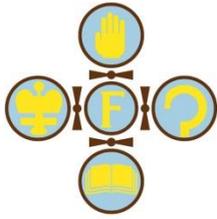


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## Friday Update 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As announced by the Scottish Government we will be moving from Tier 4 to Tier 3 from 6 PM on Friday evening. The impact on school will probably be negligible but we do appreciate everyone's efforts in adhering to the guidance issued as we try to ensure we have minimum spread of the virus.

### **Festive Friday Fun**

Our 'Christmas jumper/Come as You Please' day will continue next week where the children can wear a Christmas jumper or green or red coloured top on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> if they wish. There was a definite buzz in school last week and this. **As we mentioned previously there is no requirement to purchase a Christmas Jumper.**

### **Winter clothing and water bottles**

Substantial shoes should be worn to school during the winter months. A full change of clothes (including underwear) should be in your child's bag every day. Any donations of spare socks that you no longer require would be gratefully received. Appropriate quarantine arrangements will be made to receive any donations and they will be gratefully received.

We also kindly ask that if you choose to send your child to school wearing laced-up shoes, please ensure they are able tie their laces independently.

### **Health and safety Update.**

Please when collecting or dropping off your child: **do not enter the car park on foot or use it as a short cut to access the collection point for the children.** Please also be advised that the Car Park is not accessible while the SCFZ is in operation.

If you and your child arrive in school by taxi it is important that you understand that the school Car Free Zone also applies to you. Only blue badge holders are entitled to access at these times. Please ensure that your driver drops you and your child off on Carmunnock road or on the side streets outside of the restricted area.

### **Donations**

Every Friday in December we have been collecting for the **Little Sisters of the Poor** and for the **Trussel Trust**. Please leave any of the items listed below in the trolleys that we will bring to the gate before and after school on Friday and they can lie in quarantine for the appropriate period. Items required in support of the charities are as follows:

*Trussel Trust – Any donations of non-perishable food items (cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce, lentils, beans and pulses, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea/coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, UHT milk, fruit juice); Household items (laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid); Baby supplies (nappies, baby wipes and baby food)*

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*Little Sisters - toiletries (deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, soap, conditioner, sponges, facecloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand wipes, hand cream, moisturiser etc.); hats, scarves, gloves, socks.*

**We are seeking the help of a van owner to help us transport your amazing donations to the Trussel Trust in Inglefield Street on either Monday Wednesday or Friday next week as Mrs Gibb's car just won't cut it this year due to the sheer volume of your generosity! Please get in touch with us if you are able to assist. We will make sure everything is done in the safest of ways ensuring quarantine and social distancing. Thanks in advance!**

### **COVID related absences**

If you or a member of your household requires a COVID test then all members of the household should isolate until a negative result is confirmed. If your child or a member of your household develops symptoms of COVID 19 and **goes for a COVID test it is essential that this information is communicated directly with the school** so that we can update our records accordingly. Please arrange to collect your child from school if this situation arises **during the school day**. If a child displays any of the symptoms of COVID please do not send them to school.

**Due to current circumstances, please phone the school office to report all absences both COVID and non-COVID.**

**Thank you to all our families for your continuing support.**

### **Google Classrooms**

If you have any digital issues please contact Mrs Gibb through the form system for digital support if you are still not able to access.

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Mrs Gibb been a wonderful support for a number of families and is happy to try to resolve any technical issues.

**It is essential that all children are completing the homework their class teacher sets each week, as homework is directly related to classwork and on-going assessment.**

### **Advent**

We have been staging our whole school Advent Prayers every Friday at 9.15 with all our children over our school PA system. There has been some sad news in the school community recently and we wish to continue to keep our families in our prayers at this time.

*Dear St. Fillan*

*You lived your life studying God's word and bringing His love to others.*

*Help us today to listen to God's voice, to hear His special message for us*

*And to show His love to everyone we meet.*

*We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Brian Bourke, Headteacher.

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