

Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers

A very happy New Year to you all and welcome to our first newsletter of 2024. Life in school is always very busy, and this term is no different. This newsletter will give you some of the highlights of what your children and you can expect to happen before April.

Yvonne Templeton

Head Teacher

Primary 1 Registration

Our Pre-school early years children are now beginning to think about their future move to Primary 1. Registration of Primary 1 children will take place week beginning 15th January. Please note that your application for registration is online. However, if you are having any difficulties, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us and we will help you out.

If you wish to defer your child's entry to Primary 1 you are able to do this easily if your child's 5th birthday is after the end of July. Just let us know. If you are unsure what to do, please do not hesitate to contact me for a chat.

Early Year's Registration.

As yet, we do not have a definite date for 2-4-year-old registration for Early Years. This usually takes place sometime in February. We will be in touch with you as soon as this becomes available. Look out for these dates in social media etc.

Cosy Spaces

Cosy Space sessions have returned every Thursday afternoon from 2-3pm. The school hall is open to parents and members of the community, everyone is invited to come along for a hot drink, a biscuit and some company. Each week a small number of children from the primary school attend the cosy space with a selection of board games and puzzles which visitors are welcome to join in with. Alternatively visitors can sit and have a chat with others. The children of Ballantrae primary school have loved spending time with visitors in their cosy space and hope that you will continue to join us on a Thursday afternoon.



Gentle Reminder

A wee reminder to all parents to remember to name your child's clothing. If you are missing anything, please get in touch with us. There is surplus school clothing available in school.

PE KITS

Also, please provide your child with a PE kit. Gym shoes and shorts are all that are required. We have PE on a Tuesday and a Thursday. PE kit is important as it keeps your child safe during this activity.

Primary 7 Residential Visit

This year we are taking our Primary 7 children further afield for their residential visit. We are heading off to the Isle of Cumbrae, to the Field Studies Council, on the 7th February until the 9th February. Children will explore Island life, and become involved and engaged in the outdoors, taking part in hands-on, safe experiences. They will enjoy wild adventures which they will remember forever. A meeting with P7 parents to discuss this further will take place on Thursday 18th January at 2.30pm.



Sporting Activities

This term is a busy one for a wide range of sporting activities. On top of our usual two hours a week of PE with Mrs McDonald, all of our children will have 6 sessions of swimming at the Quay Zone. This includes our Pre-school children, too. Carrick rugby have offered our older children 4 sessions of rugby practice and Active Schools will take the older children to work on their Spirit of Sport award.

Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award

This term we will focus on achieving our RRSA Gold Level. Children's Rights underpin all of what we do in our school. Children are encouraged to share their views and opinions and to make our school a better place for them to be. We encourage children to take action in their communities and make a difference to themselves and others and become responsible global citizens. We will keep you posted about our achievements in this area.

Scots Poetry

January is always the month when we introduce Scots Language to our children through the medium of poetry. All children have been issued their poem to learn at home and at school. For some children, we do realise how difficult this can be, but be reassured we will support them to do the best that they can. If your child is worried or anxious about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch. The final judging will take place on Tuesday 20th February. A huge thank you to the Carrick Burns Club who help us out with this activity.



Open Afternoon

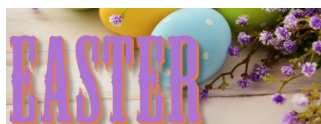
To share our learning with parents and friends of the school, we invite you to attend an open afternoon on Wednesday 13th March at 1pm. During the afternoon we will showcase all the exciting opportunities we have for learning to take place. There will be science demonstrations, technology activities and many other things to see and do. We look forward to seeing you then.

ACE

Towards the end of the term, on the 22nd March P6/7 have an ACE day of Trail Cycling at Glentrool.

Easter Assembly

Our Easter Assembly will be held on Tuesday 26th March (Ballantrae). More information will come to you nearer the time.



Parent Council Meeting

Our Parent Council will meet on Monday 22nd January at 1.30pm in the school. All parents are welcome to attend. We'd love to see you there!

Upcoming Dates for Term 3

January Monday 15 th	Swimming Week 1 Family Links Group
Thursday 18 th	P7 Parents meeting Residential; 2.30pm
Monday 22 nd	Swimming Week 2 Parent Council Meeting 1.30pm Family Links Group
Monday 29 th	Swimming week 3 Family Links Group
February Monday 5 th	Swimming week 4 Family Links group
Wednesday 7 th	P7 Residential trip to Cumbrae
Friday 9 th	P7 return from Residential 3pm
Monday 12 th	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 13 th	Inservice Day
Monday 19 th	Swimming week 5 Family Links group
Tuesday 20 th	Scots Poetry Judging Finals
Monday 26 th	Swimming week 6 (final week) Family Links Group
March Monday 4 th	Family Links Group (last session)
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day - Low Key and in school (no dressing up required)
Wednesday 13 th	Parents Open After- noon 1-3pm
Friday 22 nd	P6/7 ACE Trail Cycling
Tuesday 26 th	Easter Assembly
Thursday 28 th	School closes at 2.30pm for Easter Holiday
April Monday 15 th	Return to school