Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you all so much for your kindness shown today in relation to Red Nose Day ‘Dress as you please’ and our food collection for The Larder in Portlethen! Together we raised £353.75 for Comic Relief and collected an incredible number of food items for The Larder.  We have been so touched by everyone’s generosity.  Once again, our Fishermoss Family at its best.

There was also the added excitement today of our Primary 1 classes being involved in planting an apple tree for their class to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, in addition to us doing our bit for biodiversity and the climate crisis! It was quite a spectacular scene outside the front of the school this morning with Spidermen and Princesses, amongst others, helping plant the trees! We were blessed with beautiful sunshine.  We look forward to the children being involved in caring for their trees in the years to come, in addition to the joy their blossoms and fruit will bring. A special thank you to Craig Murdoch, Portlethen Handyman and one of our Parents, who freely gave up his precious time this morning to help us out with the hard digging!

**As always……**If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are back in good health. Please do not send unwell children to school to see how they cope.  Do keep them at home until you are sure they are fit and well. Please continue to err on the side of caution. **We really appreciate all you are doing here!**

**Face coverings should be worn by parents and other visitors to the school site,** whether entering the building or otherwise, **including parents at drop-off and pick-up.**

For vomiting and/or diarrhoea, as per normal circumstances, pupils should remain at home for at least 48 hours after symptoms have passed. This now also relates to a fever or high temperature (alongside a negative coronavirus result) and they should not return to school for at least 48 hours after symptoms have passed.

Please refer to the **NHS Self-Isolation Flowchart** previously shared.  Thank you for regularly testing your children to detect asymptomatic cases and for keeping a close eye on any changes in your child’s health and testing accordingly. Please remember for symptomatic cases please arrange a PCR and isolate pending results.  LFD is for asymptomatic testing.

Finally, please find attached a letter for Parents/Carers regarding **‘Up-date on Free School Meals/Clothing Grant/Scottish Bridging Payments: Easter 2022’.**

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Take care.

Kindest regards

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