



January Newsletter

Welcome to our January newsletter.

I hope you and your families had a peaceful and relaxing holiday. I know that not everyone celebrated in the way that they had planned but I hope that you managed to have some family time. The children have settled back into school life very well following the holidays and we are looking forward to another busy term. If there is any support we can offer, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Emma McGill

Headteacher

COVID Update

Prior to the Christmas break the Scottish Government updated the document “Guidance on Reducing Risks in School” to reflect approaches based on the emergence of the Omicron variant. I have highlighted some of the key points to this and our response below.

Recommendations:

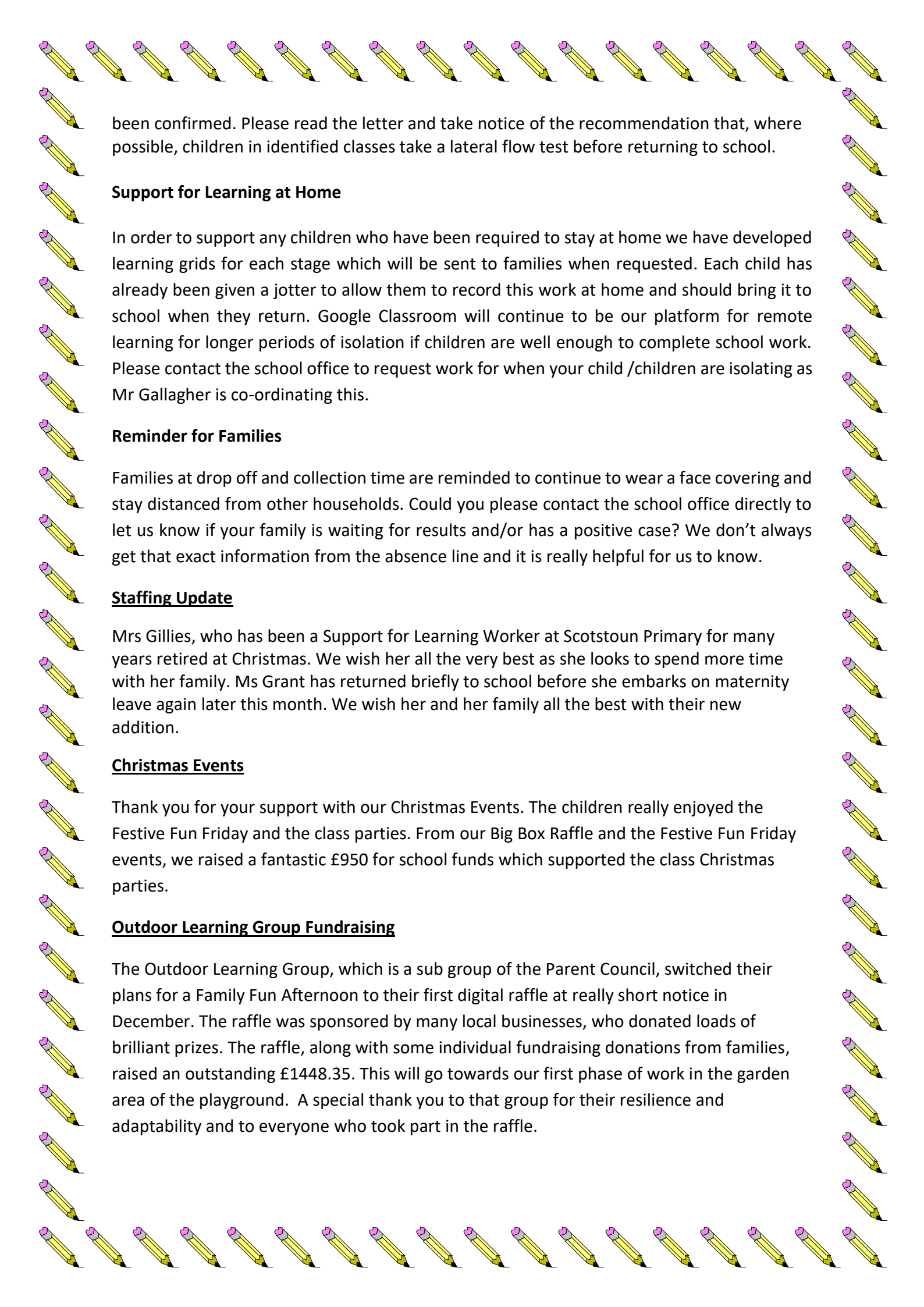
- A strengthened approach to minimising contacts, primarily through the reintroduction of groupings where practicable indoors.
- Tightened restrictions on school visitors, including a return to parent councils and other activities being precluded from operating on the school estate.
- Updated guidance on the required approach to ventilation and CO2 monitoring.

