

### School Uniform, Gym Kit etc

Lost property is an ongoing concern for parents, pupils and staff. If school staff or pupils find belongings in the playground or at the end of the day they will look on labels for a name and return the item to the pupil or their class teacher. We would be grateful if you could please ensure that all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name so that this can happen as quickly as possible. Any items without names will be kept in lost property so that they can be claimed. We will put any lost property on a table at the main entrance during parent interviews so that it can be claimed. We encourage all children to be responsible for their own belongings and those of others by clearly labelling belongings, putting items in bags and trays and taking home items at the end of each day.

### School Absence

.Thank you to all parents and carers who contact the school when their child will be absent due to ill health or holidays. We would be grateful if you could contact the school before 9:30am on the day of your child's first absence and if you could give the reason for the absence and where possible, date of return to school. This helps us to ensure that the children are safe and have not gone missing on the journey to school.

### Staffing Update

As part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge, Morag Morton, Early Years Worker, will be part of the school team. She will be working with classes and small groups of children to support health and wellbeing.

We have recently appointed a new Depute Headteacher, Mrs Kelly. Mrs Kelly comes from a primary school in Stirling Council and will take up post in August 2016. We'd like to say a big thank you to Elaine Henderson and Carol Lindsay, the pupils and staff who supported the school throughout the recruitment process. We very much look forward to Mrs Kelly joining the team at Deerpark Primary School.

### School Office

Please note that there are no office staff in school on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons this term.

### Bicycles & Scooters

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind all children, parents and carers that scooters and bicycles brought to school must be stored in the bicycle park behind the blue fence. This area cannot be locked as this is a fire exit. We would therefore recommend that children use chains or padlocks to secure their bikes and scooters during the day.

### School Lunches/Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that school lunches cost £1.80 per day and should be paid in advance where possible. Breakfast club runs from 8:30 to 8:50 at a cost of 80p per day. Breakfast club is free to children with free school meals entitlement. Please contact the school if you would like any further information.

Children who attend Breakfast Club are supervised by school staff from 8:30 until 9am whilst they are in the school building. There is no adult supervision in the playground until 8:55am. Children who arrive at school before breakfast club will be asked to wait outside unless the weather is very bad in which case they will be asked to sit quietly in the lunch hall until 8:30. There is no formal supervision at this time. Please do not send children to school before 8:30am if they are attending breakfast club and 8:55am if they are not.

**Deerpark  
Primary  
School**



**April 2016**

### Dates for your diary

28/4/16 – Parent Council 2pm  
29/4/16 – Primary 4 Assembly 9:45am  
2/5/16 – School closed  
6/5/16 – Primary 1 Assembly  
11/5/16 – Parent Council Bingo Tea 7:30pm  
13/5/16 – Primary 6 Assembly  
18/5/16 – Primary 7 Challenge Day at Lornshill Academy  
20/5/16 – Sponsored Walk  
26/5/16 – Parent Council 2pm  
3/6/16 – Strathcarron Go Yellow Day  
4/6/16 – Parent Council Summer Fayre  
10/6/16 – Primary 7 Prom 7:30pm  
13/6/16 or 20/6/16 – School Sports Afternoon  
16/6/16 & 17/6/16 – Primary 7 Transition Day to Lornshill Academy  
24/6/16 – Primary 6 & 7 Leavers Assembly  
28/6/16 – Behaviour Awards Assembly 9:45am  
28/6/16 – School closes – half day

### **Primary and Early Learning and Childcare Reporting Session 2015-16**

During this term you will receive your child's end of session written report. We would like to take this opportunity to advise you the format of the report has been refreshed.

As you are aware, reporting comprises a range of activities including written reports, children presenting their learning to you, parents' consultation meetings and on-going discussions. A working group was established earlier this session and the new 'My Year of Learning' document is the result of a process of consultation with a group of schools and nurseries.

We value our partnerships with families and welcome your views. As a result there will be an opportunity for all parents/carers to give feedback on the new format after the reports have been issued.

### Realigning Children's Services

Children in Primary 5, 6 and 7 are invited to take part in a survey by ScotCen Social Research. The survey asks children about what they do and how they feel about their lives and is completed online during the week beginning 9 May. All children in Primary 5, 6 and 7 have been given a letter to take home to parents and carers. If parents/carers do not wish their child to take part they should complete the tear off opt out slip and return to school before **9 May**. Children will also receive a leaflet explaining the purpose and procedures which include children being able to opt out of the survey themselves or choose to skip any question throughout the survey.