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Term Updates Week Ending 18th November 2022



Dates for Diary

23rd November - Parental Consultations
 1st December - Dalbeattie High School Christmas Market
 2nd December - School photos (Families and individuals)
 14th December - Christmas Lunch
 14th December - Outdoor Christmas Carol Concert
 23rd December - End of Term Christmas Church Service



Parking Request

Can I please ask that if you are dropping your child(ren) off on Haugh Road to come to school that you do not block resident's driveways. I had communication from a concerned resident about this yesterday. Thank you for your support with this matter.



Christmas Parties

Children may come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party or bring their clothes to change into before their party in the afternoon.

Wed 14th	P3
Thu 15th	P6
Fri 16th	P5
Tue 20th	P7 Evening in Heughan Hall - time to be confirmed
Wed 21st	P1, P1/2 & P2
Thu 22nd	P4



Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts this week. It has been great to see the enthusiasm from the pupil council as they have worked with Mrs Howie on the events throughout the week. A total of-----has been raised for Children in Need. The money collected on Friday for non-uniform day will be split between Children in Need and the Janice Jamieson Foundation to support a young person's education in Malawi.

Parental Consultations

These will take place on Wednesday 23rd of November. Information has already been sent out about this. Appointment slips will be sent out on Monday to confirm appointment times.

Class teachers will be around the P4 and P5 classes to speak with you if attending the afternoon/evening, but no formal appointments will be given at this time due to staff changes.

Thank you to those of you that have provided views on our current staffing arrangements in some classes. At all times, we aim to provide continuity for all learners when we have to organise staffing cover. Staff in all classes work extremely hard to meet the needs of all learners and in times of challenge when working with a new class, your support would be appreciated.

As Mrs Anderson remains off school, Miss Rodgers and Mrs McLean will be teaching the P4 class. Miss Warren will be with us teaching in P5 for the time that Mrs Dyson is absent.



Christmas Market

We hope that you will be able to come along and support the Christmas Market taking place on 1st December in the campus. Mrs Blackburn from Dalbeattie High School has organised this and some of our classes will be participating and having stalls to sell items children have made. We hope that this will be a successful event that we can continue to be involved in developing with Mrs Blackwood and the secondary school in future years.



Christmas Carol Service

We are going to try something different this year in terms of a concert. We will be holding an open-air Carol Concert on Wednesday 14th of December 6p.m-7p.m in the school playground. Children have been learning carols in school (will share with you in due course to learn at home) and we would like to invite families to join us in the playground to sing carols together. These will be interspersed by readings from some of our P7 pupils. Following the concert, tea, coffee or hot chocolate will be served by the parent council in the school hall.

You would be welcome to bring along chairs to sit on in the playground or sit on planters and benches around the grounds. Torches or handheld light would add to the atmosphere on the night. So please bring these along with you too.

We hope you will be able to join us for this event and bring some Christmas cheer to the playground.



Screen Time, Sleep and Learning

Staff have shared at recent attainment meetings some concerns about the things some children have shared with them relating to the amount of time they spend gaming and on screens late at night. It can be a worry the impact too much screen time can have on sleep patterns and in turn how this impacts on learning. I contacted our school nurse and CAMHS for advice that may be of use. I have attached a couple of documents accompanying this letter that you may find interesting to read. Sleep Scotland website is also linked as some useful tips on sleep patterns and routines that may be of interest too. <https://sleepscotland.org/>

Standing Items



Coats

Please can we ask that all pupils wear/bring a coat to school. We are now in the 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.



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 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

A reminder that access to the above can be found on the council website.

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

Have a good weekend everyone.

Regards

Mrs E. Duncan