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Dear families,

It has been a busy and productive first term so far. The children have settled well and our P7 buddies are continuing to do an excellent job of helping out our P1 children.

**Our House System**

Pupils have now been allocated into houses for session 2019/20. Election speeches and interviews took place last Thursday for House and Vice Captains and were of a very high standard. Well done to all of the candidates for their hard work and effort. The scoring system is based on points gained from pupil votes along with points awarded for interview.

**House and Vice Captains - Session 2019/20**

**Gowrie:-**

**Captain – Struan R**

**Vice-Captain - Hayden B**

**Huntingtower:-**

**Captain - Georgia S**

**Vice Captain – Murray D**

**Ruthvenfield:-**

**Captain – Matthew A**

**Vice Captain – Lyle C**

**Tibbermore:-**

**Captain – Callum H**

**Vice Captain – Aleena K**



**Congratulations!**

This session, we will continue seating arrangements for lunch service in houses from Monday-Thursday. This is an important element of ethos building within our House

system. In addition to this, and in response to Learning Council feedback, on a Friday pupils may sit out with their houses.

**Ruthvenfield**



**Gowrie**



**Tibbermore**



**Huntingtower**



### **Ruthvenfield Junior Leadership Team**

This week, pupils will vote for class representatives to join the Junior Leadership Team. Representatives from each year group will meet regularly with the senior management team, myself and Mrs Scrimgeour, to discuss ideas for Ruthvenfield which have been suggested by pupils as well as discuss learning and teaching and school priorities.

### **iBike Crew 2019-20**

Alexis  
Emily A  
Lyle  
Jamie H

### **JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers)**

Andrew B  
Matthew A

Our iBike Crew and Junior Road Safety officers will run events and competitions throughout the year. They would also like to encourage, where possible, for pupils to walk, scoot or cycle to school. This will be recorded on Travel Tracker every morning



in class. The Travel Tracker trophy is awarded at our weekly assemblies for the class with the highest percentage of active travel to school (i.e. walk, scoot, cycle). Monthly badges are also awarded for those pupils demonstrating most active travel.

### **Bike To School Week 2019 (23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September)**

Our JRSOs would like to encourage you all to take part in this upcoming cycling event and cycle to school as much as possible during Bike to School Week. Thank you.

### **Staffing News**

Mrs Lesley Waugh has been appointed as the Highland Perthshire Area Support Teacher. She will work across a number of schools, including Ruthvenfield PS (from time to time), teaching classes and allowing Mrs Scrimgeour and Miss MacKenzie time to work on school improvement priorities and attend meetings and professional development courses.

### **Staff Absence**

Mrs Kate Falconer, our Primary School Support Assistant, will be off work soon due to a scheduled operation. Mrs Donna Cromb will provide cover from Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September-Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. I am sure that you will all give Mrs Cromb a very warm welcome to Ruthvenfield Primary and help her to settle in.



### **#BeNiceBus**

• All classes were able to get on board the #BeNiceBus when staff from the Princess Diana Award and Stagecoach kindly visited Ruthvenfield Primary School. Pupils took part in a range of anti-bullying workshops. Thank you very much for such a great visit for our learners.

### **Balfour Beatty**

Our P7 pupils recently took part in an educational outreach programme called Academy9 which Balfour Beatty are running for schools as part of the A9 dualling programme. They enjoyed participating in a number of workshops at the site. Thank you very much to Duncan Gardner at Balfour Beatty for coordinating this. He is also planning to come and deliver a range of civil engineering workshops at Ruthvenfield to all classes in the near future.



### **Perth Theatre's Set Design Challenge for 2019**

Our P5-7 pupils recently visited Perth theatre and enjoyed taking part in workshops as part of the Theatre Set Design Challenge. This is a free project which will give pupils the opportunity to learn about aspects of theatre making from theatre professionals and to try their hand at designing a model box set to a given brief. The pupils will design selected scenes from **SINBAD** which is the 2019 Perth Theatre Pantomime. Pupils will gain an insight into opportunities and careers on offer within the creative industries.

