



Winter Weather

Welcome back after the Christmas break which I hope you all enjoyed.

Thank you for your support last week with the wintry weather. The 10am start certainly made it easier for staff to get into work and allowed the school to stay open rather than close due to no staffing.

It is always a difficult situation and decision to make but the safety of the children and staff are at the centre of any decision made.



GO PURPLE DAY 26TH JANUARY

Free School Meals/Clothing Allowance

All pupils in P1-3 are entitled to free school lunches but, under certain circumstances, you are also entitled to a clothing allowance. Pupils in P4-7 are entitled to free lunches and clothing allowance if criteria are met. The criteria are:

- ☑ Their parents receive child tax credit, but not working Tax credit, and where their income is less than £16,105.
- ☑ Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- ☑ Their parents receive income support or income based job seekers allowance
- ☑ Their parents receive maximum child tax credit and maximum working tax credit with an income of less than £6,420
- ☑ They are aged between 16 and 18 and receive any of the above benefits in their own right (move to the bottom of the list as it applied to all the criteria with the exception of P1-P3)
- ☑ Their parents or carers are in receipt of support provided under part VI of the immigration and asylum act 1999
- ☑ Universal Credit

Funding to the school, under the new Pupil Equity Fund, is influenced by the uptake of these so if you think you are entitled and have not claimed please do so as soon as possible.

Important Dates

JAN

25th & 26th – P1 Enrolments

26th – “Go Purple Day” in support of Glasgow Children’s Cancer Ward

26th – P6 Trip to Crichton Farm

30th – P4 Day of Dance @ Dumfries Academy

30th – Shared Finish (See below)

31st – Rotary Quiz – P7

FEB

1st – P1a Ice Skating

5th - Rag Bag Collection

12th – 14th (Incl.) Holiday for pupils

15th – P7 Trip to Devil’s Porridge

16th – P7 Ice Skating

21st – 2.15 Brew and a Biscuit – all welcome

March

1st – P1b ice Skating

8th – P6 & 7 visit to Queensferry Crossing

12th – P1a Barony Farm Visit

As ever, if you have any concerns, or just want to talk/ask a question we are always here to help. A member of the Management Team is usually available, especially at the beginning or end of the school day.

Health Alert

There continues to be a lot of cases of sickness/diarrhoea in the school. Please be aware that the advice from Public Health, to stop the Norovirus spreading, is that your child **MUST** have 48 hours clear. We are adhering to this advice in which your support is appreciated.

P1 Enrolments

P1 Enrolments for starting Primary 1 in August 2018 will take place on Thursday and Friday 25th & 26th January 2018 at the school office.

Please come with your child’s birth certificate and evidence of your current address.