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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our first term back at school has been a busy one. It has been lovely to see the children settle so well, particularly our new primary ones. We look forward to the autumn term and the learning experiences that will bring.

## **School Start and Finish Times**

Our school day will continue to run from 9am and end at 3pm with the school gates opening at 8.45am. In order to keep our school community safe we ask that households stay the advised 2m apart when waiting to drop off or collect your child. This is very important, particularly with the most recent restrictions which have been put in place. Thank you for support in this matter.

### **Maths Week Scotland 2020**

Maths Week Scotland runs from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October. The children will be taking part in a variety of maths activities across the week. We will share some of these through the children's Seesaw profile and twitter. The Sumdog challenge opens on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September and we ask that if the children have some time that they get started on this as soon as they can. Thank you to Mrs Coleman for organising this.

#### Safe Parking

We ask that you park safely when dropping off and collecting your child from school. Please do not park on or across from the Bus Stand or the yellow zig zag lines. By parking safely, we continue to keep all our children safe. We appreciate your support in this matter.

#### **Outdoor Learning**

A reminder that the children are spending an increased amount of time outdoors. The weather in Scotland is so unpredictable and while we have had a few lovely days recently, we ask that the children continue to wear suitable clothing for learning outdoors including suitable footwear and a waterproof jacket. This is particularly important on the days that your child has P.E. We advise that that your child wears joggers/ leggings and trainers on these days.

Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn

A reminder that the school are currently not able to offer a change of clothing. It may be useful to pack a change of joggers/ leggings in your child's bag as the playground can be wet and muddy.

### **Annual Data Check**

The Annual Data Check is now accessed through Parent Portal, however due to issues with access we did send home a paper copy of the annual data form. Could we ask that these are completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

## **Allergies**

We have some children in the school with allergies including a nut allergy. **Could I please ask that no foods containing nuts are brought into school**. This would include bars and spreads with nuts. Thank you for your support in this matter.

# **Sponsored Danceathon**

The children will participate in a sponsored dance event on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October. This will take place outside and each of the four classes will receive a time slot for their session. Our dance professional Mrs Rodger will lead the children through their session. Details of how to donate will be shared via the parent partnership. We look forward to sharing pictures and clips of the event over seesaw and twitter.

#### **Parents' Evening Arrangements**

As we are unable to permit parents/ carers into school at this time, our parents' evening this year will be in the format of a telephone call. We will arrange a slot for your child's teacher to call. The arrangements for the calls are as follows:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, Primaries 1,2,4 and 5. Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, Primaries 3,6 and 7.

Your child's teacher will call from the school telephone at the arranged time. If you miss your allocated call, the teacher will try to call you back later. The telephone appointment times will be issued on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September. We will telephone the main contact held in our system. Could I ask that if you prefer to be contacted by another number or you wish to clarify the main contact, that you call the school office and share the details of the preferred number or contact.

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.

Michelle Ferguson Head Teacher