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APRIL 2023 UPDATE

31 March 2023

Dear Parent

Please note the following:

School Calendar Term 3

Monday 1 May	Closed for Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 May	Staff Training- closed for pupils
Monday 8 May	Closed for Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
Thursday 18 May	Closed for Council Elections
Monday 29 May	Closed for Bank Holiday
Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 May	Staff Training- closed for pupils
Friday 30 June	School Closes at 12:15pm

- **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** School opens at 8:45am. Pupils are parents' responsibility until then, unless pupils are booked in for the Morning Club. Just a reminder that parents **SHOULD NOT** enter the playground; pupils should be left at the side gate.
- **Lateness is an ongoing problem.** Please ensure your child is in school for a prompt start at 9:00am. Lateness is recorded and is shown on the pupil's electronic attendance record.
- **Car Park:** We have had a growing number of complaints from parents about how other parents drive or park in the car park. We keep issuing the same pleas and for most people they do take this on board. Thank you! The minority of parents disregard the fact that rules are in place for safety, not simply to be awkward! It is your responsibility to take due care and consideration and be mindful of our pupils' safety. Recently one parent reported that her daughter was actually on the zebra crossing when a car drove across it!

I also keep asking for parents **NOT** to drive into or park in the staff car park. There are still a few who decide this doesn't apply to them and come in regardless. The staff car park must be kept free for the school bus and for the few parents and nurseries who have got special dispensation. There are not enough spaces to meet every individual request; we will prioritise the needs of our pupils first.

Please adhere to this and relay this information to anyone who collects your son or daughter. I will keep putting the message out there in the hope that someday we have total compliance...

- **Passports:** Unfortunately, the Principal or teachers no longer can sign passports. This is regrettable but this is the advice that has been given to us.
- **Absences:** We would be very grateful if you could provide a written reason for absence to keep our registers up to date. If a reason isn't provided, the pupil will be marked with an "n" code (No reason given). For ease of administration, please use the tear off slips to provide reasons(s) for absence and return to the class teacher. These are available on the school website. Absences are monitored by the Education Welfare Officer. "Miss School Miss Out Strategy" highlights the following:

95% attendance = 9 days' absence

85% attendance = 28 days' absence

90% attendance = 19 days' absence

80% attendance = 38 days' absence

Taking family holidays during term time is not recommended and I cannot grant permission for such requests. I would therefore advise parents to arrange holidays outside of term time. Should parents decide to take

holidays during term time, this must be put in writing to the Principal and will be held on file and copied to the EWO if required. **Teachers will not provide work in advance.** The worksheets and homework assignments that have been missed can be requested when a pupil returns from holiday and not before departure.

We all have a collective responsibility in trying to achieve high standards of attendance.

- **Protocols:** You are already familiar with the protocols of referring FS/KST1 matters to Mrs Watson and KST2 queries to Mr Hyde. Of course, your concern or query should always, in the first instance, be addressed to the class teacher. It would be most helpful, if you could give some indication of the nature of your query to the Secretary, so that the appropriate member of staff can prioritise responses. Any SEN enquiries should be directed to Mrs Hegarty.
- **Just a reminder** that dogs should not be brought onto the school premises-except for Guide Dogs.
- **Latest Menu:** Please find attached the Menu from 28 March until week commencing 25 April. School Dinners. School meals should be booked and paid for in advance. We appreciate that this isn't always possible. If a meal is booked 'late' through the school office/kitchen, please pay any outstanding monies as soon as possible. Thank you.
- **Lost Property:** We have a FULL lost property box which includes coats, welly boots, water bottles etc. Please feel free to call into the foyer to check if you child has lost an item. It is important that all belongings are labelled to help us reunite them with their owners! Unclaimed items will be disposed of at the beginning of term 3.
- **After School Activities and dates:** This information is posted on our website (under the News Tab). Please print off, note, and read through for your records. A new list will be issued for Term 3.
- **Outdoor Toy Request** – As our budgets are minimal, if anyone has any good-condition, pre-loved outdoor toys in good working order, the school would be very grateful. The items we would love to receive are:
 - Scooters
 - Bikes with stabilisers/trikes
 - Little Tike type toys

Please let us know if you have anything you wish to donate. Thank you in advance. ***Mrs Watson***

- **LOANENDS JUJITSU CLUB** - Tuesday evenings - two classes 6-7pm and 7-8pm.

Beginners from 5 years and up: 6-7 pm

Intermediate Juniors: 7-8pm.

NEW RECRUITS are welcome and starting a new term after Easter Holidays.

CONTACT Lorraine Gault for more details on classes, fees, membership.

Email lorraine.gault@btinternet.com

Message on Facebook page - Templepatrick's and Loanends Jujitsu Facebook

Mobile 07812029477

Great opportunities to become Junior Leaders and Assistant Coaches, add to Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and GCSE P.E.

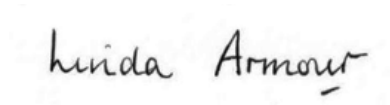
Developing character, respect, self-discipline and focus. Training and gaining self-defence skills, fitness, good health and well-being and strong mental health. 🌟🌟 AND having FUN 🌟🌟

Master Lorraine Gault 5th Dan

- **Dairy Dates:**
 - **School Trip to Edinburgh:** Parents' Meeting **Tuesday 9 May at 7:00pm.**
 - **Coronation Coffee and Cake Morning Friday 5 May**, hosted by the choir and orchestra. More details to follow.

- **Advance Notice: Sports Day- Friday 2 June**
- **Advance Notice: P7 Leavers' Assembly: Friday 23 June 2023** - More details will be sent out closer to the time.
Last day for P7s will be **Tuesday 27 June**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Armour". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small horizontal line under the 'r' in Armour.

Mrs L Armour
Principal

School Lunch Menu – April

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Week beginning: 03.04.23	<h1 style="margin: 0;">SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER</h1>				
Week 2 Week beginning: 10.04.23					
Week 3 Week beginning: 17.04.23	Chicken Goujons Chipped Potatoes Baked Beans & Garden Peas Ice-Cream & Pears with Hot Chocolate Sauce	Oven Baked Fish Fingers Diced Potato/Mashed Potato Spaghetti Hoops Zesty Orange Sponge & Custard	Roast Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy Mash & Roast Potatoes Baton Carrots & Fresh Cabbage Strawberry Jelly & Fruit	Homemade Chicken Curry with Naan Bread Boiled Rice Sweetcorn Chocolate Sponge Cake	Chicken Burger & Salad Chipped Potato Baked Beans/Coleslaw Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit
Week 4 Week beginning: 24.04.23	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Chipped Potatoes Sweetcorn Vanilla Artic Roll & Two Fruit	Pasta Bolognaise Crusty Bread Garden Peas Strawberry Jelly & Fruit	Roast Chicken Fillet with Stuffing & Gravy or Mash & Roast Potatoes Broccoli/Carrots Homemade Brownie	Homemade Chicken Curry with Naan Bread Boiled Rice Sweetcorn Apple Sponge & Custard	Oven Baked Sausages or Vegetable Pasta Bake Chipped Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans/Garden Peas Strawberry Milkshake & Flakemeal