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Dear Parents and Carers,

A few updates and information to share since the last newsletter a couple of weeks ago.



Dates for Diary - Updated

Friday 20th May - Class Photographs
 Thursday 2nd 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
 Wednesday 15th June - Parental Consultations
 Monday 20th June - New P1 Parental Information sessions 2:30-3:00p.m or 6-6:30p.m
 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

Pupil Absence

We have noted an increase in pupil absences due to tummy bugs and sickness since our return from the Easter break. We are encouraging children to continue with regular hand washing in school and ask that you please remind your children about the importance of this in maintaining good health and wellbeing. 48hr rules applies should a pupil have had upset tummy or been sick. Thank you for your support with this matter.



Sports Days

We have had several questions about parents attending this year. At the moment, we are hoping that this will be able to happen with covid restrictions lifting. We will confirm all arrangements for sports days in due course.



P.E Kits

Great to see that in most classes, children are remembering P.E kits on designated days and have their change of clothes as required. Can I however remind everyone that football tops are not part of P.E kits or to be worn in school. This includes Scotland tops not just club team tops.



Snacks and Water Bottles

We are noticing that some children are forgetting to bring their mid-morning snacks to school. Please could children be provided with a snack (healthy option for morning breaks). A snack at this time of the day helps children to refuel for their learning in the middle slot of the day.

Some pupils are also coming to school without their water bottles and expect to be provided with a plastic cup to use at the water dispenser. Unfortunately, we do not have an endless supply of plastic cups and therefore ask that children bring a water bottle to school with them. The children have access to refill these throughout the school day.



Holidays

Reminder that holidays during term time will not be authorised. This is in line with authority policy.

Relationships and Sexual Health Programme

Learning at home, documents have now been uploaded to the RSHP tab on the school blog for your information.



Dandelion Schools Growing Initiative

I hope everyone received their tatties and have managed to plant them either in their garden or in a creative way. Some people have already shared photos of this step in the process which is wonderful and we look forward to seeing more pictures and hearing about growing progress as time moves on. Reminder that we do have compost in school should anyone require this.



Uniform Ordering

You have been sent an email this week from the school office with regards School Trends offering a discount to parents ordering school uniform over the coming weekend. We will also be sending out an additional order form should you wish to purchase uniform through school (no discount this way I'm afraid). Carrie Caldwell of Banks and Brae is also a partner business to Dalbeattie Primary School with copyright access to our school badge for providing school sweatshirts/uniform. We will share contact details for Banks and Braes in due course along with School Trends information.

If anyone is interested in supporting or helping with a school uniform swap please get in touch. We are very aware of how quickly children grow and outgrow uniforms and clothes. We are also acutely aware of the cost of such items. By holding a swap shop type event, we would hope to help with such challenges. Please give the office a call or email if able to help or have ideas about such an event.



Class Dojo

Class dojo is a great tool that we are finding very useful in school and know that many of you like this as a form of sharing learning and communicating with school. Can I ask everyone to remember that teachers will

not be checking messages during learning and teaching time or after school hours necessarily. The school office should still be the main link to share information about pupil absences, changes to pick up arrangements and appointments for children throughout the school. Can I also ask everyone to think about the tone of messages and how they may come across. How everyone interprets messages can be very different depending on tone they are written in.



Parental Consultation

Following our survey to establish views on an end of term report or parental consultation the majority opted for a parental consultation with the class teacher(s). Our parental consultation will therefore take place on Wednesday 15th of June over 2 sessions, 1 after school and 1 evening. Further information about appointments to follow.

ERASMUS Project Returns to Dalbeattie - For attention of P7 Parents

Please see below information from Mr Mein about a project that your child may be interested in becoming involved in as they move to Dalbeattie High School. Should you be interested in hosting a young person during their trip to Dalbeattie in June please contact Mr Mein using email below.

After a highly successful series of visits to and from European schools in 2019, Dalbeattie High School students will again be hosting young people from across the continent. For a week in June (12th to 18th) we will be providing hospitality for students and teachers from France, Greece and Romania. Hosting them in our homes, working with them in school and joining in educational trips around the Stewartry. If your family would like to be hosts for one of the young people aged 11-15 for a week, please get in touch with the ERASMUS team at the school 01556 613100 or gw08meinsimon@glow.sch.uk.

Many thanks
Regards
Mrs E. Duncan