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# Term 4 Week Ending 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 4. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break spent with family and friends. It is, as always, hard to believe we are at this point in the academic year again.



## Dates for Diary

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April P6/7 Trip Kirkcudbright Gallery P3 NYCOS Workshops

Monday 2nd May - Holiday

Friday 20th May - Class Photographs

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Jubilee Holiday

Friday 3rd June - Jubilee Holiday

Monday 6th June - P7 Trip Galloway Activity Centre

Thursday 9th June - Infant Sports P1-P3

Friday 10th June - Upper Sports P4-P7

Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd June - P7 Transition Days to DHS

Tuesday 21st June - Moving Up Afternoon

Wednesday 29th June - P7 Leavers BBQ

Thursday 30th June - End of Term Assembly

Friday 1st of July - End of Term and non-Uniform Day



#### COVID-19

As we are all very well aware, COVID hasn't gone away and we are now following new guidelines as directed by the Scottish Government. I have uploaded a copy of our updated school risk assessment to the school blog under the Covid -19 tab should this be of any interest to you.

Although not mandatory, staff in schools are being encouraged to continue to wear masks in communal areas of the school in line with general workplace guidance. Although outdoors, can we ask that you still consider wearing masks at drop off and pick up times and also be mindful of maintaining some distance when chatting in groups at pick up times as we do still want to be vigilant around the transmission of the virus. If you need to visit the school reception for any reason, then we ask that you consider still wearing a mask, as this is a communal area of the school.

Hand washing and hygiene will continue to be a priority in school for the children. We also ask that you are mindful of symptoms of COVID or any other illness that your child may have and continue to follow public health guidance.

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Can we please ask that everyone complete the online ordering through ipayimpact. All pupils in P1-P5 are now entitled to free school meals.

We really would appreciate you completing the menu choices with your child each week (can also be done for a 3 week block) as this does save staff time each day that can be used for learning and teaching.

Please remember to provide your child with a bottle of water each day to help maintain hydration. There is access throughout the day to refill water bottles. As the weather warms up as will the classrooms, it is essential that pupils are hydrated.

#### School Gates

As classes are using our outdoor spaces more this term as the good weather is hopefully with us, the school gates at home time, will not be opened until 2:55p.m for our 3p.m end to the school day.



#### Sun Protection

As we move into hopefully the summer weather, please make sure your child is suitably prepared for this. Sunscreen and hats being provided would be great. Unfortunately, we can't apply sunscreen for the children but can supervise them applying this themselves if required

#### Relationships and Sexual Health Programme

This has been an area of development within the school improvement plan this year and we are now ready to implement this with the classes. This is part of the CFE health and wellbeing curriculum from early level through to third and fourth levels. We have used RSHP resources available to all schools in Scotland to create our programme. A copy of the programme we will be working through has been uploaded to the School blog under the RSHP tab. There is also specific information for each curriculum for excellence level that shares learning in school attached with this letter. Information about learning that can take place at home is to follow. Please take time to review this information as it will form part of health and wellbeing lessons in all classes this term and you may want to take the opportunity to discuss this with your child.

#### <u>Dandelion Schools Growing Initiative</u>

We have signed up for this initiative alongside Dalbeattie High School and the cluster primary schools. The project involves pupils being provided with some seed potatoes and compost to grow their own potatoes. As a school we will record quantities grown and then celebrate the growing and food production process through a harvest celebration in September. Further information will follow when potatoes and growing materials will be provided.

## Project Aims:

- Integrated STEAM learning opportunities creating relevant and memorable learning experiences
- Supporting transition processes and planning for choices and changes within Curriculum for Excellence Health & Wellbeing as well as Green Careers
- Create experiences through which young people can connect with their place, its past, and possible futures through food
- High quality engagement with local networks of people, including musicians, and community groups
- Improved practitioner confidence in using sustainable food as a context for learning
- Better understanding of learning for sustainability and the complexity of sustainable development in communities

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# P.E Specialist Times

Below are the timetables for Mrs Gray. Class teachers will notify classes via dojo of additional P.E times throughout the week. Mrs Gray has shared that PE will be outside as much as possible this term so if children could be prepared on P.E days and bring a waterproof jacket so that they can be out and be warm & dry if it's windy or drizzly.

Block 5 6 Weeks Wk Begin 19th April – 23rd May Holiday Monday 2nd May

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	Monday P.E	Tuesday P.E
9-10:25/10:45	9-10	9-10
	P7	P5
	10-11	10-11
	P6/7	P6
Break		
10:40/11:00-12:30	11-12	11-12
	P1/2	P3/4
Lunch		
1:15-3:00	1:15-2:10	1:15-2:10
	P1	P2
	Mrs Gray Own	2:10-3:00
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Many thanks Regards Mrs E. Duncan

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