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Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back to a new term. We hope everyone had time to enjoy events with family and friends over the holiday period. We also want to welcome our newest families who joined the nursery this week.

Parent Council will meet in the school hall on Thursday 19th January at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend as the parent/carer of a child in the school or nursery. We also encourage you to get involved in events with the Parent Council Committee to further support the pupils. An agenda and the minutes of the last meeting were emailed out for your reference.

Drop-in Session: Another opportunity is available in the school to visit your child's class and have a quick chat with your child's teacher. This will be **Wednesday 25th January from 3:10 to 4:10**. The school nurse will also be available for further information as required. We will have laptops available so you can trial our new Purple Mash platform that we are currently setting up. You will receive information later in the term regarding logins for your child so you can access this platform at home. We are also awaiting training for staff around the platform so we can fully optimise all the features.



Reminders: It is very important children have water with them each day to keep well hydrated. We do ask that water bottles only contain water and not juice or flavoured water. Spillages do often occur and are more difficult to deal with when the contents are not water. Children who have juice with them are asked to save it for the lunch hour and they are given a disposable cup for water. We thank you for following this advice.

Children are welcome to wear "trackies" on their classes PE days as we do not have changing facilities within the school. School jumper can still be worn on a PE day and removed during the session. We have found though that regular reminders are required around the school uniform. The uniform gives everyone an identity and consistency across the school.

Jumpers/cardigans with Rephad logo on them are not necessary and plain blue jumpers can be worn.

Black/grey trousers, shorts, pinafores or skirts are all part of our uniform but we would ask that leggings are only worn as part of a PE kit. We do have some uniform items within the school or they can be purchased online. There is also a shop in town that provides previously loved uniforms.

We do appreciate your support in encouraging your child to wear the correct uniform and show their Rephad pride.



Guidance on Infection Control: Attached to this email is a list of various infections conditions and the requirements of responding for exclusion periods. We have been asked to share this list with you as an awareness point for yourselves as parent/carers. We are happy to discuss any individual situations as required. These guidelines are from NHS and are there to keep us all safe; pupils, staff and families. Thank you for following the guidelines.

Emergency Contacts: We are requesting if you have had any change of mobile number to please contact the school as in an emergency situation it is important we have the correct contact details. We also need to ensure that there are 2 emergency contacts for each child and would appreciate if you could send in details of individuals to contact if you need too. We have had situations before the holidays where we could not contact families.

Scottish Poetry: All children will be learning a poem of their choice that suits their skills and abilities. Memorising and reciting a poem is a part of the curriculum within the literacy Listening and Talking expectations. Children will be supported as required in the process. In early February, we are hoping to have two special guests come along to select winners from each class. These children will have the chance to recite their poem at an assembly so everyone can celebrate their successes. We thank you in advance for encouraging your child in learning their poem and developing personal expression while delivering it to their audience. All class winners will receive certificates of recognition.

*Rephad Values: Aspirational; Creative; Hardworking;
Inclusive; Resilient; Respectful*

Burns Day: We will recognise the life and work of Robert Burns at an assembly on **Wednesday 25th January**. Children are encouraged to wear something tartan that day. This is not a fundraising event and no money will be required.



Events outside of school: Over the next weeks we have all Primary 4 aged pupils taking their swimming lessons at the Ryan Centre. P7 is organising an excursion to learn about Robert Burns and classes P5/6, P6 and P7 are having opportunities to visit the local college for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) activities. I am sure everyone will enjoy these wider learning events.

Nursery, P1 and P7 Registration: If your child is starting P1 in the autumn session and they are in our nursery you will receive paperwork next week that you need to complete and take to your catchment school along with proof of address and birth certificate. Last date for registering for P1 is Friday 3rd February.

If your child is currently in N3 or N4 you will again need to register for a placement for the August session. New 3 year olds will receive information from the authority. Please complete this process by Friday 3rd February.

If you know someone who has a child that should be starting nursery or Primary 1, can you please let them know to contact their local school.

P7s received their S1 enrolment forms yesterday and they should be returned to the school as soon as possible.

Sports: An email was sent yesterday about badminton opportunities at the Ryan Centre for P4-P7 children. We hope you take the chance to try out the activity.



Thank you as always for your support. We look forward to seeing you on 25th January but we are always only a phone call away if you have any questions.

In regards,

Karen Logue
Head Teacher; Rephad Primary School and Nursery