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Term 2
Week Ending 24th November.

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. It is hard to believe we are 4 weeks through this second term of the session. The Christmas Trees and decorations will be going up around the school soon.



Upcoming Dates

Cuppa and Carols - Tuesday 12th December 6-7pm
P3 Party Wednesday 13th December
P4 Party Thursday 14th December
P5 Party Friday 15th December
P7 Party Monday 18th December 5pm-7pm
Nursery Party Wednesday 20th December am
P6 Party Wednesday 20th December
P1, P1/2, P2 of P2/3 Thursday 21st December
Church Service - Friday 22nd December 11am

Attendance

As part of our safeguarding procedures, we are making some slight changes to how we monitor attendance each day. If your child is absent, please make sure that you email or call the school office each day to provide a reason for absence. If we have not had a response to the group call text that we send out following completion of class registers each morning, we will be calling to confirm reasons for absence. Thank you for your support around this matter.

HMI Inspection

Inspectors visited us week beginning 13th of November.

Thank you to those of you that attended the parental meeting with the inspectors and to those of you that provided feedback through questionnaires. The inspectors shared feedback with the management team and the local authority. This will now be quality assured through HMI processes and outcomes shared in due course.



Christmas Fayre - 7th December

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the Christmas Fayre this year.

Hamper Raffle

As part of the Christmas Fayre on 7th of December, we will be organising a hamper raffle. With your help, we would like to create 10 hampers and then children/families can buy tickets for these during the week of 4th of December or at the Fayre on Thursday 7th of December. Raffle winners will be drawn on Thursday 7th of December at the Christmas Fayre. Tickets will be £1 per strip.

We would like each class to bring in items for their class hamper.

Class Hamper Theme	Examples
P1 Kids Hamper	Colouring books, puzzle book, pens, pencils, Lego figure, fun toys, outdoor games, ball, drawing paper etc.
P1/2 grocery Hamper	Tins, jars, packets, boxes etc. (Nothing perishable)
P2/3 Stationary Hamper	Pens, pencils, note books, sellotape, envelopes, rulers, pencil, sharpeners etc
P3 Breakfast Hamper	Cereal, tea bags, coffee, jam, marmalade, breakfast bars, oatcakes
P4 Biscuit Hamper	Range of biscuits, chocolate, plain, cream filled, locally produced biscuits etc.
P4/5 Chocolate Hamper	Chocolate of all shapes, sizes and types – milk, plain, dark, white etc
P5 Fairtrade Hamper	Any Fairtrade items
P6 Savory Snack Hamper	Crisps, bread sticks, crackers, savoury biscuits, cheese twists etc. (no nuts please)
P6/7 Sweet hamper	Any type of sweet except chocolate
P7 Beauty Hamper	Shower gel, moisturiser, shampoo, soaps, hand cream, sponges, bubble bath, toothpaste etc.



The Parent Council will be hosting a stall at the event and would welcome any donations of Christmas jumpers to sell as part of their stall. Please send any donations of jumpers to the school office.

Parental Consultations Feedback

Thank you to those of you that attended parental consultations this week and met with your child's teacher to discuss their learning and progress. It was a very busy evening, and we appreciate that the hall became quite congested at times. Thank you to those of you that provided constructive feedback about this. We will consider this for future appointment sessions and consultations.



FAIRTRADE Fair Achiever Award

We are delighted to have been awarded, once more, Fair Achiever Status on 17th November. Over the last two years the School eco group has been involved in activities during Fairtrade Fortnight. This has included class learning and making chocolate and banana muffins with donations of ingredients from local shops (Castle Douglas Tesco, Dalbeattie Co-op and Spar) which helped us to fundraise for the Fairtrade Foundation. In 2023, we also had a successful community challenge which involved pupils searching for Fairtrade products in local shops. We were praised for this in our feedback to our recent application. Thanks go to Dalbeattie Co-op, Londis and Spar for facilitating this activity and to CD Tesco for donating prizes. Being a Fair Achiever School means we can attach the logo to our school headed paper. Going forward, The Eco group has now been tasked with going away to think about ways to do a similar community challenge, to talk about at our next meeting, so that we can plan for Fairtrade Fortnight 2024!



Lunches

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

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



Water Bottles

Please remember to send a filled water bottle with your child each day. Pupils can access water dispensers or cold water taps in the school to refill their bottles throughout the school day.



Medication

We are unable to administer medication that is not prescribed for a child by a Dr or GP. Medication must be clearly labeled by a medical practitioner with correct pupil details and dosage attached. If prescribed from minor ailments with a dispensing label, then we can administer. Medical forms for administering medication must also be completed. Thank you for your understanding around this matter.



First Aid

If your child brings a first aid form home to let you know about minor bumps, scrapes and grazes could we please ask that you sign and return the slip from the bottom of the form. It is important that we know you have seen the form and are aware of accidents, bumps and grazes. You will get a phone call should there be a head bump of any kind.



Cycling and Scooting

Unfortunately, we are still seeing pupils cycling and scooting in the pedestrian area when it is busy. Some children who come to school independently are also cycling round this area at the start of the school day. Please remind your child about not cycling or scooting in this area. I have also had to remind a few pupils about having helmets when cycling to and from school.

We have also had some concerns from local residents in Dalbeattie about children cycling on pavements on dark nights and people being frightened. Please make sure if your child is out on their bike in the evening that they can be seen and have appropriate lights on their bikes. PC Blacklock will be joining us at an assembly later this term to talk to the children about cycle safety and staying safe when out on darker nights.

Blog

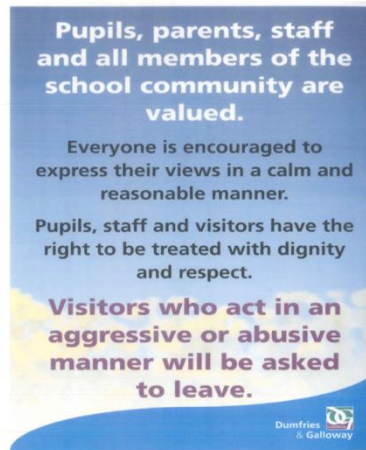
We continue to use our blog to share information at this current time as we await guidance on a replacement for class dojo. Please make sure you save this address to your favorites and have a regular check to find out information about learning and school events.

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

Standing Item

Conduct on School Grounds Reminder

Can I remind everyone about conduct when in school grounds/on council property. Any personal disputes or issues should not be brought into the playground or school grounds. Please see below council statement with regards conduct.



Thank you all for your ongoing support as we progress through term 2. We now look forward to Christmas in school and hope you can join us for a cuppa and carols or at the Church at the end of term.

Kind Regards
Mrs E. Duncan