Response:

- We have kept our class groupings as bubbles, on the whole, since August so we will continue with this approach. I have spoken to our after-school provider who has implemented the move to smaller bubbles already and we have done the same in the Breakfast Club.
- We are keeping the number of adults in school to a minimum however, recognising that there are some times where it is necessary to meet with families face to face when there are barriers to a child’s learning or wellbeing. We have not started face to face parent council meetings.
- Glasgow City Council guidance on ventilation is regularly revisited with staff to ensure that classrooms are well ventilated but not too cold during the winter months. Approaches such as opening the windows and doors during playtime and lunchtimes supports this.

In school contact

As before children mixing in schools are deemed to be ‘low risk contacts’. We will continue to send out the Public Health advice letter via email to the families where a positive case has



been confirmed. Please read the letter and take notice of the recommendation that, where possible, children in identified classes take a lateral flow test before returning to school.

Support for Learning at Home

In order to support any children who have been required to stay at home we have developed learning grids for each stage which will be sent to families when requested. Each child has already been given a jotter to allow them to record this work at home and should bring it to school when they return. Google Classroom will continue to be our platform for remote learning for longer periods of isolation if children are well enough to complete school work. Please contact the school office to request work for when your child /children are isolating as Mr Gallagher is co-ordinating this.

Reminder for Families

Families at drop off and collection time are reminded to continue to wear a face covering and stay distanced from other households. Could you please contact the school office directly to let us know if your family is waiting for results and/or has a positive case? We don't always get that exact information from the absence line and it is really helpful for us to know.

Staffing Update

Mrs Gillies, who has been a Support for Learning Worker at Scotstoun Primary for many years retired at Christmas. We wish her all the very best as she looks to spend more time with her family. Ms Grant has returned briefly to school before she embarks on maternity leave again later this month. We wish her and her family all the best with their new addition.

Christmas Events

Thank you for your support with our Christmas Events. The children really enjoyed the Festive Fun Friday and the class parties. From our Big Box Raffle and the Festive Fun Friday events, we raised a fantastic £950 for school funds which supported the class Christmas parties.

Outdoor Learning Group Fundraising

The Outdoor Learning Group, which is a sub group of the Parent Council, switched their plans for a Family Fun Afternoon to their first digital raffle at really short notice in December. The raffle was sponsored by many local businesses, who donated loads of brilliant prizes. The raffle, along with some individual fundraising donations from families, raised an outstanding £1448.35. This will go towards our first phase of work in the garden area of the playground. A special thank you to that group for their resilience and adaptability and to everyone who took part in the raffle.



Parent Council

Following the AGM in December, we have some changes to our Parent Council. Welcome to Maria Kalantaki (Chair) and Aytakin Mustafayeva (Secretary), Ian Downie is continuing on as Treasurer. Many thanks to Katharine Kelly (Co-Chair), Mike Montgomery (Co-Chair) and Yvonne McCumisky (Secretary) who have contributed greatly to the work of the Parent Council this year and who have been a fantastic support during my first year here as headteacher. They will remain as part of the Parent Council.

Digital Consultation

As you know we have recently start using Seesaw as a home school link allowing you a greater insight into the work your child/children are carrying out in class and also to replace the paper learning logs which we used to send out each term. We would like to get your views on how that is going and also around other aspects of our digital offer. To support this, Lynn MacKenzie, our Digital Leader of Learning, has developed a short questionnaire which we will send out to you in the coming week. We would really appreciate if you were able to complete this survey which will help to shape our digital offer moving forward. Thank you.

Health and Safety

Could you please ensure that all your child's emergency contact details are up to date? If you have changed phone numbers or email address or if your child has a medical condition which may be recently diagnosed or changed, please contact the school office to let us know about it.

Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
w/c 17 th January	Class newsletters and homework grids issued
25 th January	Burns Day celebration – the children should wear something tartan
Monday 14 th Feb	Holiday
Tuesday 15 th Feb	Holiday
Wednesday 16 th Feb	In-service day
11 th – 20 th March	British Science Week