



## **Parental Update Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Dear Parent/ Carer,**

Good afternoon all, I hope that many of you have had the opportunity to take at least a little time out this week to enjoy the sunny dry weather while it lasts and before the wintry blast that is expected on Sunday. Just a short update from me this week, in case you have forgotten, tomorrow is our May Day holiday which should have seen us commemorating VE Day. If any of you are doing anything special tomorrow and you wish to share photos or videos of your day for sharing on our Social Media, please e-mail the school email address

### **Learning at home**

It has been really good to hear from many of our senior pupils who have returned to their learning and new courses this week. This week has very much been about catching up with them all and trying to ensure that they know how to access materials for new courses. I would ask that they keep all course materials, jotters and online assessments and assignments for use with consolidating work and for level of progress currently made. I hope as the term goes on, they will settle into new routines.

While as a school we continue to encourage all our young people with their learning, we do understand that it is not always possible to complete everything at once. Please do what you can manage and if any young person is feeling overwhelmed with what they are being asked to do, please ask them to email their class teacher or guidance teacher to ask for help in managing their time.

Now that we have managed to distribute more devices to families and more young people are now able to access their Teams, it is important that if they have not managed to complete work that was assigned earlier, that they do not panic and try and do it all at once. A little bit now and again is better than feeling overwhelmed. We continue to send out paper resources where internet access continues to be a challenge and has been discussed with your young person's guidance teacher.

Thank you to all parents for supporting learning at home, I know it is not easy when you are perhaps trying to work from home and support different ages of young people and their schoolwork. It has been lovely to hear from Guidance staff about the stories they are being emailed about a lot of other activities taking place: cooking, farming, gardening, arts and crafts etc. I am sure that you are enjoying having a few extra hands around to help. Please do continue to remember to take time out.

**And finally .....**

Some more good news – 200 club draw results.

March Draw:

1<sup>st</sup> prize £130 – Sharlene Greig

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £ 65 – Elaine Barclay

3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes £ 21.67 – Melissa Duncan, Jackie Sopol, Doug Connon

Congratulations and apologies for the delay in the draw. We will endeavour to get cheques out to you in due course. Thank you all who continue to support our 200 Club

I hope that you are all staying safe and well and that our pupils all enjoy their time away from learning over the long weekend and I look forward to hearing from them again next week.