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TO ALL PARENTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

PUPIL COUNCIL

Congratulations to those pupils who were recently elected onto the Pupil Council. The Pupil Council consists of Mairi Maciver P7 – Chairperson, Abigail Macleod P7 - Vice-Chairperson, Francesca Greenstock P7 – Treasurer, Sophie Macritchie P6 – Joint Secretary, Uilleam Morrison P6 – Joint Secretary, Elizabeth Greenstock P6 – Joint Fundraising Secretary, Jordan Nicolson P6 – Joint Fundraising Secretary, Sarah Maciver P7 – Pupil Council Photographer, Angus Morrison P7 – Eco Representative, Arwen trainer P5 – P5 Representative.

We still have positions open for one P4 representative and one P3 representative and would encourage any of our P3 /P4 pupils who wish to stand for election to do so.

We look forward to the Pupil Council working with pupils and staff over the coming session to make suggestions and improvements for the school.

COLIN CAMPBELL SPORTS – SCHOOL SPORTS KIT COMPETITION

Many thanks to all those who voted for Sgoil a Bhac in the recent competition they were entered into. The school received word this morning that they were the winners of the competition and staff and pupils wish to thank all those both far and wide who supported them with their votes. Sgoil a Bhac was 204 votes ahead of its nearest rival Inverkeithing Primary School – a much bigger mainland school.

BLYTHSWOOD SHOEBOX APPEAL

Once again this year, the school will be supporting the annual Blythswood Shoebox Appeal. We had an excellent response last year from children and families and wish to continue supporting Blythswood as they try to make Christmas a little easier for families across Eastern Europe and Asia. We have already distributed leaflets to our school families and hope that advance notice of the Shoeboxes will be helpful to you all.

We would like to receive Shoeboxes in school by **Friday 27th October** as it is expected that the closing date for the appeal will be early the following week.

If parents or children would like an additional Blythswood Shoebox Appeal leaflet we have more available at the school office.

HEALTH & HYGIENE

To help prevent illness and infection, we like to regularly remind parents about the following health and hygiene issues.

Illness

Whilst we work to encourage good attendance habits at Tolsta Primary School, we have had a number of pupils who have





been struggling through the school day with illness and heavy colds. This is increasing the risk of cross infection and can delay children's recovery from such illnesses. We would like to advise any parents to keep children at home if they are suffering from heavy colds, bad coughs, stomach bugs and other such winter illnesses until symptoms have cleared up. The current health guidance for vomiting and diarrhoea is that children remain at home for 48 hours following the last episode to avoid the risk of cross-infection.

Hand Hygiene

To further prevent the risk of spreading bugs, coughs and colds, we ask all parents to help ensure that children practise very good hand hygiene habits at all times and particularly remember to wash their hands thoroughly every time that they've been to the toilet.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS UNIHOC COMPETITION

It was great to see a team from Tolsta Primary School participating in the recent Sports Festival Unihoc competition and winning through to Finals night on Wednesday 27th September 2017. We would like to congratulate all the teams who participated in this competition and offer our sincere thanks to staff and parents who came along to supervise and support at the Sports Centre on both the qualifying night and the finals night.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Tolsta Primary School Parent Council meeting will be on **Monday 2nd October 2017 at 7:00pm.**

LEARNING LOGS

The children's learning logs form an important record of what they are learning each week. We are encouraging our pupils to talk about the skills they are learning in class as opposed to the activities they have been undertaking. It would be a huge support to school staff if parents, when talking to their children about their learning could also focus on this, so that children are able to recognise the importance of skills and how they can be transferable and utilised for many purposes. We also welcome parents' comments in the learning logs and would encourage those who have not yet written in the logs to do so as this forms an important part of our evidence of parents working in partnership with the school in relation to their children's learning.

OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

School will close for the October Holidays at the end of the school day on **Thursday 12th October 2017** and will re-open to pupils on **Thursday 26th October 2017.** We wish all our pupils and their families a relaxing, enjoyable and above all a safe holiday.

Leis gach durachd

Kirsteen J. Maclean
Head Teacher



