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**Term 3**  
**Week Ending 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Dear Parents, Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and everyone is staying safe.



**COVID-19**



We continue to follow all guidance as provided to us. However, we do still have a few cases recurring in classes throughout the school. I ask that everyone continues to be vigilant. Everyone's health and wellbeing is of great importance. Please continue to wear facemasks at drop off and pick up times when on school grounds.

**Vision Values and Aims**

At the moment, we have had very limited feedback with regards the review. Can I please ask you to take time, click on the link below and provide feedback on these.

As part of our **school and nursery** improvement plans this session, we are due to undertake a review of our Vision, Values and Aims. Below is a copy of our current Vision Values and Aims. Could you please take time to read and review these and provide us with your thoughts and feedback through the attached Microsoft form. We will use parent, staff and pupil views to refresh and update our Vision, Values and Aims to reflect what we hope to achieve for our young people here at Dalbeattie Primary School.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKemRI-7AE-NHpgAKP00sCe1UMFFXM0laWEhSNkcwQzlyWEhMT1NLN0tLRi4u>

	<p><b>Believe and Achieve</b></p> <p><b>Our Vision</b></p> <p>Prepare every child to take his or her place in society by providing a quality learning experience in a caring environment.</p> <p><b>Our Values</b></p> <p>By working in partnership with parents and carers, the pupils and staff of Dalbeattie Primary School aspire to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Show respect, consideration and good manners to each other at all times.</li> <li>* Show commitment to learning.</li> <li>* Show a sense of belonging by taking care of our school and wearing our school uniform with pride.</li> <li>* Show a sense of social responsibility and respect to school, the wider community and internationally.</li> </ul> <p><b>Our Aims</b></p> <p>We aim to enable our children to become :</p> <p>Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Effective Contributors and Responsible Citizens by providing quality learning and teaching experiences and encouraging all children to achieve their potential.</p>	
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If you don't feel comfortable providing feedback in the above way can we ask that you provide us with three words that you would say to describe what you would like for your child(ren) during their time at Dalbeattie Nursery and Primary School. Click on the link to **menti or use QR code** below and type in your three words. This will create a word cloud showing the words people have shared. The words will be used along with the review comments to update/refresh our **Nursery and School** Vision, Values and Aims.

<https://www.menti.com/stjsdfa6j3>



### **Jubilee Tree Planting**

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of March we will be having a whole school tree planting ceremony for the Platinum Jubilee. We have purchased a copper beech tree and the Lord Lieutenant for the Stewartry is joining us to plant the tree. The children will be piped out to the ceremony, sing the jubilee song we have been learning and be part of the planting ceremony. We would like to have all children in uniform on Tuesday for photo opportunities. This may not be possible for P3 as we are aware they have P.E p.m but if they could have school sweatshirts with them to wear after P.E that would be great.



### **Non-Uniform Day**

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of April we will hold a non-uniform day along with Dalbeattie High School to raised funds for the Ukraine. It will be a yellow and blue day linking to the colours on the Ukrainian flag. Please send a small donation in for this cause. Our donation will be sent on to the International Red Cross Fund.



### **Reminder - Free School Meals and Clothing Grants**

We are very aware of the cost of living increases that are facing many people at the moment and just wanted to share the information about free school meals and clothing grants again should this be of any help to anyone.

At present, free school meals are provided to all P1-5 pupils. In addition, some school funding from the Scottish Government is now linked to the uptake of free school meals. If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, you may qualify and we urge you to complete a grant form.

[www.dumgal.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/schoolmeals)

Qualifying benefits are:

Income support

Job seeker's Allowance (Income based)

Employment and Support Allowance (Income based)

Child Tax Credit on its own, with an annual taxable income of less than £16,105(subject to change)

Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income less than £6,420 (subject to change)

Support under part V1 of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Universal Credit with a monthly income threshold that doesn't exceed £610

Forms for clothing grants can also be accessed through the council website.



### **School Photos**

I hope that you were pleased with the school photos that were taken last week. It was great to see the children in their uniforms and how smart they looked for their pictures. We have arranged for class photos to be taken next term. Normally we would only have P1 and P7 pictures taken but after the 2 challenging years we have decided to have all class pictures taken. Date will be confirmed in a newsletter next term.

### **Change of Clothes**

Staff have brought it to my attention that there are still children not bringing in a change of clothing for after P.E lessons. This applies particularly to P3/4-P7 classes. Please can you make sure that your child has a full change of clothing and in older classes a deodorant to use (roll on not aerosols). Personal hygiene is always important and as we move into the warmer weather a change of clothing for after P.E is very essential.



### **Playground Games**

It is great to see the children engaging in play with each other at breaks and lunchtimes and when out in the nursery outdoor area. Some engage in some great imaginative play and others enjoy playing tig, capture the flag or getting onto the 3G play football. Unfortunately, we are seeing some pupils both in nursery and school recreating games they appear to have been playing on tablets, games consoles and computers. Some of these appear to be encouraging physical contact and inappropriate play based around violence, scary characters and causing hurt or wrestling with each other.

We ask that you are mindful and that you are monitoring games and sites that your child is accessing online or on games consoles. Please find below a link to some online safety advice that may be of use.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child/>

Thank you as always for your ongoing support in all school matters.

Kind regards

*Mrs E Duncan*