



## Weekly Mailout – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

### Whole School Information

- **RRS** - Article of the week is Article 14  
*Article 14 - Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.*
- **Parking Reminder** – Please be reminded that the staff car park is for Staff Parking only. The bus bay is the only space available for use for pick and drop off by parents and family members. There are disabled spaces available for blue badge holders. The parking map is attached once again to remind parents of available parking around the school.
- **Winter Weather Reminder** – with colder weather closing in, please remember to see our school website for activities and information in the rare of event of school closure due to severe weather. Should the decision be taken to close the school, all parent contacts will be notified of this via groupcall text. This will also be shared on Radio Forth and on the Midlothian Council website. Further information about Severe Weather and school closures is available in our school handbook here: [TYNEWATER Primary school HANDBOOK 2024 - 2025](#)
- **Parent Working Group** – We are looking for parents willing to join a working party to support raising awareness and developing understanding of inclusion and diversity across our whole school community. If you would be interested in taking part, please contact the school office to express your interest and Mrs Mitrakas will be in touch with you to set a date for the first meeting.
- **Christmas Lunch orders** – today is the deadline for Christmas lunch orders: <https://forms.gle/3fkfdzfmzDXsGhm37>. If you have not placed your Christmas Lunch order by Monday, we will assume that your child does not require one and will be bringing a packed lunch. No orders for Christmas lunches will be taken after Monday as the food must be ordered well in advance of the date.
- **Free School Meals** – Please be sure to register for Free School Meals (FSM) if you are entitled to them. Although all pupils from Primary 1-5 are entitled to a free lunch in school each day, it is still important *to register* as FSM if you are eligible for a number of reasons. As well as this entitling you to a school clothing grant of £120 per primary pupil and £150 per secondary pupil, a higher number of FSM pupils enables us as a school to access more additional funding and support. Further information on Free School Meals and Clothing Grants can be found at [Free school meals and clothing grants | Midlothian Council](#)

### Class Information

**Primary 5&7** – Dunedin visit to Queens Hall return forms were due today. If you have not returned the permission form to secure a space on the bus please contact the office on Monday, otherwise we will assume that your child is not attending.

**Primary 7 Residential Camp** – A reminder for all Primary 7 parents that the total cost of camp is due on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. £175 should have been paid so far towards this cost unless you have made an alternative arrangement with myself or Ms Donaldson. There are no further payment deadlines between now and then so we would suggest that parents make additional payments as suits them before March towards this cost. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss payment plans or support for this trip.

### Attachments

Parking Map

Kind regards

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