unusual place across the school day. These should be shared through Seesaw.