Welcome back everyone!

I hope that you all had the most wonderful Easter break whether spent at home or away. This term is a short one – only 10 weeks in total so we are busy with Ardroy, Investiture, Learning Visits, Reports, Nursery Fun Day, Transitions, Sports Day …….. and so much more in quite a short space of time. Please do not forget that the summer holidays are 7 weeks long this year.

We will try to keep everyone up to date using our website (www.fifedirect.org.uk/kennowayps) and via Class Dojo, but here are a few items that hopefully you will find interesting.

Class Organisation 2019–20

I know that at this time of the year many of you will now be wondering how our classes might be organised next session and which class teachers will be allocated to classes.

Although I am not in a position to let you all know the details yet, I should also let you know that as always, we may need to look at composite classes (bringing children from 2 different stages into one class). I appreciate that some parents can be anxious about this, and worry that their child is being “held back”, which most definitely is not the case.

Once I have confirmation on staffing from Fife Council I will be in a better position to update you all.

Fundraising

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our Comic Relief Day before the Easter Break. We raised a grand total of £872.27 - £500 through the sale of Red Noses and £372.27 from the donations made on our Dress Down Day.

Thank you so much everyone.

Staffing

Mrs Jacqueline Robertson joins the Teaching Team on Tuesday 7th May. Mrs Robertson will take up post in P1C.

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We also welcome Miss Ashleigh O'Donnell and Ms Hazel Hamilton temporarily to the Pupil Support Team. We look forward to working with all 3 staff members. I am sure they will enhance our Team even further.

**Reminder**

Can I just remind everyone that dogs are not permitted anywhere in our playground and smoking is not permitted anywhere in our school grounds? This includes the use of electronic cigarettes.

Please respect these Fife Council rules.

**Questionnaires**

On Thursday 9th May our Pupil Team will bring 2 questionnaires home, one for them to complete and one for Parents and Carers. The questions relate to the Wellbeing Indicators which consider how school supports our children to be Safe, Healthy, Attaining, Nurtured, Active, Responsible and Respected and Included (SHANARRI). This work should be completed as a Homework task and returned to school no later than Monday 13th May. The views of our children and our Parents and Carers will help us to identify what our strengths are and what areas we need to improve on.

**Car Park**

I am sure that it has not gone unnoticed...our gates have arrived!

Our Car Park is for Staff and Nursery Parents only.

From Tuesday 7th May gates will be closed between 8.50am and 9.05am and again at 2.50pm until 3.05pm. These gates will not be manned.

I urge any members of the community who have a Disabled Badge to please make sure that they are in the car park before the gates are closed.

As with all new processes I understand it may take a few weeks to get into a new routine however I expect all of our partners to comply with respect and good manners!

**Punctuality & Attendance**

Before the Easter holidays I analysed the whole schools attendance and punctuality figures. As a result I wrote to approximately 95 Parents and Carers of children who had arrived late in school on 6 occasions or more since August. This amounts to just under one quarter of all pupils in P1-7. We must reduce this.

Arriving at school on time is a life skill, one which our children will need as they progress through education and work. Missing only 5 minutes of learning every day amounts to 100 minutes lost in a four week period.

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Please work with us to make sure that your child/children arrive at school in good time.

I also urge everyone to let us know why your child is absent. If we do not hear from you or you do not respond to our text, your child will be recorded as an unauthorised absence in the first instance.

**Relationships and Behaviour Policy**

I would like to remind everyone that our Behaviour and Relationship Policy can be found on our website. If you have any concerns about relationships and behaviour in our school, which includes bullying, please contact the school to let us know. We cannot resolve issues if they are not brought to our attention.

A member of the Leadership Team will be available to meet with Parents/Carers outside school hours if necessary.

**Vision, Values and Aims**

Thank you to everyone who completed the short survey about our newly launched Vision, Values and Aims which were created as a result of feedback from children, staff, parents, carers, partners and members of the wider community.

The results show that almost all parents who responded at Parent Teacher Interviews feel that our Vision, Values and Aims reflect our school and wider community.

Our Vision:
Together We Succeed

Our Values:
Kennoway CARES (Community, Achieve, Respect, Encourage, Support)

Our Aim: Aim HIGH!

**Diary Dates**

**May**

- **6th** – HOLIDAY
- **9th** – Gymnastics Festival at Levenmouth Academy
  - Pupil and Parent Questionnaires home.
- **16th** – Nursery Fun Day
- **20th** – Health Week begins
  - Lego Stem Challenge (P7)
- **21st** – Parent Council Meeting & AGM 6pm
- **22nd** – P4 The Big Strum at Rothes Halls
- **23rd** – Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
• 23rd – European Parliamentary Elections (School Open)
• 24th – House Family Activity afternoon.
• 28th – 9am, 1pm and 6pm – P1 Transition Meetings
  Fife Cluster Maths Event at Levenmouth Academy.
• 29th – P1 Visit to Science Museum at Dundee
  P7 input from Barnardos
• 30th – Investiture Concert & Carnival Ball

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• 2nd – Kirkin’ of the Lad & Lass (St Kenneth’s Parish Church)
• 3rd – **HOLIDAY**
• 4th – **INSET**
• 5th – P7 Visit to Blair Drummond Safari Park
  P4 Deep Sea World
• 6th – P7 Visit to Dundee
  P6 Countryside Day
• 7th – P7 Visit to Fordell Firs
• 9th – Kennoway Carnival
• 10th – Reports and Learning Journey Jotters home
• 11th – Levenmouth Academy Transition Day P7
• 12th – Levenmouth Academy/Bell Baxter Transition Day P7
• 13th – Bell Baxter Transition Day
• 14th – P7 Fire Service Visit
  Nursery Trip
• 19th – P7 First Chances Summer School
  New P1 Team class visits.
• 21st – Friends of Kennoway Fundraiser Day (TBC)
• 24th – House Party
• 25th – Nursery Parties
• 26th – End of Term Assemblies at St Kenneth’s Parish Church (AM)
• 27th – PM – P7 Leavers Service

**Our School closes at 12.30pm on Friday 28th June and reopens to pupils on Wednesday 21st August.**

I will continue to update you all as the term progresses but please feel free to get in touch on 01334 659420 or at jil.simpson@fife.gov.uk

Kindest Regards
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