

Dear Parents and Carers



### Scottish Culture

Traditionally, January is the month in school where we celebrate all things Scottish. This year, all classes in school and EYC will do so through lessons, songs, dancing and fun!

P7 pupils held their Burns Supper in school yesterday. The calibre of recitals, singing, dancing and speeches was very high, and it was wonderful to see our P7 pupils confident and supportive of one another. Our thanks go to Mrs Edmiston and Miss Cowie for guiding our pupils through the process of preparing for the Burns Supper. We also give thanks to our catering team for providing us with haggis, neeps and tatties for the event.

This morning, the Scots Verse competition is taking place. We are so pleased to welcome families of finalists to join us. The judges will have a hard job on their hands as the quality of recitations is very high. We will give details of winners in due course.



### Dolphin House

P7 Group 1 will be spending the weekend packing for Dolphin House. They leave on Monday morning and excitement levels are off the scale. Please could parents ensure that pupils are at school nice and sharp. They should come into school with their luggage and head to the GP room. Parents are more than welcome to hang around till the bus leaves shortly after 9am. Just a reminder MOBILE PHONES MUST REMAIN AT HOME! Parents should check out the school's X account as staff will post photos of all the shenanigans there daily.



### News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

We have had a busy week in the 2's this week. We have been out and about exploring the school grounds. We stomped through the muddy field looking for the bear from We're Going on a Bear Hunt but we only found some sheep in the fields! We have been busy indoors acting out familiar experiences during our play and we have used real cups and teapots to make Lynn and Becca cups of tea, we have used lots of language during our play.



In the 3-5 room this week we have been busy doing lots of different activities. We celebrated Chinese New Year by making our own Chinese lanterns and practising our scissors skills. We have taken part in a woodwork session with Eilidh where we were learning how to hammer nails into wood safely. We also took part in a play on pedals session with Lori where we were learning how to use the brakes and ride the bikes safely.



### Outdoor Learning

Regardless of the weather, classes will generally still engage in outdoor learning each week. We have noticed a higher number of pupils, particularly senior pupils who are not coming to school prepared with outdoor clothing and footwear which results in some clothing and shoes getting wet and muddy as well as classrooms being pretty messy. Please could we ask for your support in ensuring that children are ready for Outdoor Learning each week. Remember to get in touch if you need any support with this.

In addition, we would like to make a plea for donations of newspapers which will be used to make eco plant pots and also of any packets of vegetable seeds that you may have going spare

We are still looking for a talented carpenter to build an honesty box for our extra produce which we aim to sell to the community. Here are some pictures for inspiration. A simpler version would be appreciated.



## Diary Dates

We will try and give as much advance notice of school events as we can to help fit in with your family plans. This list is subject to change and is not exhaustive.

Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	P1-7 Scots Verse Competition 9:30-10:30
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL WEEK 1 EYC CARE PLAN MEETINGS
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	In Service – School and EYC closed
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL WEEK 2
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual Reports home to Parents
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Appointments
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes at 2:30 for holidays
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School Reopens
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	In Service – School and EYC closed
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	EYC to P1 Transition 1
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	School Sports Morning
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	P4-7 Championship events
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	EYC Sports morning
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	EYC to P1 Transition 2
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	P5 and 6 Triathlon Event
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	EYC Parent Appointments
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to S1 Transition 1 Parent Drop In 3:15-5:15
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to S1 Transition 2 EYC to P1 Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	P6&7 The Greatest Showman - evening
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	P6&7 The Greatest Showman - afternoon
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers service EYC Tie Ceremony P7 Leavers Disco - evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Treat Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Close for holidays at 1pm