

## WHAT'S ON:

TECH FREE THURSDAY – every  
Thursday afternoon

NURSERY TO P3 PUPILS RETURN  
Monday 22nd February

URYSIDE PARENT FORUM MEETING  
Thursday 25th February at 6.30pm



# Uryside School News

*The life of the school*

Friday, 19 February 2021

## Nursery to P3 Pupils Return to School P4-P7 continue with Remote Learning

On the 16th February the First minister confirmed proposals for pupils in nursery to P3 to return to school on Monday 22nd February. She added it would be unlikely that any other pupils would return to school before the 15th March at the earliest.

Uryside School will continue to operate its 'hub' for pupils of key worker children where there are no other options of childcare and where there are no adults working from home. The hours will remain at 9am-3pm. Please contact the school should you require your child to access this provision.

Ministers hope to set out second phase of schools reopening in two weeks time, but Ms Sturgeon said there was "unlikely to be any further return to school before 15 March" so that the impact of the initial changes can be assessed.

Home testing kits have been distributed to school staff and teachers to help assess any spread of the virus.

Ms Sturgeon added: " We are choosing to use the very limited headroom we have right now to get at least some children back to school - because children's education and wellbeing is such a priority."

Therefore we are asking all adults to continue to social distance, remain 2m apart, and wear face coverings at all times. This includes in and around our school campus. We are asking parents and carers not to wait around when dropping off or collecting their children, as before, school staff will be on site to direct and supervise any children waiting.

Please adhere to the drop off and collection times. Please continue to socially distance the recommended 2m and wear face coverings. Our aim is to welcome all pupils back as soon as we can.

### Return to School Updates and Guidance

Pupils in A classes P1-P3 should arrive for 9am; B classes at 9.10am. Drop off and collection points as before Christmas. A full guide to all changes is here: <https://sway.office.com/wAUE2XmXvBvhSc7F?>

## Uryside News Paper

A huge thank you to pupils in P6 and P7 who completed the latest edition of the Uryside newspaper. It is full of loads of interesting articles including pupil's experiences during this latest lockdown. It is available to read [here](#).

### Dynamic Earth

We hope that you have all had a relaxing, and well-deserved break over the February half-term. Our Learning Team are raring to go again this week, with lots more exciting online learning content being added to the [Dynamic Earth Online](#) website.

This week, your pupils can find out more about our nearest planetary neighbour, Mars! There will be 3 different missions from the USA, China and the United Arab Emirates arriving on Mars this month to explore its environment & terrain, and we have themed this week's learning around this. Each topic will be on social media daily, and you can find them on the website by clicking '[Latest](#)' at the top of the page,



### Nursery Return Times

Morning Group—8am-12.45pm

Information on the flexi drop off, lunch and collection times is available [here](#)

Afternoon Group—1pm– 5.45pm (pick up from 4.10pm)

Again further information is [here](#).

### School lunch Menus

We will be starting on week 4 from next week (Monday 22nd February). Information on menus, payments etc.. Is all available to view [here](#).



### I Bike Resources

Some more resources from the I Bike team that we hope will be useful for remote learning. This week's resources are focused on Health & Wellbeing – the Get Going Games!

Please visit our page here to see the details <https://ibike.sustrans.org.uk/get-going-games/>

These include

- 3 worksheets to give information and activities on keeping healthy. They are:
  - Keep Track of your exercise (P1-3)
  - Raise Your Heart Rate (P3-6)
  - Fitness Works (P6-S1)
  - We then have 5 rounds of wheeled, challenge and indoor activities that could help you have some fun and stay well!

Each round has 3 activities and one video to introduce an activity.

All the previously shared resources for remote learning are listed on our website - <https://ibike.sustrans.org.uk/remote-learning/> These are categorised by curriculum area.

### New Scottish Child Payment

We thought it may be of interest to the parents/carers of the children you care for to provide some information on the financial support available to families with young children.

The new [Scottish Child Payment](#) (£40 every four weeks for eligible children under six) starts on 15 February and we are encouraging parents to apply now.

For those eligible for the £250 [Best Start Grant School Age Payment](#) we are reminding parents that the current application window – for children born between March 1, 2015 and February 29, 2016 - will close on 28 February even for those who have deferred entry.

There are also the Pregnancy and Baby Payment and Early Learning Payment that may also be relevant for to some of your families.

We know you may be extremely busy at the moment and this may not be possible but it would be greatly appreciated if you can highlight these payments at what is a difficult time for so many.

Links to supporting social media assets are available [here](#).

# DRAW YOUR MUM



## DRAW YOUR MUM FOR MOTHER'S DAY

**M**ake your mum feel special this Mother's Day by seeing her portrait in print! The Evening Express is inviting children in the North East to draw a picture of their mum with a short message, which will be published in The Evening Express in the run up

to Mother's Day on March 14. Download our worksheet at [www.eveningexpress.co.uk/draw-your-mum](http://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/draw-your-mum) or by checking the Evening Express social media pages.

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### PE with ASV

ASV's Week 3 for "PE with ASV" is now live. I know there is mid-term break this week, but if the classes are of interest these could work for Thursday and Friday's PE when the children start back ☺

Our P1-P4 class "Winter Sports" will have children speed skating, snowballing and ski-ing there way to fitness! Link is here and is now live: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAK-EoP-6fU&t=672s>

For P5-P7 we have "Get Strong" a mix of upper body, lower body and core exercises, this class is also live and the link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iaPwj5PkCU>

We hope your children continue to enjoy the classes from ASV - <https://www.aberdeensportsvillage.com/pe-with->

### Parent Forum Meeting

The next meeting of the Uryside Parent Forum is Thursday 25th February at 6.30pm. Every parent is a member of our parent forum and has invited to the meeting. Please email the forum at : [urysidepc@gmail.com](mailto:urysidepc@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending and details of how to connect with be sent to you.

### Holiday Dates:

THURSDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2021	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER BREAK
MONDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
MONDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> MAY 2021	MAY DAY HOLIDAY
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Local holiday
FRIDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021	IN-SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
FRIDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR OCTOBER HOLIDAYS
MONDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2021	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021	IN-SERVICE DAY
FRIDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021	IN-SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022	SCHOOL RE-OPENS



"You cannot change what you are, only what you do."

—PHILIP PULLMAN, THE GOLDEN COMPASS

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