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## Term 3 Week Ending 20<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents and Carers,



Although we are now well into January, I would like to wish everyone Happy New Year. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable festive period and managed some quality time to relax, unwind and spend time with family and friends where possible.

### Industrial Action

Dalbeattie Primary will be closed to pupils on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of January due to industrial action. Dalbeattie Nursery will be open as normal for pupils.



### Dates for Diary

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Parent Council Meeting 7p.m
- 9<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parent Council Valentines Disco
- 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Feb - P7 Residential Trip Lockerbie Manor
- 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - Rag Bag collection
- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - P1-P6 Scots poetry Judging
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - P7 Poetry Judging (TBC)
- 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Feb Inservice Day for staff - pupils off
- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - Mid-term holiday pupils and staff
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Open Afternoon (more details to follow)
- 31<sup>st</sup> March - End of Term Easter Service at Church (TBC)



### Medical Matters

As many of you will be aware unfortunately there have been several viruses, colds, flu and tummy bugs doing the rounds. Some families were hit by these prior to Christmas. We are still seeing pupil absence due to these illnesses already this term. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell, we need to think of the wellbeing of all and reduce the risks of spreading infections. If children do experience sickness and tummy bugs, they should not return to school until 48 hours clear of their last bout of sickness or upset tummy.



### Scots Poetry

Once again, this year as part of our ongoing creative and cultural development at Dalbeattie Primary School we would like all children to learn to recite a Scots poem. Teachers have selected a range of poems suitable for each stage and the children have been given the opportunity to listen to these in class. Children will be

working on their poems in class with teachers over the next three to four weeks but we would also welcome your support in helping your child(ren) to learn their poem at home. By the 17th of February, class teachers will have selected 10 pupils from each class/stage to perform their poems as part of a class final. Class teachers will swap rooms on 17th and carry out the final judging. Following the final judging, a performance assembly will be held for selected pupils to share their poems with the school on the afternoon of 24th of February. P7 judging will be confirmed in due course as we are hoping that members of Dalbeattie Burns club will be able to join us in a safe way to carry this out.



### **School Meals, Snacks and Water Bottles**

Can we please ask that everyone completes the online of school meals through ipay impact. If your child has packed lunch could you also, please record this on the system.

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.



### **Clothing and Shoe**

There was again a considerable amount of lost property in school at the end of last term. Unfortunately, we are unable to store this in school. Please can we ask that you clearly label items of clothing for your child so items can be returned to the rightful owner if found.

Please can we also ask that you also speak to your child about taking responsibility for their own items of clothing and making sure they have everything before they leave PE changing rooms or that they have all items from cloakrooms at the end of the day/week. Staff are not responsible for finding lost items for all the children, we really do need to encourage independence and responsibility.



### **Uniform**

We have noticed standards in uniform slipping in some classes throughout the school. High standards of uniform has always been something we pride ourselves on here at Dalbeattie Primary. Hoodies, fleece tops and sports tops/zippers are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn in place of school sweatshirts. If you require a school sweatshirt for your child, please contact the school office as we have a selection of nearly new sweatshirts in a variety of sizes that we are happy to offer to you.

Some children are also forgetting to bring their uniform to change into following P.E. We have noticed this more so in the P4-P7 classes. Please make sure that your child has their uniform with them to change into after P.E. Sitting in sweaty sports clothing isn't hygienic for the children, particularly for the older classes who may experience more excessive sweating and body changes.



### **P.E Specialist Times**

Below is the timetable for Mrs Gray for the first 7 weeks of this term up until Feb inset. Class teachers will notify classes via dojo of additional P.E times throughout the week.

	Monday P.E	Tuesday P.E
9-10:25/10:45	9-10 P7	9-10 P5
	10-11 P6/7	10-11 P6
Break		
10:40/11:00- 12:30	11-12 P1/2	11-12 P4
Lunch		
1:15-3:00	1:15-2:10 P1	1:15-2:10 P2
	2:10-3:00 Mrs Gray Own RICCT	2:10-3:00 P3



### Party Invites

It is wonderful that children are now able to have birthday parties and spend time with friends. However we have had some confusion over party invites recently. A small request, if your child is having a party, could you please make arrangements to distribute invites out-with school time or at start or end of school day when children are being dropped off or picked up. Staff are not responsible for giving these out and it is also not our responsibility to explain to a child not invited why this is the case. It can be a sensitive issue when some are invited while others are not.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support in all that we do here at Dalbeattie Primary. We will keep you informed of all matter this term through further newsletters, emails, group calls or our DOJO pages.

Many thanks  
Regards  
Mrs E. Duncan