

Newsletter Week Ending 12th January 2024

Welcome Back



Happy New Year to you all. I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing festive period. This term I will be trying to use SWAY as a method of communicating our newsletters.

Dates for Diary



Thursday 25th January - Touch of Tartan Day (info to follow)

Friday 26th January - P6 Day of Dance

Wk beginning 29th January - P1 Enrolment Week

Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th February P7 Lockerbie Manor Trip

Monday 12th - Wed 14th February - Pupil Holidays

Friday 16th February - Scots Poetry Judging P1-P6

Thursday 22nd February - Disco

Saturday 2nd March - Parent Council Coffee Morning

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Wednesday 13th March - Parental Drop In

Friday 22nd March - End of term - Easter service at Church 11a.m

Medical Information



Prior to the Christmas break, we had noted a higher level of absence due to several viruses, colds, flu and tummy bugs doing the rounds. 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.

If your child requires prescribed medication to be administered, please make sure that you have completed the appropriate medical form and submitted this to school. Non-prescription medication can not be administered in school. However if medication is administered by minor ailments and labelled for your child then we can administer this.

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 15th 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 16th 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 16th 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 for this.

School Meals, Snacks and Water Bottles



Can we please ask that everyone completes the online ordering 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.

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

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

Uniform and Change of Clothes



Prior to the Christmas break, we noticed standards in uniform slipping again 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. We are also noticing an increasing numbers of branded sport joggers and leggings being worn. These are not part of school uniform either. 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. School trends is also one of our school suppliers and you can order online.

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/>

Some children are also forgetting to bring their uniform to change into following P.E. We have continue to 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.

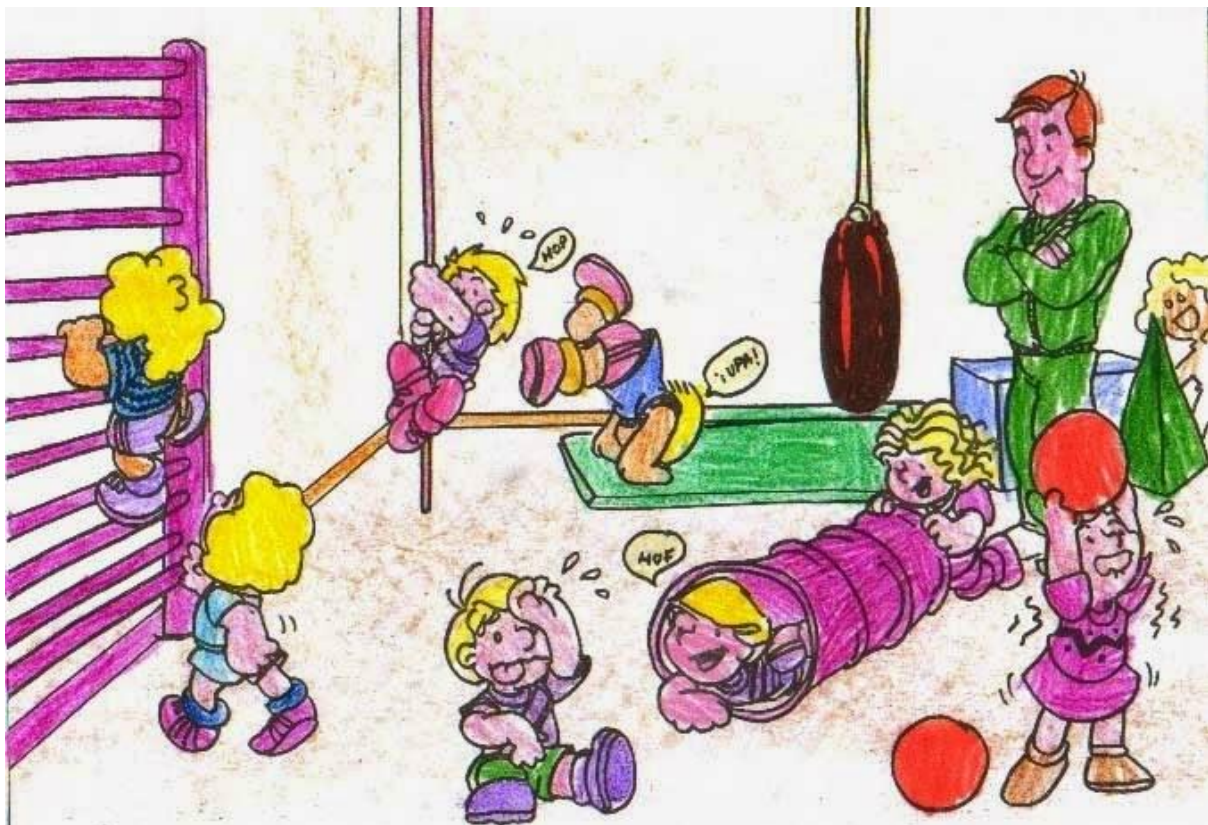
If items of school clothing are provided due to accidents, muddy clothing etc please can we ask that these are returned. We are more than happy to provide these items but we do require them to be returned as they maybe required for use by others in an emergency situation.

Changes at home time, late pickup



We are very conscious of making sure we know who we are handing children from P1 and P2 over to at home time. If there are to be changes to who your child expects to be collecting them can you please let the school office know and this can be communicated to the class teachers. Similarly if you are going to be late for pick up can you let the school office know and children can be brought to reception to wait for your arrival.

P.E Specialist Times



Monday

9-10. P7

10-11 P6/7

11-12. P1

1:15-2:10. P1/2

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

Tuesday

9-10 P5

10-11 P4/5

11-12 P4

1:15 - 2:10. P2/3

2:10 - 3:00 P6

Conduct on School Grounds

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.

