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Dear Parent/Carer,

Sports Day

We are delighted to confirm that, on Monday 12th June, we will have our annual Sports Day. We are very grateful to Cathy Shearer and Danny Peterson for helping us with this while Elspeth Spence is absent.

As usual we would love to see as many of you and your family there as possible to cheer the children along. The day will be split into a morning and afternoon session. Teas and coffees will be available (between 11 and 12 and between 2 and 3) and donations towards the cost would be gratefully received. Please send a water bottle, PE kit and warm clothing (e.g. tracksuit trousers and a jumper) with your child in case it is cold.

The programme for the day is as follows:

- Nursery** 10:30am at Harbison Park
Please refer to nursery letter sent home previously for arrangements
- P1-4** 11.00am start at Harbison Park
- P5-S3** 1.30pm start at Harbison Park

There is the possibility that the weather will cause us to cancel the event. Should this be the case, we will contact you as soon as we can and confirm an alternative date.

We look forward to seeing you there on Monday. If you have any questions or require further information then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Staffing Update

You should have received an update about the Head Teacher recruitment earlier this week.

Iain MacInnes will be retiring at the end of this term. Iain has been a dedicated and long-serving member of staff at Whalsay School. As well as his teaching commitment, he has given many hours of his own time to run Homework clubs for pupils in the Science Department. We would like to wish him a very happy retirement when he returns home to Skye in July.

Charlotte Hutchison is in the final weeks of her probationary year with P1/2. She has been a dedicated member of staff, building up a positive relationship with the pupils and staff in the school. We would like to wish her all the best with her future teaching career.

Recruitment is under way for both the Science and Primary teacher posts vacated, and will begin shortly for the vacant Music post.

Survey and Occasional Holiday consultation

We have made up a survey for parents to help us in our school planning. Please click on the link [here](#) and complete it if you can. It also has a question about when the school should take its discretionary occasional holiday next session.

End of Term Arrangements

As we have recently had an Open Afternoon for the Coronation, we will not be having an Open Day in the last week of term as in previous years. However, on Thursday 29th June, we would like to invite Primary parents to join their child's class at the end of the day when their Achievement certificates are being given out. As some parents will have children in more than one class, we will send out a timetable for this nearer the time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Spence', written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

G. Spence
Head Teacher