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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well. I can't believe we are almost at the end of term 1. It has been a very quick term but also a very busy one with lots of learning taking place in classes throughout the school.



<u>Dojo</u>

Much of the learning mentioned above has been shared via the dojo app that many of you access. The app is fantastic for sharing class and whole school information and celebrating successes and achievements. In general, we all use and access the app in a positive and responsible manner. Recently however, I am saddened to share that I have had to remove some comments from posts that weren't really related or relevant to the post. Please think before commenting and if you need to speak to someone in school about a matter of concern then calling the office to speak to a member of staff is the most appropriate method of doing this.



Mobile Phones

Reminder that if children bring these to school, then they do so at their own risk. As a school we take no responsibility if they are lost, stolen or damaged. Phones should be switched off when children enter school grounds and placed in bags where they should remain for the duration of the school day.



Coats

Please can we ask that all pupils wear a coat to school. We are now entering the Autumn/Winter months where the weather is very unpredictable and changeable. We will be outdoors as much as possible at breaks and lunchtimes therefore having a coat for cooler days is important. Lots of classes will also be continuing their outdoor sessions and having coats would be of benefit at these times too. We are only too aware that not all children feel the cold, but we would like them to be prepared with a coat to keep them warm and dry as required.



Uniform

School uniform is something that we pride ourselves on here at Dalbeattie Primary. Fleeces, sports tops and hoodies (even if they have school badge on) are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn in class in place of school sweatshirts. We have a stock of almost new sweatshirts should anyone require these for their children. There is no need to go to the extra expense of buying new sweatshirts, we can help if required.



Sponsored Walk

We held two successful sponsored walks yesterday. It was great to be back out in the woods with the P5-P7 classes and fun to see the P1-P4 making use of our school track.

If possible, could sponsor money please be sent into school or a bank transfer completed by 13^{th} October to allow the ladies in the office to reconcile and bank all moneys before the end of term. Thank you for your support and we will share information in due course about what classes have used funds for. So far we have raised £1322 which is excellent, thank you.

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



P5-S6 Music Lessons

If you are interested in applying for Instrumental Music Lessons for your child P5-S6 then the link below should be used. This link also provides information about the lessons available from the local authority.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=9h0uvVqNZ0imR0h8KnQC3kk4OYjIQj1BuC r9dLwPzNUNFE5M0pZWEVESjc2WVNCRUtRSIJaUEVURS4u



Water Bottles and Healthy Snacks

Could all children please come to school with their water bottles filled each morning. There are a lot of children arriving with empty bottles and then waste time each morning filling these before getting to class. Children have free access to water throughout the school day but bringing bottles filled each morning would help immensely with morning routines.

Snacks are another slight concern at the moment, we are once again seeing children with huge amounts of snack and they don't get time to eat all of this and play with their friends. A small healthy snack is sufficient for playtimes.

Standing Items



<u>Car Park</u>

A gentle reminder to all that the car park is not meant to be used at drop off and pick up times unless you are a nursery parent with younger siblings that require a pram/buggy or if you have requested a parking permit linked to blue disability badge. We are aiming for our 8th 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

Have a good weekend everyone.

Regards Mrs E. Duncan

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