



October 2022

Dear Parents,

We are nearing the end of a very busy term and, as always, are incredibly proud of the progress, commitment and attitude of our pupils. We have had an enjoyable term and it has been a great start this academic year,

Sponsored Bounce

The Sponsored Bounce made an amazing £4824. Some of this money will be used to subsidise Panto (P3 - 7) and cinema (P1 and 2) trips during the month of December. We hope this supports parents, ensuring pupils can embrace the festive season during which is always an expensive month.

Money raised is part of the school fund and every penny goes towards curriculum enhancement experiences for pupils.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Macmillan Coffee Morning made a marvellous £1275 for a very worthy cause. Yet again, our community demonstrated a very generous nature and did our pupils proud. There was a lovely buzz in the hall all day and it felt great to welcome parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles back into school.

Thanks also to our merry band of helpers who served teas and coffees at the event.



Parent Council



We are keen for parents to join our Parent Council and there will be a stall with information at our parents evening. As well as running a School Lottery and Easy Fundraising page they provide a voice for parents around a range of issues. The money they raise has helped to build and extend the Trim Trail, purchase uniform and equipment at transition phases and pays for the discos.

Autumn Discos

Our discos next term will be held at the following times:

Primary 1 and 2	1.45 - 2.45
Primary 3 - 5	5.00 - 6.15
Primary 6 and 7	6.30 - 7.45

Children can dress up in fancy dress or in party clothes - anything goes. **Please could all children bring a filled bottle of water as drinks and snacks are not provided.**



In order for the discos to continue we really need Parent helpers. If you are able to help please email the school office, title DISCO HELPER.



Parents Evening



During Parents' Evening, Scholastic will provide books for sale, there will be tea and coffee and a tuck shop run by Primary 7 pupils. Parents will have an opportunity to meet the class teacher and look through jotters. Teachers may also discuss data and reading ages with you. Please remember that we complete regular assessments so the data is a snapshot and can be influenced by a number of factors. It is perfectly normal for pupil data to fluctuate. Teachers will be using their own observations and considering data over a period of time when reporting levels.

The meeting is short and only allows time for a brief overview - if you require a longer discussion or have any issues to discuss please contact the school office and we will arrange a meeting at a different time.



Parent Helpers

Next term is busy with a range of out of school activities including tennis and swimming. These experiences are critical to provide pupils with a range of quality learning experiences which maximise the rich facilities we are lucky to have on our doorstep.

We really need parent helpers to walk to and from each area and appreciate the parents who have been supporting visits already this year. We need to increase our bank of helpers so if you or any family member are able to help please email the school office with the heading PARENT HELPERS.

Dress Down Day/Wear Purple for Ayrshire Hospice Friday 14th

October

The last day of term (Friday 14th October) is a **dress down day** and we are inviting pupils to wear purple to support the Ayrshire Hospice. We will not be asking for donations due to the generosity of our community this term.



As part of our Harvest celebration we will be collecting non-perishable food items such as tinned vegetables and fruit, packets of cereals, dry pasta and rice, tinned hot meals, UHT milk or diluting juice. Unfortunately, we cannot accept fresh or perishable items.

If you can assist us with this then please send in donations on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th October. Our community has been so incredibly generous already this year and we know times are hard for families at the moment so please only give if you are able.



Parking

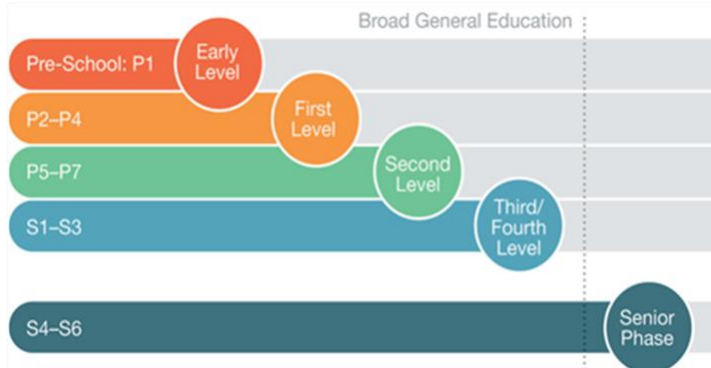
Parking continues to be an ongoing issue with a small minority of parents using the staff car park and parking in front of resident's driveways - blocking their entry and exits. I am fully aware that the vast majority of parents who are considerate about parking find this extremely frustrating. This is a child safety issue and we ask that parents plan ahead to either walk or park safely.

Tracking Reports

All parents will be receiving a tracking report outlining progress through the levels in:

- Listening and Talking
- Reading
- Writing
- Numeracy and
- Health and Wellbeing

The broad expectations about progression through curriculum levels are:



It is recognised that children will progress at different rates: some will require additional support and may take longer for their learning to be

secure at a level for some or all areas of the curriculum; others will achieve secure learning sooner.

Black History Month

October is Black History month and in next weeks Citizenship pupils from Primary 3 - 7 will be finding out about Black History month and learning about the role of black people throughout history.

Staffing

We are delighted to share that Sarah Black, class teacher in P2B is expecting a baby in February next year. Her post will be advertised and a careful handover will take place.

Next term we will be saying goodbye to our wonderful Debbie Johnston, clerical team. Debbie has secured a well deserved promoted post and we wish her well although she will be greatly missed.

Dates for your diary (may be subject to change)

Friday 7 th October	Reports to go out
Wednesday 12 th October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 th October	Parents' Evening
Friday 14 th October	Close for holiday 3pm
Monday 24 th October	Inservice Day
Tuesday 25 th October	Pupils return
Thursday 27 th October	Discos
31 st October	Dyslexia Week Scotland
31 st October	P7B to Dolphin House
7 th November	P7J Dolphin House
14 th November	P7M Dolphin House
18 th November	Children in Need
21 st November	P3 - 7 STAR reader
30 th November	St Andrews Day - wear tartan

Best wishes,

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