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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and managing to stay safe in these continuing challenging times. We are almost at the end of our first term. It is hard to believe how quickly this first term has gone.



COVID-19

Following an update from the Scottish Government on 15th of September, there will be no change or review of current arrangements until after the October break. Thank you to everyone for your continued support and vigilance around COVID 19.



School Holidays

Parents were sent an email from the local authority on Monday with regards the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and holidays.

To confirm:

Staff return January 5th and 6th of January 2022 for In-Service Days

Pupils Return Friday 7th of January

Platinum Jubilee holidays for staff and pupils - 2nd and 3rd of June 2022

Holiday dates can be found on the council website:

<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/15239/School-term-and-holiday-dates>



School Lunches

Thank you everyone for your continued support with ordering school lunches online. Could I ask that those classes that have P.E at 9 a.m with Mrs Gray on Monday and Tuesday (P7 and P5 classes) try to order lunches at home. This would help the kitchen team enormously as we do not have access to IT in the gym hall and it can be just after 10a.m when back in class that lunch orders are done but if ordered at home then numbers will be in for kitchen staff to progress with lunch preparations.



School Transport

Children who travel on school transport wait after school to be picked up by their bus/taxi. Children wait on the box seating in the Heughan Hall and are aware if they require anything, they should go to reception. Children should know that they should not leave the school building until 3:25p.m when they can leave to get their bus before the secondary school day ends. Unfortunately, some children have taken it upon themselves to leave the school before 3:25p.m. As a collective group, we have spoken about the need for safety. If your child travels on school transport, could you please remind them of the arrangements that are in place for this.



Sponsored Walk

I hope you all enjoyed seeing the pictures and videos on the dojo and blog of the event last Friday. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day and really entered the spirit of things. We have raised a total of just over £3000, which is amazing, thank you! We have allocated £500 towards match funding when we apply for funding towards our field developments. Classes will now receive £200 each towards games and activities for wet playtime and use throughout the school day. Thank you to everyone for your support and donations.

Jackets

As we now move into the Autumn and Winter months could I please remind everyone that children require waterproof outdoor jackets. We will be out at breaks and lunchtimes as much as possible even in slight drizzle. Many children are coming to school in lightweight sports tops, which are not suitable for the Scottish weather.

P.E Request

A request from Mrs Gray that on P.E days, pupils do not wear jewellery to school in particular earrings. These can be covered over with micro pore tape but this takes time out of the P.E lesson and it would be safer not to wear them on P.E days. Your support with this would be much appreciated.



Changing into Uniform

Please find below clarification about classes changing after P.E.

P1-P3 come to school on P.E days and remain in kits all day.

P3/4 Come to school in kits on a Tuesday and Thursday then change into uniform.

P4/5 Come to school in kits on P.E days but change into uniform.

P5 Come to school in kit on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Uniform and change of shoes should be in school bag both days.

P6 Come in uniform and change for P.E with Mrs Lumsden on a Monday and Mr Caldow on a Thursday not changing back on either day as going straight home at the end of the day.

P6/7 Come in kits Monday and Wednesday then change into uniform

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Ventilation

As part of our ongoing covid mitigations we are required to maintain good ventilation in our classrooms. As previously advised children should wear additional layers of clothes to compensate for this (not hoodies). If children do find they are sitting near open window and they become cold, they should say to the class teacher and alternative arrangements/seating can be made.



One Planet Picnic

On Friday 8th October, we shall be having our One Planet Picnic and this will also mark our Harvest celebration. We are grateful to Alison Houston of the High School Hospitality Department for helping us to make a tasty treat using ingredients from our home-grown vegetables. On the same day, we would love it if the children could try (this is optional) to bring in either a morning snack or lunch item in his/her packed lunch which has something in it which has been locally sourced (at least within Scotland if not Dumfries and Galloway.) We would like the children to be able to talk about (younger children could bring a small note) where it has come from so that they can share this at a special 'Snack and Chat' on this day. This is, of course, optional and we know it may not be easy for all families to organise. However, all children will be included when we serve a tasty treat to eat, just before we begin our Harvest Assembly on the last day of term. The small item to eat will be baked by Mrs Houston and the Eco Group.



Teams - P5-P7

Most classes from P5-P7 are issuing homework to pupils via Teams app. This approach is being used as it maintains familiarity with the software should we need to use it again for home learning. It also prepares the children for the use of Teams as they move through primary and into secondary school. We are aware that you may have the Teams app on various devices to support your child with their homework. Could we ask that children log out of Teams on these devices when not in use as cyber security around this of great importance. We wouldn't want any parents finding themselves in a situation having accessed their child's account accidentally and caused a data breach. We do track and monitor Teams and want to maintain cyber safety for all.

Many thanks
Regards
Mrs E. Duncan