



# Friday 4th October 2019 Newsletter



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## Dates for your Diary:

Friday 11th October ~ Harvest Festival Assembly 9am  
Tuesday 14th October ~ Individual Photos.  
Friday 18th October ~ Brighter Smiles Team - Meet & Greet Reception parents - 3.00pm  
Monday 21st - Friday 25th October ~ Half Term.  
Tuesday 29th October ~ Halloween Disco - 3.15pm - 5.00pm  
Monday 4th & Wednesday 6th November ~ Parents evening( Booking details to follow)  
Friday 8th November ~ Times Table Rock Star Dress Up  
Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th November ~ Year 3/4 Eden Residential  
Monday 25th November ~ Friends of Troon School Meeting  
Wednesday 27th November ~ Year 4/5 Oak class assembly 2.45pm  
Friday 29th November ~ Lantern Parade- 5.00pm  
Monday 2nd December ~ Nasal Flu Vaccine- Christmas Tree decorating service 2.45pm  
Friday 6th December ~ Christmas Fair - 3.00pm  
Monday 9th December ~ Carol Concert-Troon Methodist Church  
Wednesday 11th December ~ Christmas Movie Night 3.15-5.00pm  
Friday 13th December ~ Christmas Jumper Day  
Wednesday 18th ~ Class Parties in the afternoon. Non school uniform.  
Friday 20th December ~ Children Break up for Christmas.  
Monday 6th January ~ Inset Day ~ Children do not attend school.  
Tuesday 7th January ~ Children return to school.



## Halloween Disco Tuesday 29th October 3.15pm - 5.00pm.

Tickets cost £2.00. The ticket price includes a party bag containing some sweets, a bag of crisps, a drink and entry to the raffle.

There will also be other food available :-

Burgers £1.50, Hotdogs £1.00, Chips 50p but this needs to be **pre ordered** and paid for via scopay, The last day for ordering food will be Friday 25th October.

This will mean that children do not need to bring any money on the night and we will know how much food to cook so it will reduce waste.

Children may bring their party clothes/fancy dress clothes to school and will have chance to get changed before the party.

### **(THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR)**

Only children who attend Troon School in Reception to Yr 6 are able to go to the disco. Parents are unable to stay at the disco, children will be closely supervised by Troon School staff. All children must be collected as it will be dark when they leave the disco.

## Cashless Troon

Just a reminder that Troon School is cashless and uses the Tuscasi Online Payment System. This will allow you to view balances, book and pay for before and afterschool care online along with trips, events and swimming. You can also print receipts if needed.



You will need to visit [www.scopay.com/trooncommunityprimary-school](http://www.scopay.com/trooncommunityprimary-school) and register. Follow the instructions on the screen and enter your details and add the **unique online link code** for your child which you should have received this week. If you require your link code again please ask Mrs Mankee or Mrs Emery.

**It is very import that you get yourself registered as we do not except cash apart from Lunch Money as that is paid to Chrtwells and not the school.**

Before and afterschool childcare is also booked through the same system and needs to be booked 24 hours in advance ( the system will not allow you to book after this period and your account needs to be in credit to book items) In case of any emergency booking please contact Mrs Mankee.

### Chicken Rota

As you are aware we are the proud owners of four gorgeous chickens who are extremely well looked after by our children during school hours. We are looking for some more volunteers to help with their care over weekends and holidays. If you feel you would be able to help please see Mrs Mankee who has the new care rota. Many thanks for your support.



### Water Bottles

All children from Reception to Year 6 have received their free water bottle this week. This ensures that children have access to water whenever they need it during the day. Being well hydrated not only helps with learning and concentration it also has many health benefits. Please ensure that water bottles are rinsed out every night, refilled and returned to school every morning. Bottles should contain water only. We have ordered enough for each child so please look after them as we have no spares. Thank you.



### Term Dates 2019 - 2020

#### Autumn Term 2018

5 September - 20 December  
(Half term 21 October - 25 October)  
INSET: 4 September

#### Spring Term 2019

7 January - 27 March  
(Half term 17 - 21 February)  
INSET: 6 January

#### Summer Term 2019

14 April - 23 July  
(Half term 25 May - 29 May)  
INSET: 12, 15 June & 23 July

### Hair

Polite reminder:

Please ensure that children's hair cuts are appropriate for school - hair should not be shaved too close to the head and should not have patterns/ designs cut into the hair. Hair should not be coloured/dyed. Long hair should be tied back at all times - this is for safety reasons and helps prevent the spread of head lice.

### School Uniform

Please ensure that your children come into school with the correct school uniform. Flat black shoes (not trainers), black trousers/skirt, a white shirt, polo shirt or Troon School polo shirt and a Troon School jumper/fleece. Long hair must be tied back at all times. We also ask that children have the correct PE kit, this includes black shorts, a PE shirt and plimsoles/trainers. Many thanks for your support.

### Polite Reminder

The School day starts at 8.55am and ends at 3.10pm. (Nursery 8.45 - 11.45 & 12.15 - 3.15)  
Please ensure your child is here by that time and picked up promptly at the end of the day.  
It is very disruptive for classes and staff when they are constantly interrupted by late arrivals. Many thanks for your co-operation with this matter.



### Free School Meals

Just a reminder that all of the in **children in Reception, Year 1 and 2** received a universal free school meals.

