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Newsletter Week Ending 17th January

A belated Happy New Year and best wishes for 2025 to everyone.

It has certainly been a whirlwind of a start to this term with lots going on last week with HMIE engaging with us on our re-visit. I am able to share that it was a positive outcome, and more details from the visit will follow in due course.

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



Dates for Diary - Term 3

21st January - P7 Open Evening at Dalbeattie High School
6th February - Parent Council Meeting 7p.m - all welcome
12th- 14th - February - P7 Lockerbie Manor Trip
19th - 21st February - Pupil Holidays
24th February - Valentine Disco
12th March - Open Afternoon
22nd March - Parent Council Coffee Morning
28th March - End of Term



Medical Information

It is again the time of year when we notice an increase in cold, flu and tummy bugs. Prior to the Christmas break, we had noted a higher level of absence due to such viruses and bugs. 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 cannot be administered in school. However, if medication is administered by minor ailments and labelled for your child then we can administer this.

Communication with School

If pick up arrangements change during the course of the school day, can we please remind you to call the school office with this information. Class teachers do not check their emails during learning and teaching time, and we do not want to miss any changes to arrangements. Thank you.



Winter Weather - Clothing and Footwear

Please can we ask that all children have a coat/jacket for wearing over these colder months. We know some children don't like wearing their jackets and we often find them stuffed in bags. We will be outdoors at breaks and lunchtimes as much as possible and classes continue to engage in outdoor learning on a regular

basis. A further reminder about Crocs footwear: these are not suitable for outdoors in the playground neither do they provide warmth in colder weather.

School uniform is something we pride ourselves on here at Dalbeattie Primary. Please ensure your child has appropriate uniform to wear. Sport leggings and joggers are not part of our school uniform. The only classes that should be wearing PE kits to and from school are P1-P3 and those classes that have PE at 9a.m. or those leaving from PE at the end of the day. All other classes should be coming in school uniforms and changing.



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 7th 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 12th 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 28th 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.

PE Times Block 3 6 Weeks Wks Begin 6th January – 10th February

(Class teachers will post other information on blog page about class PE times)

Reminder - Could pupils please refrain from wearing jewellery on P.E days. If pupils do have jewellery on then the pupils will be asked to remove it. Long hair must be tied up for health and safety reasons.

Cropped t-shirts are also not suitable attire for PE. Thank you for your support with both of these matters.

	Monday P.E	Tuesday P.E
9-10:25/10:45	9-10 P7	9-10 P6
	10-11 P6/7	10-11 P4/5
Break		
10:40/11:00-12:30	11-12 P1	11-12 P4
Lunch		
1:15-3:00	1:15-2:15 P1/2	1:15-2:15 P2/3
	2:15-3:00 P5	2:15-3:00 P3



Bikes and Scooters

A plea for help to keep everyone safe. If your young person cycles or scoots to school can you please reinforce to them that they should not be on these in school grounds this includes in the pedestrian area out the back of the primary school and along the pathway out side our nursery. We are an active travel school and I don't want to have to stop anyone bringing a bike or scooter to school but if they are unable to follow this request then I'm afraid it may have to come to that for a small minority of pupils. I am also aware that some children have received electric scooters for Christmas. Can I ask that you please consider carefully the use of these for children travelling to and from school. If such scooters are brought to school then this is at own risk and school is not liable should anything happen to these. Thank you for your support in this matter. Pupils cycling to school must also have a suitable fitting helmet. No helmet, no bikes please.



Mobile Phones

We are also aware that lots of pupils may have received mobile phones for Christmas. We appreciate that children bring these to school for safety purposes, walking to and from school, but phones must be switched off when pupils enter the school grounds and put in bags. Pupils should not be accessing their phones throughout the school day. We apply the same policy as the secondary around mobiles phone: see it, hear it lose it. If we have to remove a mobile phone from a pupil you may be asked to collect it from reception for your child.

Attached Newsletter

We have been asked by the local authority to share with families the newsletter attached with this email you have received today. The information highlights the newly launched GIRFEC website which offers support for families and professionals. Please take time to have a look at this useful information. This has been a multiagency approach led by the requirements of the Children's Services Plan.

Hair Checks

Just a reminder to please be vigilant about this and try to check your child's hair regularly for little visitors (head lice). If these little visitors are found quickly and treated, it can avoid a more widespread outbreak.

Standing items

School Blog

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

Please check out our school blog. We post on this weekly as a school and teachers post on their individual class pages. This is a great way to see what your children have been learning in class and a good starting point to discuss their learning at home. We hear all too often from parents that children tell them that they do nothing much at school but by looking at the blog, you will gain an insight into what is happening within the school and classes.



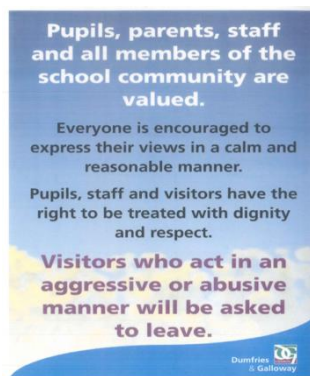
Lunches

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

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

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.



We look forward to seeing you at some of the many events planned for this term. Thank you for your continued support in all that we do here at Dalbeattie Primary

Kind Regards
Mrs E. Duncan