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Auchtergaven Primary School Newsletter

Dear Auchtergaven Families

As we approach the end of term we have a couple of updates and future events we would like to share with you.

**Hallowe'en Heptathlon**

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Nursery to Primary Seven will be taking part in a whole school sponsored fundraiser. The event will be a Hallowe'en Heptathlon and a whole school Witchy Woodland Walk. Each class will be sponsored to take part in 7 sporting events with a Hallowe'en theme throughout the morning and in the afternoon the whole school will walk round the Millenium woods. Pupils should wear PE kit on the day but are encouraged to add a little Halloween theme, maybe a bit of face paint wizard or witches' hat etc. Nothing too scary and no masks please. Please note P7 will complete the Heptathlon events on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon as they are swimming on the Tuesday morning.

All pupils will come home with a paper sponsor form, we have attached a copy here too. Please encourage your children to tell family, friends and neighbours about the event and ask for a little sponsorship. All funds raised will go towards pupil experiences- trips, visitors and workshops throughout the year. Any funds raised by nursery pupils will go toward developing the Nursery Garden- we are currently looking in to quotes to have the area around the climbing frame surfaced.

Pupils should record any sponsors on their form. Families should total the sponsor money raised and collect from family and friends. Parents are then asked to pay the money raised using Parent Pay. A link will be added on to Parent Pay under **Pay for Other Items**.

We expect the day will be lots of fun and are very much looking forward to it and we are very grateful for any funds raised as they will make a real difference to the children's experience in school.

**Parent Council**

The Parent Council held their AGM and first meeting of the year yesterday. It was a very positive meeting with lots of ideas about working in partnership with the school. An update on the Parent Council is also attached and I would strongly encourage you all to have a read about all the great work that went on last year. If you would like to get involved contact information is included on the update.

**To help you plan, please find a list of diary dates below dates highlighted are new and significant.**

Best wishes

*Catharine Findlay*

Head Teacher

**Diary Dates for Parents and Carers**

<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>School closed for holidays</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Term two starts</b>	
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>School Photos</b>	<b>Photographer in school.</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 6-6:45pm</b>	<b>P1 Curriculum Information Evening</b>	<b>P1 parents invited to an information evening in Primary 1, the session led by Mrs Watt will cover early reading, early maths and general information about learning in Primary 1. Please come to the main entrance for 6pm.</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Meet the Teacher</b>	<b>Parents and carers are invited to school to meet the teacher and visit children's classrooms. This is a drop-in session anytime between 2:30pm and 3:00pm. Please come to the back entrance (glass door in the big playground) anytime from 2:30 pm.</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Hallowe'en Heptathlon for P7</b>	<b>P7 pupils should come to school in PE kit.</b>
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Whole School Hallowe'en Heptathlon</b>	<b>See information above.</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Library Bus</b>	<b>Pupils to return and select new library book.</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Parent contact</b>	<b>Invites to follow</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Parent contact</b>	<b>Invites to follow</b>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>	<b>Inservice day</b>	<b>School closed for pupils.</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Flu immunisations</b>	
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>Parent Council 7pm</b>	<b>Online using MS Teams</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Library Bus</b>	<b>Pupils to return and select new library book.</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Nursery and P1 Nativity</b>	<b>2-3pm in the school hall, parents and carers of Nursery and P1 pupils invited. Information to follow.</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>	<b>6:00pm-7:30pm in the school hall. An event not to miss - make space for in your diary. Information to follow next term.</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>	<b>Santa Fun Run and School Christmas Lunch</b>	<b>Santa fun run around the Daily mile track to work up and appetite for our Christmas Lunch! Children can wear a Santa Hat and Christmas Jumper/something festive if they wish.</b>
<b>Week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Class Christmas Parties</b>	<b>Information to follow.</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Church Service</b>	<b>10:00-11:00am in the church- parents and carers welcome.</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>Inservice</b>	<b>School closed to pupils</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	<b>February holiday</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>Parent contact</b>	<b>Invites to follow</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>Parent Council 7pm</b>	<b>Face to Face in school.</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>Parent contact</b>	<b>Invites to follow</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	<b>Inservice</b>	<b>School closed to pupils</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>Holiday</b>	<b>School closed to pupils</b>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>Parent Council 7pm</b>	<b>face to face in school.</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>	<b>Sports day</b>	<b>Parents invited to morning races.</b>