



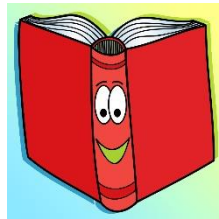
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Dear parents, carers, and families,

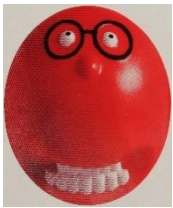
We have lots of events this term, so hold on to your hats – it will be a busy one!

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March 2025

Children are invited to bring in a favourite book to share with their class. They can dress up as a favourite book character if they would like or come in pyjamas, or just wear their school uniform. We are also asking for donations of old books (still in good condition) that we can send to the charity 'Books2Africa' who will send books on to those in need in Africa. Throughout the day, each class will have a D.E.A.R time (Drop Everything and Read) and children can join in a 'Guess the Reader' competition. Children will also receive their special World Book Day book token which they can redeem for a free World Book Day book.



Comic Relief and Fun Park Run – Friday 14th March



This will be a non-uniform and dress as crazy as you like!!! Crazy hair, odd socks, pyjamas – go with what suits you. Parents may wish to contribute a small donation towards Comic Relief.

Pupils from Primary 2 to 7 will attend the Oval for a Fun Park Run and Primary 1, P1Y and P2–4M will have an obstacle course on the playground.

Football strips

Pupils should not be wearing football strips or have football bags, equipment, or packed lunch boxes. This includes during PE and when representing the school as part of a team.

Discos – Wednesday 2nd April 2025

EYC	12.30pm – 1.15pm
Primary 1 and 2	1.30pm – 2.30pm
Primary 3, 4 and 5	5.00pm – 6.15pm
Primary 6 and 7	6.30pm – 7.45pm

EYC, Primary 1 and 2 pupils may come dressed for the disco on the day.

Please could all children bring a bottle of water?



Rights Respecting Schools

Our GOLD Rights Respecting Schools Award is in May, and we are proud of our commitment and practice in this area. We are gathering evidence in a portfolio to demonstrate the wide range of ways we discuss and raise the profile of the Rights of the Child.

How you can help at home:

- Discuss the Meaning of Rights Bearers (children) and Duty Holders (adults).
- Ask your child about their birthday right.
- Contribute to our visit – we will be looking for parents to come in and speak to the assessor.

RESPECT!

Parent Voice – Your Voice Matters

The meeting this term was well attended, and we had a lively discussion on a range of areas. These include:



Traffic and Parking

Traffic in the car park and on Doon Avenue was raised as a concern. These concerns have also been raised by residents of Doon Avenue. The Parent Voice Group will be invited to meet over the next couple of weeks to write a letter outlining the problems and possible solutions, which I will share with the Local Authority and Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

Communication

A range of issues were raised around communication including:

- The range of platforms used by the school to communicate to parents.
- Some issues regarding the school website. *We are in the process of updating the site and have arranged for training for the Leadership team early next month.*
- The level of description given alongside diary dates on the monthly newsletter and some dates that were not recently included. *I have adapted the way dates are shared (see below).*
- Seesaw provided parents with valuable communication about learning and is missed. *The authority are currently looking into the use of Seesaw and we are part of this discussion.*
- Facebook Pages – inconsistent use. *We will aim to improve on this, and we are currently exploring different platforms for 2025 – 2026.*



Home Learning

There was a discussion around this area, again with differing views. We will complete staff, parents and pupil surveys and create different discussion groups to discuss and agree our approach for next academic year.

Additional areas

- Gymnastics at Whitletts - There were differing views over this, and the consensus was that it was worthwhile and should continue from Primary 3 and above.
- Internet Safety – Parents requested a workshop for parents. We are currently communicating with the Local Authority to see if there is an appropriate provider.
- Use of toilets for pupils – will be discussed further at Pupil Council meeting.
- Arranging a parent event for preloved items – toys, prams, pregnancy and maternity books, clothes. We will arrange time for parents to share recycle quality items.

School Bell

The school bell rings twice a day at 9.00am and 3.00pm. We have previously changed our practice around this and are interested in your views. We will run a poll on the school Facebook Page, but for anyone who does not have access to Facebook please email the school office FAO Headteacher Re: School Bell.

Extended Learning Facility

In August, 35 pupils with complex needs moved from Dalmilling with the Extended Learning Facility. Pupils are in 4 classrooms which are located around the school amongst mainstream classes. Pupils eat lunch in the hall during lunchtime and most play as part of the whole school on the playground. Some pupils access the enclosed playground to the rear of the school. Where appropriate pupils will access some learning provision in mainstream classes.

Our new pupils and staff have settled in well to Heathfield and have been a positive addition to our school. Mainstream pupils have welcomed their new friends with open arms and kind hearts.



Best wishes,

Gaenor Hardy

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

March

Date	Theme	Descriptor	Who?	Dress
6 th	World Book Day	Book activities to raise the profile and celebrate reading	Pupils	Non uniform/optional
14 th	Red Nose Day and Park Run	Fun activities organised by the House Captains	Pupils	Sports/silly
26 th and 27 th	Parents Evenings	Parent/Teacher dialogue	Parents	P7 monitors should wear uniform

April

Date	Theme	Descriptor	Who?	Dress
2nd	School Discos	1 hour and 15 minutes of dancing and fun	Pupils and parent helpers	Party clothes (EYC, Primary 1 and 2 can come dressed in the day.
3 rd	Primary 5 Sharing the learning	Primary 5 will share some of their recent learning with parents and families	P5 pupils and parents only	School Uniform
4 th	Schools close	2.30pm	Pupils	School Uniform
22 nd	Pupils start back		Pupils	School Uniform



May

Date	Theme	Descriptor	Who?	Dress
2 nd	Parent Voice 2.00pm	A time for parents to come in for a solution focussed dialogue with the HT. All issues should be raised on the Your Voice Counts google form prior to the meeting	Parents	N/A
5 th	Bank Holiday			
7 th	Parent 6.00pm	Parent Council meet to discuss items on the agenda.	Parents	N/A
23 rd	Dress Down Day	We are inviting parents to bring a bottle for the Summer Fayre	Parents – bottle	Dress Down
26 th	Bank Holiday			
27 th	Inservice Day	Teacher Training Day		
28 th	Pupils start back			

June

Date	Theme	Descriptor	Who?	Dress
3 rd	P7 School Show (evening)	P7 Pupils will be performing High School Musical with a P4 – 6 Choir	All P7 pupils P4 – 6 choir	Costumes will be provided. Choir in uniform
4 th				
5 th				
7 th	Summer Fayre	Range of stalls and entertainment	All families invited	
10 th	P7 Bump Up	P7 pupils who are going to Prestwick Academy will attend for 3 days.	P7 Pupils	School Uniform
11 th				
12 th				
26 th	P7 Leavers Service	An assembly to mark the end of Primary 7	P7 pupils and parents	School Uniform
27 th	Last Day of term	Close at 1.30		