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Term 4
Week Ending 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 4. We have now completed the first two weeks of term with lots of learning and development already happening throughout the school. I hope everyone 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. We will be moving forward with transition activities for all classes, some visits to DHS for our P7s and carousel activities for our new P1s. We will also look forward to our annual sports days in June.



Dates for Diary

- 21st April Eco Group beach Clean Rockcliffe Beach 1p.m-3p.m
- 25th April P2/3 Woodland Walk p.m
- 26th April P7 3rd Enhanced transition visit to DHS
- 1st May P1/2 Beach Trip to Rockcliffe - back in school for lunch
- 2nd May Parent Council Bingo Night
- 6th May - Holiday
- 13th May P7 Transition Afternoon
- 14th May P1 Transition Carousel
- 16th May NSPCC Assemblies
- 28th May P1 Transition Carousel
- 7th June Pupils Reports Issued
- 13th June Infant Sports
- 14th June Upper Sports
- 17th June P7 Parents Meeting - Transition to DHS
- 18th-20th June P7 Transition Days at DHS
- 18th June P1 Parental Information Sessions 2:30p.m-3:30p.m and 6:00p.m-6:30p.m
- 19th June whole School Moving Up Afternoon 1:30p.m-3:00p.m
- 27th June End of Term Assembly 11a.m
- 1st July End of term Non-Uniform Day



Parent Council Fundraiser





School Start Time

A gentle reminder that our school start time is 9a.m. Several class teachers have asked me to highlight this as children arriving late to their classes are missing key information about the plans for the day, information about learning and generally settling in time at the start of a school day. This time is important for pupils to help them progress through their day. Being late can unsettle children for the remainder of their day.



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.



Clothing

As we move into the warmer summer weather (we hope) children often discard their school sweatshirts at breaks and lunchtimes in the playground. Could we ask that you name these as well as jackets and other items of clothing so that they can be returned to their rightful owner. The amount of lost property we accumulate is concerning. Pupils need to take responsibility for their own items of clothing as staff do not have time to find homes for nameless sweatshirts or to go looking for missing items of clothing. Further information will follow in due course about ordering school uniform for next session.

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.

Medical Updates

Could we please ask that any changes to the medical needs of your child are shared with the school so that we can keep our records up dated to meet the health care needs during their time in school.



Rough Play

Unfortunately, this term, we have already had to speak to several children about their play at breaks and lunchtimes. Some parents have also had to be contacted due to the risk their child has placed someone else in. When we say rough play we mean children pulling and pushing each other or children putting arms/ hands round necks and shoulders too tightly. We have also had to speak to children about 'taking feet' from each other and then engaging in wrestling type play. This is not appropriate for the playground and someone is going to get seriously hurt if this type of play continues. We ask for your support with this and ask that you remind your child about what is appropriate play for the playground. Thank you.



Communication

We have been unable to source an alternative to Dojo for sharing information. We continue to use our blog for as much of this as possible. We are aware that it is not as user friendly as dojo was but if you save the link to your favourites, it is easier to check in with the blog on a regular basis. Remember each class has their own page and information is also posted there particularly about class learning and class information.

We also have a wider achievement page on the blog and we are delighted to share achievements of the children at activities from out with school. Recently we have shared tennis success, joining an ice hockey team, taekwondo success to name a few. Please email in any wider achievements for us to celebrate.

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

We also share some information via our school Facebook page. This is a public page so we are mindful of how much we share on here. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057088645538>

We also aim to send any class or whole school information out via group call email. This does not cost us anything and is one of the quickest ways of getting information to you. We hope these arrive in your main inbox but please always keep a check on junk/spam folder in case for some reason they arrive there. Please remember to keep us updated with any email changes.

With shorter communications, we will use group call SMS messages although there is a cost to us for these hence why we use this less frequently.

On occasion for specific purposes, we are required to send out letters in paper form should return/permission slips be required.

We are aware that there are several forms of communication but we do aim to keep things as manageable as possible.

If you have any constructive suggestions about how we communicate then we would welcome these to consider.



P.E Specialist Times

Below are the timetables for Mrs Gray. Class teachers will notify classes 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.

Slips have already been sent home but could P4/5 and P5 have wellies if they have them or a change of socks & shoes. P4 pupils similarly need a change of socks and shoes but do not require wellies.

All children from P3-P7 also need a full change of clothes for after PE. This include trousers, shorts, leggings etc not just t-shirts and sweat shorts. Some children are keeping joggers and sports shorts on after P.E.

If children are bringing in deodorants for use after P.E these must be roll on. No spray deodorants as these can trigger alarms.

Block 5 6 Weeks Wk Begin 8th April – 13th May

Holiday Monday 6th May

	Monday P.E	Tuesday P.E
9-10:25/10:45	9-10 P6/7	9-10 P5
	10-11 P7	10-11 P4
Break		
10:40/11:00- 12:30	11-12 P1	11-12 P4/5
Lunch		
1:15-3:00	1:15-2:10 P1/2	1:15-2:10 P2/3

	Mrs Gray Own RICCT	2:10-3:00 P3
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We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with all parents and carers throughout this term. Thank you for your ongoing support in all that we do for the young people here at Dalbeattie Primary School and Nursery.

Many thanks
Regards
Mrs E. Duncan