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Well, we are now at the end of week 3 and time is just flying by this term. All classes are settled in and there is a strong sense of learning and high expectations throughout the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome Miss Dooley to Dalbeattie Primary. She started in her new post as P7 class teacher and DHT on Monday. Mrs Howie has now reduced her working days to Monday and Tuesday.

Morning Routines, Breaks and Lunch Time

All of the above are becoming well established and it is positive how confidently everyone is coming into the playground each morning. Mrs Howie or Miss Dooley and I will be out in the playground each morning to welcome the children into school. Children are also becoming confident in knowing which playgrounds they are in at lunchtime over the course of the week and we have football times on the Muga allocated for each class from P3-P7. It is fantastic to see how kind and caring our older pupils are towards the younger children. There is a lot of collaborative play taking place and a happy buzz. On occasion we are having to remind pupils about including others and taking turns fairly, particularly in games of tig.



Snacks and Water Bottles

We encourage healthy options of snacks and children are encouraged to eat these before running around the playground at breaktime. Lollipops are not an ideal snack and are a choking risk so please refrain from sending these as snacks. All children are required to bring a full water bottle each day to help keep them hydrated throughout the day. We do promote the healthy option of water as a preferred drink. If an alternative needs to be provided, please think of healthy options. Spillages of sticky juice in classrooms isn't ideal. We have also had a couple of bottles breaking. Please do not send in glass water bottles for use in class or drinks for break or lunchtime in glass bottles.

School Lunches

The link below provides information about applying for free school meals and clothing grants should this be required.

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



Personal belongings

We are aware that some children require a small comforter to help them come into school on occasion. However, bringing in personal items from home (toys, books for example) isn't ideal so please can these be left at home. If children are distracted by these items during class time it can impact on their learning and that of their peers in class. Thank you for your support with this.



Clothing

Please name ALL items of your child's clothing. We have at least 6 school sweatshirts in lost property with no names. PE kits are also being left in changing rooms that we are unable to return to owners. Could we ask that all

borrowed items of clothing are also returned to school. Children may have been given extra clothes due to falls in mud, toileting accidents or spillages at lunchtime. We do not have an endless supply of spare clothes and would appreciate your support with this.



Cycling to school

As a school we promote active travel, and it is fantastic to see so many of our pupils cycling and scooting to school. **All children cycling to school must wear a helmet.**



After School Clubs

This term we have the following after school opportunities.

Netball P4 and P5

Hockey P6 and P7

Rugby P4 and P5

If children are interested in any of the clubs, application slips can be provided by class teachers or the school office. Ross Cunningham will also be in school to deliver a lunchtime club for P4 pupils. Staff will remind classes each Thursday. They can meet Ross outside in the playground or in the hall if wet and participate in some fun games and activities. Opportunities will be varied from term to term.

Annual Data Checks, Emergency Closure Arrangements, Blanket Permission Slip and Digital Photo Consent (P1 only) and Flu Immunisation

Thank you to everyone for the quick and efficient return of all documents sent out at the start of term. The information returned is important to the smooth running of the school. Anyone not managed to return a form yet has been issued with a new one today. Flu immunisation forms also require returning to the school office.



Contacting Staff and Sharing Learning

As you will all be aware by now, we have had to stop using Class Dojo as a means of sharing learning and a communication tool. The local authority is looking into alternative apps that schools may move to using. Once further information is available, or a decision has been made, we will let you know if we decide to progress with suggestions. Time being should you require to contact a member of staff, all emails are contained on the staff information page of our school blog or at the top of class pages. Class teachers will also contact you if necessary by phone or email. We will use the school blog page and class pages as a means of sharing learning and celebrating success. Please email any wider achievements to the school office email and we can share on the blog. It does take some time to upload photos to the blog and there may not be as many as we were previously able to share through dojo. It may also take staff time to get back to grips with using the blog so your patience is appreciated. Our updated **Relationships and Anti-Bullying Policy** is available on our blog (Policies Tab). Staff will share this with pupils in class. It would be appreciated if you could read this with your child(ren) and discuss.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/dalbeattieprimaryschoolblog>

Thank you for your ongoing support for all that we do for young people here at Dalbeattie Primary.

Kind Regards
Mrs E. Duncan