This is a government initiative and it looks like the children are really enjoying the wide range of food! The kitchen staff are doing a fantastic job and are providing really lovely meals—three choices each day! Part of our school budget is made up of what is called "Pupil Premium" and this is largely based on the amount of children in the school who are entitled to free school meals. Unfortunately, with the free school meals for all infants initiative, we are at risk of this part of the school budget being greatly reduced if eligible parents do not still apply. We are therefore urging all parents who feel that they may be eligible, regardless of whether their child does or does not take up the meal, or whether they are an infant already receiving free meals, to apply. Any parents would be eligible to apply if they are in receipt of any of the following benefits: **Income Support; Income based Job Seeker's Allowance; Income Related Support Allowance; Child Tax Credit with an annual income of no more than £16,190.**

Please collect a form from Mrs Mankee in the school office. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**Remember if you are eligible and do not apply our school and your child is missing out on valuable funds.**

### **Government Information**

The Government have asked us to share the following information with you.

If you're an EU, EEA OR Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement scheme to continue living in the UK after 30th June 2021. If your application is successful you'll get either settled or pre-settled status.

The EEA includes the EU countries and also Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

You may be able to stay in the UK without applying - for example, if you're an Irish citizen or have indefinite leave to remain.

Sign up for email updates about the scheme.

### **When you can apply**

The EU Settlement Scheme is open. You can apply now if you meet the criteria.

The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021.

Which status you get will depend on when you apply.

### **If the UK leaves the EU without a deal**

You will need to be living in the UK before it leaves the EU to apply.

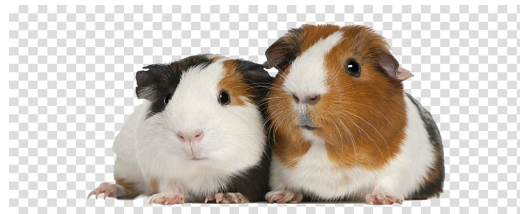
The deadline for applying will be 31 December 2020

For more information please go to the link below

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status>

### **Guinea Pigs**

We are planning to have a couple of new furry friends in school after the half term. If anyone has any spare equipment that we might be able to use we would be very grateful. If your child has an allergy and you would prefer they didn't handle the guinea pigs please let Mrs. Mankee or Miss Buckland know.



### **Aldi's Kit for school**

This year we are taking part in Aldi's Kit for Schools campaign, which is promoting a healthy lifestyle in the run up to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. If you shop in Aldi and spend over £30, you will be given a Team GB sticker. We have a (huge!) poster in school, where we will collect all of the stickers - we need to fill 300 spaces! If we collect 300 stickers, we will receive an amazing school kit and be put in a prize draw to win an incredible £20,000, which would help towards creating a healthy legacy for the school. Please join in with us by taking part.



### **Harvest Festival**

On Friday 11th October all parents are invited in to school to help us celebrate harvest. We will also be collecting donations of fruit, vegetables and other food items from Monday 7th September (any fresh produce from Thursday 10th) to deliver Harvest Parcels to the older members of our community.



### **Winter Wear**

Please make sure that children come to school with warm/waterproof clothing: coats, hats, scarves and gloves for playtimes and the journey to and from school. It may also be advisable for children to wear their wellies/waterproof shoes when walking in and going outside.

Please make sure they bring their inside shoes/plimsoles to school for lesson times.

Also if your child is riding their bike to school can you please ensure that they are wearing a cycle helmet.



### **Break-time snacks**

As we are part of the Healthy schools programme we need to ensure that food for break times and packed lunches are containing the right kind of foods. Food for break-time (Fruit, cheese, Cereal Bar or yogurt) Packed lunches should contain no more than one chocolate treat and no fizzy drinks.

Thanks for your continued support with this.



## Secondary Transfer and Reception Places

If you have a child in Year 6 please make sure you have completed your child's Secondary transfer form online by the 31st October 2019

If you require a reception place for your child in September 2020 you must complete a form by 15th January 2020. NB: Even if your child currently attends our Nursery they will not automatically be given a place unless you complete the form. You can apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions). Your child will have brought home a leaflet about this earlier this term. For more information telephone 0300 1234 101

## Nursery Places

We have some space in our lovely nursery. Please spread the word!



HM Government

Childcare  
Choices



# HELP PAYING FOR CHILDCARE



## MONEY TOWARDS CHILDCARE

Any **one** of the following schemes...

Age  
**0-11**  
Or 16 if disabled

Get up to  
**£2000** per child  
For working families

**TAX-FREE CHILDCARE**

Age  
**0-16**

Claim back up  
to **85%** of costs  
For working families

**UNIVERSAL CREDIT**

Age  
**0-15**  
Or 16 if disabled

Claim back up  
to **70%** of costs  
For working families

**TAX CREDITS**



AVAILABLE IN UK

... **can** be used with

## FREE HOURS OF CHILDCARE

Age  
**2**

For families getting  
certain government  
support

**15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE**

Age  
**3&4**

For **all** families

**15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE**

Age  
**3&4**

For **working** families

**30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE**



AVAILABLE IN ENGLAND

For offers in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland check [childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)

For full details visit

**[childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)**

Getting childcare vouchers?  
Go to GOV.UK to find out more

Speak to your provider about any additional charges that may apply