



Dear Parent, Carer

Information Update – April 2019

Special Open Day to Commemorate Abercromby Primary

We plan to commemorate the current Abercromby Primary and Nursery by holding a Special Open Day on **Thursday 20th June 2019**. This will give families, friends and the wider community the opportunity to visit the school one last time, view an exhibition of photographs, artefacts and other memorabilia depicting The Story of Abercromby Primary, and hopefully catch up with former classmates.

This special celebration will take place at Abercromby Primary between 9.30am and 7.00pm. This will allow parents and others in the community who work during the day, to attend at a time of their choosing.

Refreshments will be available. Visitors are invited to 'drop in' at a time that suits them on the day.

Our School Choir and Musicians will also be performing at different times during the day.

If you are a former pupil and have photographs, memories or other information to share, we would love to hear from you.

You will receive more information about this event in due course.



Tullibody South Campus



New School Update - Important Information.....

This is going to be a very busy term for us, as we commemorate Abercromby Primary and Nursery and prepare to move to the new school. Everyone at Abercromby is looking forward to moving to the new school, and excited by the opportunities afforded by the fantastic facilities which will support high quality learning and teaching in the modern world.

We are also looking forward to sharing a campus with St Bernadette's Primary and the newly established Tulach Nursery. Some children from Abercromby Primary have had the opportunity to meet and work alongside children from St Bernadette's. Between now and the end of June there will be opportunities for all children from both schools to meet up and get to know each other. This is likely to take the form of working on a joint activity and playtime together. We will be going to St Bernadette's as they are able to accommodate higher numbers in their playground.

Important Information

We have been advised by Clackmannanshire Council Education Service, that The Scottish Government have agreed to **2 additional closure days** at the start of the new session in August 2019. This is to allow both schools and nursery to move into the campus. **The first day for pupils will be, Thursday 22nd August 2019.**

School Uniform

Please note, the Abercromby Primary, school uniform will remain the same when we move to the new school.

We may consider changing this in the future. If we change this in the future, there would be a full consultation.



Tulach Nursery

As many of you will be aware, following an extensive consultation, the new nursery in Tullibody South Campus is going to be called **Tulach Nursery**. Tulach is the Scottish word for Tullibody.

A new Nursery Head, Mrs Hazel Blackwood, was recently appointed. She has been in and out of the nursery over the last couple of weeks, getting to know children, staff and parents, and is in the nursery full time this week.

Hazel will formally take up the position of **Head of Tulach Nursery** on Tuesday 7th May 2019, when she will assume full responsibility for the nursery.

We are delighted to welcome Hazel, and look forward to working in partnership in the remaining months we have here, and at the new campus.



We are delighted that we were shortlisted for the **Scottish Education Awards for Employability and Creativity Skills across Learning Award**.

We are one of the three finalists in this category, and the only primary school.

We are extremely proud of this achievement.

On Thursday 2nd May judges from Education Scotland will be visiting Abercromby Primary to look at how we have taken forward Developing the Young Workforce, (DYW). This will include interviews with staff and pupils, visiting classrooms, talking to partners and looking at other evidence.

The **overall winner** will be announced at the **Scottish Education Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 5th June, 2019, in Glasgow.**

Abercromby Lunchtime Project



Primary 3 pupils are currently participating in a Lunchtime Project with Active Clacks, Sports Development. This involves each P3 class going over to the Civic Centre Bowling Green, for two sessions each week at lunchtime. Children are enjoying participating in the variety of different activities supported by the coaches and one of our Learning Assistants.

Sports Development will continue to support us with lunchtime activities until the end of this session and when we move to the new school. This will mean that other children at different stages in the school will have the opportunity to participate in similar activities.

Easter Service – P5M

Thank you to P5M for doing a fantastic job in leading our Easter Service at the end of the first week of term. Pupils shared the Easter Story with us in highly innovated way, retelling the story, and using drama to good effect !

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection. P5 have decided to donate the collection to **Cancer Research UK**.



Dates For Your Diary - Reminder

As you can see, it is a very busy term with lots of events. Here is a reminder of these events for your information.

May	
Thursday 2 nd	Scottish Education Awards – Judges to visit school - pm
Friday 3 rd	Superstar Assembly (April Superstars) – Invited Parents
Monday 6 th	HOLIDAY
Wednesday 8 th	P7W Skiing Block starts today
Friday 10 th	P6M Class Assembly
Tuesday 14 th	P1 – P3 Sports Day - pm
Wednesday 15 th	P4 & P5 Sports Day - pm
Thursday 16 th	P6 & P7 Sports Day – am – Lornshill Academy
Friday 17 th	P1D Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd	Athletics Championships
Thursday 23 rd	Enterprising Maths Challenge -Stirling University
Thursday 23 rd	Family Learning Session – 6.00 – 7.00pm
Friday 24 th	P7 Trip to Belfast – Titanic Experience
Wednesday 29 th	P7 Transition Day - Lornshill
Thursday 30 th	P7 Transition Day - Lornshill
Friday 31 st	Superstar Assembly – Invited Parents

June	
w/c Monday 3 rd	World of Work Week
Wednesday 5 th	P7S Skiing Block starts today
Thursday 6 th	Alan Bissett – Author Visit
Wednesday 12 th	P1 Induction Afternoon
Thursday 13 th	Shorts & Shades Disco (Evening)
Friday 14 th	P1M Class Assembly
Friday 14 th	Scobie Cup
Tuesday 18 th	End of Session Reports issued to parents
Thursday 20 th	Farewell to Abercromby – Celebration – Open Day
Monday 24 th	Nursery Celebration - am
Wednesday 26 th	P7 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 26 th	P7 Leavers Disco – (Evening)
Friday 28 th	Last day of term – school closes at 1.15pm LAST DAY IN ABERCROMBY PRIMARY (existing building)

If we need to make any changes to the Calendar we will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible.

Best wishes

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