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October News

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Wider Achievement

As many of the clubs the children attend out with school are now back, this may be an opportunity for your children to receive a Wider Achievement Award. If any achievements have been made at clubs or through family activities such as hill climbing, sponsored walks etc, please encourage your children to share these with us and we will celebrate them in assembly at the end of each month. We kindly ask that the tear off slip at the end of the letter is completed and returned to school or alternatively you could send a message on class dojo to share your child's wider achievement with us.

Education Scotland

A School Inspection will be taking place on week beginning Monday 3rd October. We look forward to sharing the learning from our school community and know that our pupils will make our visitors very welcome.

Communication

We are pleased to share that we will soon be communicating with you via social media. At the moment we can share our events in school through our website and twitter @Cochrane_Castle. We will be updating our school website over the next few weeks and hope to establish a new school Facebook page. Class dojo will continue to be used to share your child's learning with you and you are able to communicate with your child's teacher through the message feature. As this platform is not constantly monitored, we kindly ask that urgent or important information is communicated by calling the school office: 0300 300 0198. We look forward to sharing our learning with you over these platforms.

Maths Week

We have enjoyed our joint activities planned this week with St David's Primary School. Please have a look on twitter to see some of our learning with our campus school.

Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn



P7 Maths event at Johnstone High School

As part of the Maths Week celebrations, our P7 pupils have been invited to attend Johnstone High School on Friday 30th September and take part in some maths activities. Our children are looking forward to this event.

P7 Information Evening

Johnstone High School have arranged an information Evening for our P7 pupils and their families. This will take place on Tuesday 4th October 6pm-8pm. We hope that you are able to attend this important transition event.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 13th October. You will be contacted by the school office to arrange a time for your child's appointment. We invite our pupils to attend this appointment with you so that they can join in the discussion about their learning, please complete the tear off slip at the end of the letter to request as before.

Active School's Tournaments

Active Schools in have arranged some tournaments for Renfrewshire schools. If your child has been selected to attend they will have brought a consent letter home. The first is the basketball tournament after school on Monday 3rd October at ON-X. The next tournament is football which will take place on Wednesday 5th October at ON-X.

Parent Portal

A reminder to our families to sign up for our parent portal/ parent pay. This platform is now used to seek consent for all school trips. While it can be used for payment of lunches etc, it has a much wider use, and we would ask that all our families sign up and link with their account. If you have any difficulties, our school office staff can help you with this. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Joint Campus Health Day

We are delighted to have the opportunity to be back working with St David's Primary on joint events. Our joint health day will take place on Friday 14th October. Children are invited to wear their sport's clothes to school for this event. In line with Renfrewshire policy, no football colours are to be worn on this day. We look forward to sharing all the activities with you through social media and class dojo.

Parent Council

Our newly established Parent Council had their first meeting on Wednesday 7th September. They have great plans for the coming year and would love to invite more parents to join. The date of the next meeting will be shared very soon. We look forward to meeting new members.



St Mirren Tickets

Thank you to all our families who returned their slip for the St Mirren tickets. Our pupils helped us select our lucky families out of a hat and we have all the games up to December matched to families. We hope that our lucky families enjoy this day.

Active Schools

A reminder that the following school clubs are available:

Monday	Sports on the pitch – Lunchtime
Monday	Netball 3pm-4pm
Tuesday	Sports on the pitch – Lunchtime
Tuesday	Multi-sports- Lunchtime
Wednesday	Basketball 3pm-4pm
Thursday	Football 3pm-4pm
Thursday	Multi-sports- Lunch time
Friday	Sports on the pitch – Lunchtime

Our pupils can access the lunch clubs each day, we do ask that if you wish to reserve a place at the after-school clubs for your child we ask that you use this link to register them for a place.

<https://oneren-cochranecastle.class4kids.co.uk/>

October Holiday

School will close for the October holiday on Friday 14th October at 3pm. School re- opens for pupils on Tuesday 25th October.

Halloween

The children will celebrate Halloween in school on Friday 28th October. The celebration will include a small drink and snack. The children are welcome to come to school dressed up this day. We kindly ask that **no props** eg broomsticks, swords are brought to school. Children will be in their costume all day including playtimes and we ask that their comfort is considered when choosing their outfits.



Diary Dates

Here are some dates for your diary. Please note dates may be subject to change. We will inform you of any changes through our normal channels of communication.

P7 Maths Transition Event at Johnstone High School 6-8pm	Friday 30 th September
Johnstone High School P7 Open Evening	Friday 4 th October
Parents' Evening	Thursday 13 th October
Joint Campus Sport's Day	Friday 14 th October
October Holiday -School Stops 3pm	Friday 14 th October
School re-opens for pupils	Tuesday 25 th October
Halloween Parade Friday 28 th	Friday 28 th October
St Andrew's Day- School closed	Wednesday 30 th November
Nativity Performance - PM	Wednesday 14 th December
Flu Vaccine	Friday 16 th December
Christmas Pantomime -In School	Friday 16 th December
School stops for Christmas Holidays at 2.30pm	Wednesday 21 st December
School re-opens for all-9am	Thursday 5 th January
P7 Joint Burn's Day Afternoon-TBC	Wednesday 25 th January
Parents' Evening	Thursday 2 nd February
Joint Campus Health Day	Friday 10 th February
School closes for February Break at 3pm	Friday 10 th February
School re-opens for pupils	Thursday 16 th February
Joint Health Day	Friday 31 st March
School stops for Easter Break 2.30pm	Friday 31 st March
School Re-Opens	Monday 17 th April
School Closed- May Holiday	Monday 1 st May
May Holiday- School Closed	Friday 26 th May
School Re-Opens for pupils	Wednesday 31 st May
P7 Residential Trip	Wednesday 7 th June – Friday 9 th June
P7 Transition visits to Johnstone High School	Wednesday 14 th – Friday 16 th June
School Stops for Summer Break	Tuesday 27 th June

As always if you have any questions regarding this newsletter or indeed any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Your faithfully,

Michelle Ferguson
Head Teacher



Wider Achievement

Name

Wider Achievement Activity.....

Parents Evening Thursday 13th October

Please complete the tear off below to indicate which slot you would prefer. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

Child's name..... Class.....

I would prefer early slot 3.15pm-5pm.....

I would prefer a later slot 6pm-8pm.....

Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn