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Term 4 Week Ending 21st April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 4. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break spent with family and friends. It is, as always, hard to believe we are at this point in the academic year again.



Dates for Diary

20th April - Parent Council Meeting 6:30p.m
 26th April - Water Safety Talks P5-P7
 1st May - May Day Holiday
 3rd May - Fire Safety Talks P6 and P7
 3rd May - Coronation Treasure Hunt
 4th May - Coronation Games
 5th May - Coronation Picnic
 5th May- Class Photographs
 4th May - Parent Council Bingo Fundraiser
 8th May - Coronation Holiday
 9th June - End of Year Reports Out
 15th June - Infant Sports
 16th June - Upper Sports
 19th June - P7 Transition Meeting
 20th-22nd - June P7 transition to DHS
 22nd June - Move Up Transition Afternoon
 29th June - End of Term Service 11a.m
 30th June - End of Term and Non-Uniform Day



Parent Council Fundraiser





Coronation Celebrations

At Dalbeattie Primary, preparations are now well underway for the events to mark the Coronation of King Charles.

In School

In school during the week leading up to the Coronation weekend, we will see three consecutive days of fun activities from Wednesday to Friday.

Wednesday 3rd of May - There will be a themed treasure hunt in the school grounds in mixed groups from across the school in keeping with a spirit of community feeling and team work.

Thursday 4th May - There will be some fun 'Coronation Capers' in the morning where classes will move round fun sports/relay type activities. On the day of the Coronation Capers, children may come to school in their PE kits and if possible with a red, white and blue theme.

Friday 5th of May, we shall be having a whole school large picnic outside, weather permitting. On the day of the coronation picnic, children who have school lunches will have their lunch provided as a takeaway type meal that they can take out and eat with friends outside. Those that normally have packed lunches will eat outside with friends too. Children might want to bring a rug or picnic blanket to sit on outside during the lunchtime picnic.

Each child from Nursery - P7 will be gifted with a coronation mug printed by Dalbeattie Men's Shed courtesy of the Coronation Committee that I have been attending on behalf of the school. If all printing goes to plan, these should be available by 5th of May and presented to the children.

School/Community Event

On Monday 8th May it is the Big Help Out day. This is an extra bank holiday day when people are encouraged to volunteer for their local community. The School Pupil Council is organising an event which aims on bringing the whole community together. A trail map of the town will be available for people to follow to see the decorated houses, windows or gardens of families of some of our school children. There will be a chance to vote for a favourite. Moreover, there will be information to gather at each map location for a quiz element. During the activity, people are encouraged to do one good deed for the local community. That might mean: donating to Dalbeattie Food bank; donating a little extra money to Kippford RNLI (perhaps be visiting the shop in person while the crew carry out their exercises that day around the time of full tide which is approx. 2pm or to Dalbeattie First Responders; or simply picking up some litter along the way (bags will be made available at the starting point at Dalbeattie Primary.)

There will be a prize fund for the decorated gardens/ houses and for three lucky winners whose returned entry forms are pulled out of the hat. We are grateful to the Coronation Committee for supporting this and also to Dalbeattie Spar who have donated a £50 voucher. The entry forms which are £1 each (proceeds to be split between Dalbeattie First Responders and Kippford RNLI) will be available in Dalbeattie *for the local community*, in the week leading up to the Coronation weekend from Wednesday 3rd May, as follows: McCowans; Spar; Londis bottom of High Street; Co-op and Dalbeattie Community Initiative Visitor Information Point. Please note that some of these places may not be open on the actual day of 8th May but the shops will be. However, pupils will receive a form home from school on Wed 3rd May, with a note on how to return with their £1 entry.



School Meals and Water Bottles

Can we please ask that everyone completes the online ordering through ipayImpact. This helps immensely in class each morning so that teachers can begin learning and teaching more quickly. Please make sure you discuss meal choices with your child as often when children don't want to eat their lunch it is due to not liking what has been picked for them. Our kitchen staff are very accommodating and can provide a swap if required but children having a say in their meal choice helps significantly.

Anyone that requires information about free school meals or school clothing grants, please access this through the link below.

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

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. As the weather warms up as will classrooms, it is essential that pupils are hydrated.



Sun Protection

As we move into hopefully the summer weather, please make sure your child is suitably prepared for this. Sunscreen and hats being provided would be great. Unfortunately, we can't apply sunscreen for the children but can supervise them applying this themselves if required. Please also remember to write names on coats and sweatshirts as children discard these around the playground when the weather is favorable, having names on makes it easier for us to return them to owners.

Chewing Gum

This is not permitted in school. We have had to speak with several older pupils recently about this. Children may be purchasing this on the way to school so can we please ask that you remind your child that chewing gum shouldn't be brought into school.



P.E Specialist Times

Below are the timetables for Mrs Gray. Class teachers will notify classes via dojo of additional P.E times throughout the week. Mrs Gray has shared that PE will be outside as much as possible this term so if children could be prepared on P.E days and bring a waterproof jacket so that they can be out, warm & dry if it's windy or drizzly.

Reminder too that earrings should not be worn if possible on P.E days. We have also noticed some children wearing slightly dangly earrings on other days. These are not advisable in school.

Block 5 6 Weeks Wk Begin 17th April – 22nd May

Holiday Monday 1st May

	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
	Mrs Gray Own RICCT	2:10-3:00 P3/4

Block 6 5 Weeks Wk Begin 29th May – 26th June

	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
	Mrs Gray Own RICCT	2:10-3:00 P3



Communication

Can I please ask that all pupils' absences are reported through the school office and not directly to teachers via dojo. Teachers are not regularly checking dojo during the course of the school day and learning and teaching time so messages might be missed. This also applies to any change of pick up arrangements for the younger pupils. Thank you for your support with this as it does make completing registers and tracking pupil absence more manageable.

As many of you know we have a school Facebook page and some of you already follow this and may also be linked through having been part of a school nursery group on Facebook. We are going to be trying to use this more efficiently to share school and parent council events that may be of interest to yourselves and the wider community. We will also share community events that may be of interest to families. You may also have noticed some community events and activities for children and families being shared via dojo. We hope this is useful as we are aware not everyone is on Facebook and we want everyone to have the opportunity to participate in local events and activities as much as possible if they choose to do so.

Below is a link to the Facebook page if interested in following.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057088645538>



Outdoor Classroom and Trim Trail

The installation of both of the above will begin next week. The installers will be on site on Monday 24th April to begin ground works on the field area. We look forward to sharing pictures of the developments and the completed project with you via dojo.



Wider Achievements

Please continue to send in information about wider achievements that your children achieve this term outwith school. We are always delighted to celebrate these successes with the wider school community through our Dojo page. Achievements might involve sports, volunteering, clubs they attend or events they attend.

Please also remember that children in their pre-school year, Primary 2 and Primary 5 were given new Citizenship booklets to start earlier this school year. Please do keep them updated too. This is a valuable way to celebrate all achievements both in and around school.

Many thanks
Regards
Mrs E. Duncan