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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now completed just over 3 weeks of this first term. The children have generally settled into their new classes very well. Staff are getting to know their pupils and their skills and qualities. Learning and teaching has started in full force in all classes as we continue to work towards raising attainment and achievement.

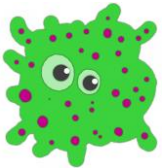
Some class teachers have already communicated with you via class newsletters about specific information for their class.

A few items and updates to round off this week.



Names on Clothes

I'm afraid to have to share that we have already got several school sweatshirts collected from the playground and around the school that have been unclaimed. These sweatshirts are of various sizes but all are without names on labels, so we are unable to return them to their rightful owners. Please can we ask that you name your child's items of clothing that they bring to school. Sweatshirts and P.E kits are the main concerns.



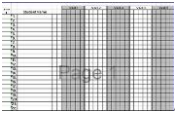
COVID-19

As I have mentioned in previous letters, masks are still required to be worn by all parents/carers entering the playground or waiting on school grounds at the start and end of the school day (unless exempt for medical reasons). It seems to be that some people think that having had double vaccinations means that masks are no longer required or that they are above the request made to wear a mask to keep everyone safe. Please follow this guidance to keep pupils, staff and the wider community safe in these on going covid times.



Car Parking

The disabled parking bays at the front of the school are only for use by those with **blue disability badges**. Those of you that have school parking permits but no blue badge, should use other parking spaces within the car park. The nursery spaces are also designated for nursery parents only. Please do not use these just because you have been granted a permit. Please do not abuse the use of school parking permits and take advantage. We will act if these are not used appropriately. CCTV will also be checked if required to confirm and distinguish between blue badge and permit holders only. If you require a permit for this academic session, please contact the school office.



Attendance

As you are all aware we monitor attendance on a daily, weekly and termly basis. If your child is going to be absent from school for whatever reason, please make sure that you contact the school office on their first day of absence. If they are off for subsequent days, please keep us updated. Dumfries and Galloway Council expectation is that pupils achieve 95%. If attendance starts to fall and patterns of absence are noted, then we will contact you to discuss. If attendance drops to 85% then we may be required to make a referral to the attendance service. We are aware that covid is currently affecting some pupil's attendance and that illness also has an impact and we take this into account. Family holidays during term time are unauthorised.



Snacks

Children enjoy social time with their friends at breaks and sit together in the class for snack and chat or eat outside as they play. Some pupils have been without snacks in recent days. Please remember to pop a snack in your child's bag for them to enjoy with friends at breaktime.

Better Relationships, Better Learning and Anti-Bullying Policy

We have published our Better Relationships, Better Learning and Anti-Bullying Policy on the school blog. Please have a read through this and become familiar with the approaches and strategies we use to support young people in school. We would welcome your constructive feedback on the policy and a Microsoft Form has been include on the blog for you to complete.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/dalbeattieprimaryschoolblog/>

Many thanks
Regards
Mrs E.Duncan