### **Solheim Cup 2019**

All P6 PKC pupils have been invited to attend the PING Junior Solheim Cup on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of September at Gleneagles. This world class junior event takes place days before The Solheim Cup (13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September) at the same venue and is part of the largest female sporting event in Scotland.

The PING Junior Solheim Cup is a competition between Europe and the United States with each team consisting of 12 female amateur golfers between the ages of 15-18. Since its inception in 2002, the event has developed a deserved reputation for showcasing the world's best junior golfers. Many of the players in the PING Junior Solheim Cup go on to play in the senior event and this link creates an inspirational event atmosphere throughout the week. The girls are in Scotland to do their utmost to win for their team, but also to create new friendships, develop their game through high level match play and learn from observing the professional players prepare and battle it out in The Solheim Cup. Pupils attending will hopefully be inspired and get a chance to have fun in the purpose built Activity Zone.



### **Climbing Club**

The children would love climbing club to get back up and running. ***If you would be willing to be involved in this then please contact the school office or pop in and let us know.*** We have a climbing wall in the gym hall which is used for climbing club. A representative from Perth Climbing Club would happily come in to school to train any volunteers.



### **Rugby Sessions**

Perth Rugby Club (PRC) will be working with Ruthvenfield Primary School again this year. They worked with our P1/2 and P3/4 classes last Friday. We will let you know any future dates once these are confirmed.







### **Aldi's Sports Kit for Schools**

This term we are collecting Team GB stickers with **Aldi's Kit for Schools** for the chance to be one of 20 primary schools to win £20,000 to build a health legacy at our school. From 6<sup>th</sup> September–3<sup>rd</sup> November, when you spend £30 or more in any Aldi store, you will receive a special Team GB sticker – if we work together to collect 300 stickers, we will automatically receive an exclusive school sports kit, in addition to entry into the £20,000 prize draw.

Please send any stickers collected into school with your child/children and we can add them to our Aldi's Kit for Schools poster which we have put up in the school gym hall.

The Aldi's Kit for Schools campaign supports the aims of Get Set to Eat Fresh, Aldi and Team GB's award-winning school's programme, which has already beaten its target to reach 1.2 million young people in the UK by 2020, reaching over 1.5 million young people since its inception.

If you would like to find out more about Aldi's Kit for Schools you can visit **[getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools](http://getseteatfresh.co.uk/kitforschools)**, or get in touch with the school for more information on our plans.

Thank you so much for your support on this project – we look forward to receiving any stickers you collect.

### **Afterschool Clubs**

#### **Running Club (for all ages)**

Running club has got off to a great start. This club takes place after school on Wednesdays from 3:20-4:20pm. New members are always welcome. Please pick up a permission slip from the school office.



#### **P1-4 Football Club**

The P1-4 football club is held after school on Fridays from 3:20-4:20pm. Once again, new members are always welcome. Please pick up a permission slip from the school office.



***Please see the following page for upcoming diary dates.***

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sarah Burke  
Headteacher





### **Term 1 diary dates**

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 7pm– Parent Council AGM, Glover Arms

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Sept - Solheim Junior Cup (P6 pupils attending)

23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September Bike To School Week 2019

27<sup>th</sup> Sept – 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct Maths Week Scotland

Wed 2nd Oct - NSPCC workshops all day (all classes)

**Fri 4th Oct - additional Inset day for staff (children not in school)**

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct - PKC holidays

### **Term 2 diary dates**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Term 2 begins

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Nov - Inset Day (children not in school)

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Inset Day (children not in school)

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov-Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Book Week Scotland

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – open morning at Ruthvenfield

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Flu immunisations (am -Ruthvenfield PS)

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parent Contact Sessions

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parent Contact Sessions

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas lunch

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – show rehearsal at church

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas show in church 7-8pm

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas pantomime trip

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas parties

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – end of term