**Ballater School Home Learning**

**Friday 5th February 2021**

Well, it has been an eventful week this week! We have had internet problems, computers crashing, power cuts, and lots and lots of snow!

It as been lovely to see and hear about all the snow creatures and buildings that have been created this week, a great way to get some much needed fresh air.

**Dates**

Friday 12th February is an occasional day holiday.

Monday 15th February is our midterm holiday.

Tuesday 16th February is an in-service training day.

Wednesday 17th February is an in-service training day.

The school will be closed to all pupils on these days and no home learning will be posted.

**Google Meets**

To accommodate the above dates, Google meets will now take place as follows for the next 2 weeks.

P1-3 – Monday 8th February – 9.30 am

 Thursday 11th February 9.30 am

 Friday 19th February 9.30 am

P3-6 – Tuesday 9th – 11.30am

 Thursday 11th – 11.30 am

 Friday 19th – 11.30 am

P6/7 – Monday 8th – 11.00 am

 Thursday 11th – 1.30 pm

 Thursday 18th – 1.30pm

**Re-opening Schools and Nurseries**

You will be aware of the Government announcement this week with a proposed, partial return to school for some of our pupils on February 22nd.

There are considerable logistics involved in organising this return with many decisions not yet decided at national and local level, not least the confirmation that the return for younger pupils will actually take place on February 22nd. The decision on this return is due to be shared on February 16th.

As soon as I have any information, I will share it with everyone.

**Nursery Children**

There will be a short questionnaire coming out to nursery parents to look at how the nursery team can best support your child’s return to nursery. Please watch for this coming out.

**Nessy Fingers**

I shared at some of the Google Meets this week the information that we have taken out subscriptions for all pupils from P3 – P7 to access Nessy Fingers.

We have identified that most of our pupils in these stages would benefit from improving their keyboarding skills. We hope Nessy Fingers will help your child with this.

In order to allow your child to access the program, we will require your consent as it is a web based system.

A consent form is attached with this newsletter. Please return it as soon as possible. When we receive your consent, we will share login in details with you and your child.

 Recipe Packs

Those of you that have asked for the bruschetta pack should have received an email today with a change of pick- up location due to the weather conditions. Please let us know if you haven’t received this information.

A separate letter was sent out earlier today with details of the next three packs, Remember the packs are available to every child in the nursery and school at no cost.

Thank you to the Cooking Ladies for their tremendous efforts with this scheme.

**Photograph Competition**

Once again, we have been sent some amazing pictures under the theme of things that make me happy. Thank you to everyone who has submitted a picture or pictures. As usual, the winning pictures will be sent out as a separate document for you all to enjoy.

Our next photo theme will be “Something Unusual”.

Photos should be emailed to: ballater.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

The date for submitting pictures will be Friday 19th February due to the two part time weeks.

Wishing you all a safe, warm and stressless weekend.

The Ballater School Team