



Bun Sgoil Thunga agus Sgoil Àraich
Tong School and Sgoil Àraich
January 2019



Dear Parents / Carers,

It feels like a distant memory now but we hope everyone had a restful holiday and feels refreshed for a new term. We are excited about what 2019 is going to bring and look forward to moving forward on our journey to excellence.

Enrolment

Enrolment for Primary 1 will take place at the school at the following times:

Tuesday 29th January 9am – 10.30am

Wednesday 30th January 3pm – 4.30pm

Thursday 31st January 3pm – 4.30pm

Please bring your child's birth certificate along with you.



Enrolment forms for nursery can be collected from the Sgoil Àraich from Monday 28th January 2019.

Masterclasses

Exciting curriculum development with the introduction of our masterclasses where children can participate in cooking, drama, art, textiles, computer science, dance and science. We have some photos posted on our Twitter page.

Sensory Equipment

We are currently creating a sensory area in the school and would be very grateful for donations of the following items if you no longer require them or are having a clear out:

Bean bags, lava lamps or similar, toys with flaps, drawers or buttons to press, posting/sorting toys, books with flaps/different textures, pieces of material – a variety of different textures, foam letters/numbers, large soft cuddly toys, spinning tops, abacus, trampoline with handle, small ball pit, play tunnels, etc.

Please contact the school office if you have any suitable items.

Winter Weather

Can you ensure your child comes to school dressed in suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. If possible could wellies be brought to Sgoil Àraich each day.

Stay and Play in Sgoil Àraich Playrooms

We will be having another Stay and Play session in our English and Gaelic playrooms on **Tuesday 5th February 2019** at **9am until 10am** or **2.30pm until 3.20pm**.



Parent Helpers

If any parents are interested in helping with specific tasks in school such as library, playground development, story sacks, general admin etc. and have time to spare please contact the school to express your interest.

Parent Council

The date of the next Parent Council Meeting is **Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 7pm** – all welcome.

Pàrant 's Paiste

Pàrant 's Paiste has resumed and the next date is Friday 15th February at 1.45pm until 3.15pm. It will then run every **second** week. We look forward to welcoming familiar faces back and to seeing new ones join us!

Lost Property

There is a number of clothing item in our Lost Property box (located at our front door). If you are missing anything could you please arrange to check the box.



School Crossing Patrol

A reminder as we start the school term the crossing patrol begins at 8.30am until 9am and then after school at 3.20pm to 3.30pm. It is the responsibility of parents if they choose to allow their child to cross before or after these times.

Medication in School

If your child requires any medication to be administered during the school day (including inhalers for asthma), it is Council Policy that a standard form is completed. If your child's form needs updated throughout the year please come into the main office to update it. Please note **all** medication must be prescribed. If you need a form please contact the school office.

Norovirus (winter vomiting bug)

If children have the vomiting bug please note it can still be infectious up to 48hours after your symptoms disappear, and it is advised they stay at home during this time and to keep hands clean to avoid spreading it to others. Guidance information from NHS is available on our Parent noticeboard and posters are displayed around the school.

Absence from School

If your child has to be absent due to illness please contact the school office with relevant information as soon as possible. If not, a Groupcall will be sent asking you to respond with information regarding their absence. Please follow up absences with a letter if possible.

Emergency Contact Details

Please ensure that we have the most up to date emergency contacts including any new mobile phone numbers as it is important we can reach you as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. If you are not receiving texts/email could you please contact the School office.

AND FINALLY...



As headteacher I have an "open door" policy. I am usually available in school from 8:30 - 5:00 each day and am also happy to meet with parents outwith these times. You can also contact me by email via the school email address below. I greatly value the support of parents/carers in all aspects of the life of our school. If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 15th February, 1st, 15th and 29th March - Pàrant 's Paiste

Tuesday 29th - Thursday 31st January - P1 Enrolment

Tuesday 5th February @ 7pm - Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday 6th - Monday 11th February (inclusive) - School Closed

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st February - Flouride Varnish

Friday 22nd February - Leanne Fundraiser - Dress Colourful (£1 suggested donation per family)

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Wednesday 20th March - P7 Orienteering Event

Friday 22nd March - Report Cards go out

Wednesday 27th March - Easter Service at Church

Friday 29th March - Free Dress Friday (£1 suggested donation per family)

Friday 29th March - School Closes 3.20pm

Monday 15th April - School re-opens

** Please note all events are subject to change and more information will be provided closer to the date.*