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Dear Parents & Carers

A belated Happy New Year to you and your families. I hope that you all had a good Christmas and New Year Holiday. The children have settled back into school routines and are enjoying the new term.

Under 22 Free Bus Travel

The Scottish Government has announced the introduction in January 2022 of free bus travel within Scotland for all children aged 5-21.

Parents/carers of primary age children are able to apply for a free travel card via ParentsPortal (Please note different arrangements for P7s below). Information about how to activate your Parents Portal is attached below.

[How to apply for free bus travel on parentsportal.scot - YouTube](#)

If you haven't activated your parentsportal yet. The information about how to do it is attached.

P7 Pupils: As you are aware, the NEC Card process has already begun for our P7 children and the free bus travel element will be added to the NEC Card.

Fruity Friday & Healthy Eating Reminder

All children should bring a piece of fruit for their snack on a Friday. Chopped carrots, peppers or cucumber are also fine.

Classroom water bottles should only contain plain water.

Covid Update

We are continuing with staggered drop off and collections for the time being. We are limiting mixing of classes inside for the moment which means no in-person house or buddy activities. The older children have started to make short films to send to their buddies. We hope to be able to share some of these in the next Discover Dunbarney Pupil News.

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We will continue to send letters home to parents if there is a Covid case in their child's class. As shared in my newsletter of 1st October 2021 we will also update parents if more cases are identified in a class in the days after the initial case is identified.

For up-to-date information on Covid: www.nhsinform.scot

Thank you to everyone for your continued support in helping to keep our community safe by adhering to guidance at drop off and pick up as well as ensuring children are tested promptly if there is a concern and that school are kept in the loop as to results. Can I remind parents to arrive as near as possible to collection times, maintain SD whilst waiting and to leave promptly when they have their children.

Covid Related Absence.

If children are absent from school and well enough to still do work they should access and complete homework via seesaw following instructions given by class teachers.

In addition to this Education Scotland have produced cross curricular resources that can be used at home and can be access via this link.

[Education Scotland Learning Activities](#)

There are some excellent number games on this site

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/>

Safe Routes to School

Mrs Grehan our crossing patroller is now based at the corner of Station Road. All children crossing Main Street should do so at the pelican crossing. Anyone coming through the park should come down to the corner and cross Station Road at the Crossing Patrol. Could all parents please ensure that they cross at the crossing patrol even when they are with their children so that all children get into the habit of crossing with Mrs Grehan.

Parent Council Meeting.

The Parent Council will meet on Monday 7th February at 6.30pm. The meeting will take place via Zoom. Anyone wishing to attend should contact a member of the Parent Council or email dunbarney@pkc.gov.uk for the meeting code and password.

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