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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well. We are now 4 weeks into our first term and classes are all settled and coping well with the new routines and expectations. It is great to be able to visit classes and pop in, informally to engage with teachers and pupils on the learning that is taking place.

### **A few things to share:**

#### **School Closure**

School will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of September to observe the National Day of Mourning for Queen Elizabeth. Parents should have been notified about this in an e-mail from the local authority.



#### **Sponsored Walk**

Hopefully you have all received information about our plans for this earlier in the week. It will be great to have parents join us again for this either on woodland walk with P5-P7 or at the track and field for P1-P4. If you would like to pay sponsor money directly into the school bank account please use the following banking details.

**Bank transfer details: Dalbeattie Primary School Fund      80-06-11      00329414**



#### **Car Park**

A gentle reminder to all that the car park is not meant to be used at drop off and pick up times unless nursery parents with younger siblings that require a pram/buggy or if you have requested a parking permit linked to blue disability badge. I have left the school on several occasions recently to attend meetings at 9a.m and 3p.m only to see parents parked in the car park and dropping off and driving away. We are aiming for our 8<sup>th</sup> Eco Green flag and active travel looks better as we work towards this rather than excesses of cars dropping off and picking up children at the school.



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

Reminder access to the above can be found on council site.

<http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/schoolmenus>



### **Plea about Laces**

Could we please ask that those children with laces on shoes and trainers are given some help to learn to tie these for themselves. It is very time consuming on PE days for teachers to tie lots of pairs of trainers. This impacts on the time children have in PE sessions. If children could be encouraged to learn to tie laces it would help enormously.

### **Flu Vaccination**

These letters have also been issued to pupils. Please return forms to school as soon as possible.



### **P.E Request from Mrs Gray**

Although we mentioned this in a previous letter, some children are not coming prepared for P.E lessons. Could children please remember to bring a waterproof jacket and change of footwear and socks for after P.E. Children are outside this session and on wet grass so change of sock and socks are really important as we don't want children sitting with wet feet all day. Classes will be out even in a slight drizzle so coats are also required.



### **School Improvement Planning**

Attached with this newsletter I have shared the priorities from both our school and nursery improvement plan for sessions 2021/2022. Staff will work on these throughout this academic session and over in-service days. We will share progress at the end of session through a self-evaluation report.



### **End of Day Pick Up**

Could we remind everyone to inform the office if there is going to be a change of adult collecting your young person at home time particularly for P1-P3 classes. Safety and making sure we hand children over to the right person is very important to us therefore making sure we know who to expect is really important. Thank you.



### **Harvest Assembly**

This will take place during school time on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. At the assembly, we will be celebrating our potato project and the crops that have been grown and harvested by the children. We have in the past made a contribution to the local Food Bank through Dalbeattie and Kirkgunzeon Parish Church. We would like to try and continue this support and would welcome small voluntary donations during the week to the 23<sup>rd</sup> to create a donation to the foodbank. We will be harvesting some of our beetroots and onions and sharing these too.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Regards  
Mrs E. Duncan