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TO ALL PARENTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We do hope that at this the start of a new term, the varying bugs and illnesses which are doing the rounds have not affected you or your family members too much. Our attendance rates are beginning to come up now after a period of high absence through December and January.

P1 ENROLMENT

P1 enrolment for August 2018 will be week beginning Monday 29th January. Enrolment may take place any day this week between the hours of 9am-12.30pm. If you can't make these dates please get in touch with the school office for an alternative date and time. It is a requirement to bring the child's birth certificate at the time of enrolment into P1. We look forward to seeing our younger children transitioning from Sgoil Àraich to Primary 1.

P7-S1 ENROLMENT

P7 pupils will be issued with their Nicolson Institute enrolment packs shortly. These packs include the main enrolment form and several other forms. These forms should be fully completed and returned to the school. Any orders for Nicolson school uniform must be accompanied by full payment in cash or by cheque, made payable to The Nicolson Institute.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Many thanks to all those parents who have already completed the Parent Questionnaire and sent it back to school. We appreciate the comments you make and the suggestions you offer in this process. I would like to encourage those who have not completed this questionnaire to do so and to send it back in to school as soon as possible. These questionnaires do help to inform the School Improvement Plan for the following year so if you feel there is an area of school life that you would like to see improved, please do tell us.

READ WRITE COUNT SURVEY

This survey is open to the parents of pupils in Primary 2 and Primary 3 who received the read Write Count Bags over the last two years. Prizes are available for winning participants. For parents the prize is a personal Read, Write, Count Goodie Bag filled with books, games, and activities for all the family to enjoy. The deadline for the parent survey is Tuesday 27th February 2018 and it can be found at the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ReadWriteCount17>

SCHOOL HANDBOOK

The school handbook will be issued in hard copy to those parents who are enrolling pupils in to Primary 1 for the new session. A PDF version of the most recent version of the School Handbook (December 2017) has been uploaded onto the school website and can be found under the tab Documents and the Sub Menu School Handbook. We hope you will find the information within the Handbook helpful.





PARENT COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be on Monday 19th March 2018 at 7:00pm. Please do make a note of the date and time of the meeting. We would love to see more of our parent body coming along and getting involved in Parent Council matters.

CROSS COUNTRY RACE

The second SRAC Cross Country Winter Series took place on Saturday 20th January 2018. We had a number of pupils who participated across all the races and of these we had a high proportion of pupils who achieved placings in their respective races. Special congratulations to Mairi Macritchie who came 2nd in the under 9 Girls race, Jordan Nicolson who came 1st in the Under 11 Boys race, Sarah Maciver who came 1st, Mairi Maciver who came 2nd and Elizabeth Greenstock who came 3rd in the Under 11 Girls race and Francesca Greenstock who came 2nd in the Under 13 Girls race. To have so many of the children placed in these events is a marvellous testimony to the endurance and fitness of the pupils in Tolsta School.

SCHOOL DIARIES

We would like to remind parents to be checking school diaries each night to check notes from class teachers and also to ensure children complete the homework tasks required of them by the set dates. Please ensure you sign the diary to indicate you've seen it.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have been populating the new school website with all manner of information that we think is useful to you as parents. However, we recognise that there may be things you would like to see on it which are not already there. If you are able to think of anything which you think we would be useful to add to the website, please do let me know so that I can edit the pages accordingly. <http://www.tolstaschool.com/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- ☐ Wednesday 7th Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Monday 12th February – School closed for mid-term break
- ☐ Friday 16th February – Chinese New Year Lunch
- ☐ Monday 19th March – Tolsta Parent Council meeting at 7.00pm

Leis gach durachd

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