



End of school bell

1st bell – for ground floor

2nd bell – all other floors

GENERAL INFORMATION

Note: *The number in brackets identifies the first week items have appeared in the bulletin. This week is pupil bulletin No.15*

ACHIEVEMENTS – VIRTUAL TOKENS (15)

Well done to 2Fm who received the most virtual tokens in the school from class teachers last week.

Miss lafrate

S1 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION! (15)

The S1 Christmas Celebration will be taking place on Wednesday 16 December, Periods 5 and 6. Dress in your best Christmas outfit and get ready to celebrate for a day full of festive cheer. Tickets are £2 and snacks will also be included. Look out for more information on SMHW and Parentpay. Remember to fill in your survey to secure your place in your favourite Christmas moving!

House Captains

LGBT MEETING (15)

There will be a LGBT meeting in the Theatre on Thursday 10th December at 1:30pm - please come along if you are an LGBT ally; interested in equal rights; or are an existing, former, or potential new member. We will be delighted to see you!

Mrs Carter

PUPIL COUNCIL – MEETING 2 (15)

The 2nd Pupil Council Meeting of the session will take place on Thursday 10th December in the Staff Room. As per previous meeting, the Council is split with Junior S1-4 (Period 4) and Senior S5/6 (Period 5). Pupil Council members will be flagged to attend the appropriate period. S6 Pupil Council Management will attend both periods. Pupil's should register in class first before attending and should bring bags etc with them.

School Captains/Mr Findlay

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER (15)

With the festivities starting to creep in, it is time join in with the Xmas Spirit. What better way to do this than digging out your Xmas Jumper and displaying it alongside uniform on Friday 11th December. To join in with this event, we ask for the usual suggested £1 donation with proceeds going towards the national Save the Children Christmas Jumper Appeal. Merry Christmas!!

Mr Findlay

WELLBEING INDICATOR OF THE MONTH – ACHIEVING (14)

Children & Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Being supported and guided in your learning and in the development of your skills, confidence, and self-esteem at home, at school and in the community.

Mrs Costello

EMPLOYABILITY SKILL OF THE MONTH – USING YOUR INITIATIVE (14)

Simply put, using your initiative means being the person to come up with a good idea and get it off the ground – often, before it's been asked for.

Miss Paterson

LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY (11)

Please can all pupils return any library books they borrowed in the past by posting them in the box outside the library.

Miss Lawson

MEDIA UPDATES (4)

Remember to check the screen in the library, TVs around the school and @Gryffe Pupil Voice Instagram for pupil updates.

School Captains

S1–S3 INFORMATION

S1 – Reminder that all S1 Pupils must remain within the school campus during lunch breaks.

Mrs Brown

S1 – In order to improve the canteen queues, S1 will be allowed out of class 5 minutes early at lunchtime. This is to help S1 pupils however it is expected that all pupils are **in uniform and wearing their blazer**. Should this not be the case then we will consider letting a different year group out earlier.

Mrs Brown

Please note - areas allocated for intervals and lunchtime on wet or inclement weather.

If a 'dry' day, then all pupils should go outside.

Pupils should only access toilets at intervals and lunchtimes as follows and **not walk through the School:**

S1-S3 via the Humanities door to the toilets in that area

If Wet Weather(.. or very cold/windy weather)

If Wet, 2 bell days, pupils will go to their allocated wing/area. At all times pupils use the one-way system.

S1	Mathematics
S2	English
S3	Humanities

For the month of December we will also use the Games Hall so avoid overcrowding in the allocated classrooms.

S4–S6 INFORMATION

S5/6 – NATIONAL 5/HIGHER AND ADVANCED HIGHER PRELIMS

As a result of the current climate we have moved the above Prelims to start on **Thursday 21 January to Tuesday 2 February 2021**. I hope to have a timetable completed before the Christmas break on 18 December 2020 and plan to visit S5 PSE and S6 PPD classes this week to answer any questions you may have. SQA coursework booklets will be issued during these lessons as we cannot have Assemblies at the moment.

Mrs Skillen

Supported Study – Please check the school website for details of Departmental Supported Study, or see Ms Dhesi in Support Base 1.

Ms Dhesi

S6 – Please check SMHW and S6 Facebook page for regular updates.

Mrs Brown

Please note - areas allocated for intervals and lunchtime on wet or inclement weather.

If a 'dry' day, then all pupils, **except S6 carrying out a duty**, should go outside.

Pupils should only access toilets at intervals and lunchtimes as follows and not walk through the School:

S4-S6 via the Tech/Car Park doors to the toilets in that area

If Wet Weather(.. or very cold/windy weather)

If Wet, 2 bell days, pupils will go to their allocated wing/area. At all times pupils use the one way system. Pupils should sit in groups of no more than 6.

S4	Games Hall (... we are not using the small gym any more)
S5	ICT1, ICT2, ICT3, RA2 and ML3
S6	S1&S3 old social areas, main Foyer, Art3 and Art4, up to 9 in the Theatre

PARENT/CARER SECTION

DECEMBER 2020

Monday 7	Parent Council meet Meeting; 7:00 pm start
Thursday 10	Pupil Council Meeting 2 Period 4&5 End of N5 Assessment Diet1
Friday 11	Fundraising Event – Wear Christmas Jumper with your uniform – Event 7

DECEMBER 2020

Monday 14	
Tuesday 15	Virtual Christmas Concert
Wednesday 16	S1 Christmas Celebration
Friday 18	School closes for Holiday; 2.30pm finish

How Parents/Carers can become more involved in our school life:



S5/6 – National 5/Higher and Advanced Higher Prelims

As a result of the current climate we have moved the above prelims to start on **Thursday 21 January to Tuesday 2 February 2021**. Pupils would normally have their timetable by now, however we are finalising how this will work under COVID rules. We hope to have a timetable completed before the Christmas break on Friday 18 December 2020 and plan to post further information regarding this on SMHW this week.

Parents Portal - We have recently launched Parents Portal, a new initiative which gives parents/carers online access to their child's Report Card, Timetable and Attendance Data as well as the facility to update Data Check information held on school records. Details on how to register can be found at :

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/schools/parentsportal>

Face Masks – Thank you for your support - We are having a growing number of pupils arriving at school without a facemask, and/or losing their mask during the school day. There are also more masks being found on the ground both within the school and the local community. This is such an important Health and Safety issue and we would ask for your support in reminding your child about their responsibility to both have and wear a mask.

Please continue to encourage your child to bring a face mask to school, and to wear it in school.

Show My Homework – Please ensure that you have access to this programme as it is our key means of communication to Parents/Carers.