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Dear families,

**Staffing updates**

I am pleased to let you know that we welcomed Mrs Kate Falconer, our School Support Assistant, back to work on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November following a recent operation. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our staff, pupils and families for their support and extra help during her absence. It was very much appreciated.

**Parent Council Meeting**

Our next Parent Council Meeting takes place tonight at **7pm at The Glover Arms**. Everyone is very welcome to attend. It would be lovely to see you there.

**Halloween Discos**

Thank you to our Parent Council for organising the recent Halloween discos for the children. They were a great success and lots of fun was had with the array of games, and activities on offer, as well as dancing.

**November Open Morning – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 9-10am**

We are looking forward to welcoming our families in to school this Wednesday morning. We hope that you can make it along.

Miss MacKenzie and our Junior Restorative Rangers will be sharing information about restorative approaches in the **gym hall from 9-9:20am** for all of our families. After this there will be an opportunity for you to visit the classrooms and for your child/children to share their learning **(9:20-10am)**.

Across the school, we have invested in introducing a structured synthetics phonics/spelling programme as well as introducing new handwriting resources. The children and staff are looking forward to showcasing these approaches.

### **Professional Learning for Staff and our Junior Leadership Team**



As part of our school improvement priorities, staff and members of our Junior Leadership Team will be taking part in Outdoor Learning training this Thursday from 3:20-5:15pm, run by Learning Through Landscapes. We are looking forward to learning new ideas to share with the rest of the school community.



### **NSPCC – Dress Down Day**

Thank you for your recent donations towards the NSPCC dress down day. The children took part in a number of workshops led by representatives from the NSPCC. We received a certificate and letter of thanks through the post for all of your kind donations which came to a total of £87 towards this charity.



### **Poppy Scotland and Remembrance Day**

Reverend Malloch conducted our Remembrance Assembly on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. Staff and pupils met in the playground at 11am on the day to observe the 2-minute silence. Thank you very much for your contributions towards the Poppy Scotland Appeal. We raised £40.30.

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

Thank you for helping us to collect the 300 Team GB stickers from Aldi which we required in order to receive a sports kit and the chance to win one of 20 prizes of £20000 to build a health legacy. I sent the poster off at the start of November and will let you know when we receive our sports kit. Fingers crossed that we are a lucky winner in the draw too!

### **Christmas pantomime trip, Perth Concert Hall (Sinbad)**

Please can any outstanding payments for our pantomime trip be made through Parent Pay by today as we are overdue on our payment for this?  
Please contact me if you require any funding assistance. Thank you.

### **Local Foodbank - Christmas**

We have had a number of donations already sent in for our local foodbank. We would be very grateful if you could send in any other donations with your child/children over the next few weeks to add to our collection. They are looking for long life items particularly the following;

- UHT Milk
- Long Life Juice
- Tinned Meat

- Tinned Fish
- Jam

They are unable to use;

- Food that is past the use by/best before date
- Fresh or chilled food

Thank you very much for your support with this.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sarah Burke  
Headteacher





### **Term 2 diary dates**

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> November – Interim Reports Issued

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parent Council Meeting, Glover Arms @ 7pm (all welcome)

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

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Guide Dogs Talk P1/2 (Heather Walker)

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Learning Through Landscapes Training (Staff and Junior Leadership Team) 3:20-5:15pm

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

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

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Start of switch off energy saving fortnight

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Balfour Beatty Engineering workshops (all classes)

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

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – PKC Regional Gymnastics Competition (P1-3 selected teams)

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Curling Session (pm in gym hall)

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

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

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Polling Day (gym hall out of use that day)

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

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas pantomime trip, Perth Concert Hall (Sinbad)

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

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – End of term