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Dear Parents and Carers

Here are a few updates before we head into our February break. There have been amendments to our original plan, so it is good to get some dates confirmed and we think we have some great experiences for the children for the remainder of the year.

## **STAFFING UPDATE**



Our school role will be falling next academic year and therefore we will be losing a class and teacher. The Local Authority have worked with us to look at the policy which is in place for this event, and as a result Mr Flett will be moving to another school to take up an equivalent post.

We will take the opportunity to thank Mr Flett properly for his dedication to Evie School at our End of Year Service in July.

A staff list can be found on the website:

[blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/or/firth/](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/or/firth/)

## **OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

We have planned a meeting for our P7 parents to discuss the Hoy Trip on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February at 4 pm. There will be an online link for anyone who can't make it in person. The meeting will be informal so that everyone can ask questions and we can confirm details.



## **SWIMMING**



Swimming lessons have been rescheduled and will happen across an 8 week block. These lessons are aimed at P4/5 so we will work out a solution to that, we may be allowed to take the whole class. The lessons will start on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, which is the first day back after the Easter holidays.

## **PARTICIPATION FUND**

We are making a positive move to encourage all children to have a PE kit with them every week to change into for their PE lesson with Miss Gunn and for their Class PE with their teacher. If you would like some help with purchasing a PE kit, please get in touch. We will also purchase some nice spare kits for children to borrow if they forget.

## Dates for the Diary

### TERM 3

#### JANUARY 2025

6<sup>th</sup> January - First day back for staff and children

24<sup>th</sup> January - Burns Lunch

#### FEBRUARY 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> February - Registration week for Nursery and P1

11<sup>th</sup> February - Safer Internet Day

13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February - School Closed

18<sup>th</sup> February - In-service day

19<sup>th</sup> February - First day back for pupils

19<sup>th</sup> February - Daily Mile Challenge begins

24<sup>th</sup> February - P7 Hoy Trip Meeting

#### MARCH 2025

6<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> March - Music Workshops (tbc)

#### APRIL 2025

4<sup>th</sup> April - Expressive Arts Celebration (tbc)

4<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of school

### TERM 4

22<sup>nd</sup> April - Everyone back at school

22<sup>nd</sup> April - P4/5 Swimming begins on Tuesdays x8 sessions

#### MAY 2025

5<sup>th</sup> May - Easter Monday holiday

6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> May - P7 Hoy Trip

26<sup>th</sup> May - UNCRC week

28<sup>th</sup> May - Orkney STEM day

#### JUNE 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> June - In-service day

9<sup>th</sup> June - Primary Sports Day

10<sup>th</sup> June - Last Day of P4/5 Swimming

23<sup>rd</sup> June - End of Year Reports

24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> June - P7 Transition Days

25<sup>th</sup> June - P7 Parents Information Evening at Stromness Academy

#### JULY 2025

4<sup>th</sup> July - Leaver's Service in the morning

4<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of school



Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind Regards

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