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The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a quick update on developments in the Scottish Schools F.A. since the February Newsletter (see website under NEWS tab) and contains important information for all those engaged in delivering schools' football. **Please forward it to those involved in your school.** An electronic copy of this newsletter is also available on the SSFA website under the NEWS tab.

Covid 19 – Arrangements for Season 2020-21

1. With regard to the programme for season 2020-21, the SSFA need to operate a policy of “**wait and see**” while guidance, primarily from Local Authorities and schools but also from the SFA, evolves. We would hope to be in a better position to advise you on the direction of travel in our August Newsletter.
2. Please note that currently the on-line system for **registration, affiliation and competition entry is closed until** the SSFA has some idea of the shape of any possible programme for season 2020-21.
3. The **SSFA AGM** which was due to take place this month has been postponed. Current office bearers have agreed to continue in their posts until the AGM can be held. More information to follow as the situation becomes clearer.
4. Our office at Hampden is closed but our General Secretary, John Watson, can be reached at john.watson@scottish-football.com

Child Wellbeing Update

In addition to the SFA's on-line training for Child Wellbeing promoted in the February Newsletter, we would also recommend that you take a look at the SFA's new on-line training regarding **Mental Health in Scottish Football**. These short e-learning courses are currently free and successful completion of both is an entry requirement for any SFA coaching qualification. You might wish to consider undertaking them as part of your CPD. The courses may also be of interest to any adult volunteers who help you to deliver football in your school and to pupils over the age of 16 engaged in **sports leadership qualifications**, Click the link: <https://scottishschoolsfa.co.uk/coach-education/> Thereafter: 1) create an account (if necessary) 2) select courses from drop down menu 3) book course.

Facebook/Twitter

More great input from pupils, teachers and schools. Many thanks to those of you who have shared their activities during lockdown and given us all **something to smile about**.

Our Twitter and Facebook accounts went mad over the weekend of June 6th/7th when Ian uploaded content on our famous **victory over England** at Wembley in 1980 in front of a crowd of 69 000. Take a look at it if you haven't already done so – we are talking **Paul McStay** (Scotland and Celtic),

John Robertson (Scotland, Hearts and Newcastle Utd) and **Ally Dick** (Spurs and Ajax) amongst many others who went on to play the game at professional level.

The Scottish Schools F.A. Mascot

Thanks to all of you who encouraged your children to submit designs for our first ever mascot. There were some terrific entries from across a range of ages. The winning design – **Scottie the Unicorn** – can be seen on our homepage as well as on Facebook and Twitter. Congratulations are due to everyone who submitted an entry and to Rachel Haggart of Crieff High School for her winning design.

Scottish Schools' F.A. Archive

During lockdown many a long-standing member of the SSFA has been ratcheting through boxes in their sheds and attics looking for old team lines, photographs, handbooks and year books. As a result of their labours and Ian's IT wizardry, there is now a very comprehensive database on our website.

Want to know how many pupils from your school have represented their country at school level?

Has your local primary school won any competitions in the past?

Has your school ever won **the oldest schools football trophy in the world**, the SSFA Senior Secondary Shield?

Use the link below to find out.

<https://scottishschoolsfa.co.uk/>

- Primary School Competition Winners (use the link and then the tab headed "primary")
- Internationalists and Shield/Plate Winners
- From SSFA Internationalist to the Women's National Team
- From SSFA Internationalist to the Men's National Team

We also have an archive website where you can interactively search for schools, years, competitions and international players:

<https://ssfastats.co.uk/>

And Finally,

Restarting football will not be at the top of your "to do list" when you get back after the summer but its eventual safe re-emergence will be a welcome sign to pupils, carers/parents and staff that we are moving in a positive direction so thank you for your ongoing commitment to our children and to our sport.

With very best wishes to you and yours from everyone at the Scottish Schools Football Association.

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