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Dear Parent/Carers

I am pleased to welcome everyone back to school today and hope you have all had a lovely holiday.

Snow Rota

Following discussions at the previous parent council meeting, we have been working on the Snow Rota. In the event of the school being closed outwith school hours, school management will contact Zoe Williamson and Margaret Leask and they will filter closure information through the class Whatsapp groups. In the event of school closing early, school staff will still phone people individually to guarantee that every pupil can be collected safely.

Shoobox Appeal

Just a reminder that the deadline for donating a shoobox is Friday 3rd November. Please leave donations outside the primary office.

Traditional Dancing

We are delighted that the parent council have kindly funded dance lessons for Primary and Secondary pupils with Maria Leask this term. She will start in school on Thursday 2nd November for 6 weeks.

Primary Term 2 Timetable

Please find attached the Primary timetable for Term 2. Swimming for P2 and P5 will begin next **Thursday 2nd November**. This week and from the 14th December normal PE will take place for P1/2 and P5/6.

Healthy Snacks

Last term, Childsmile visited each class to discuss the importance of looking after our teeth. Following this visit, the Pupil Council discussed how else the school could promote healthy snacks and decided to reintroduce merits for health snacks. As of tomorrow, if a pupil brings in a healthy snack for morning playtime they will receive a merit for their house team. Suggested healthy snacks includes: fruit, vegetables i.e. carrot or cucumber sticks; sandwich; bread sticks; crackers; scone or oatcakes.

Literacy Event

We are looking forward to welcoming parents in the canteen from 3:30 – 5:00 on **Thursday 9th November**. This is a great chance for parents to have a look at our new and existing resources, get tips about homework and Accelerated Reading, speak to school staff and find out how to support your child at home with reading and spelling. Pupils are welcome to attend, read in the reading hub, show parents the library and how Accelerated Reader works.

Prior to this, nursery parents are invited for a parental engagement session in the nursery on the same afternoon at **2:45pm**. This will be an informal event where Lynsey and the Nursery staff will give an overview on the nursery curriculum, the value of play and the processes in place to meet each child's needs. There will be the opportunity for parents to ask questions and hear how to support your child at home. Nursery parents are then very welcome to come to the Primary event at 3:30pm to hear about the progression from nursery into Primary.

Christmas Fair

Primary pupils are going to be busy this term at Friday Fun making Christmas crafts to sell at a Christmas Fair on **Friday 1st December**. Parents are welcome to collect their children from classes from 1:30pm that day and visit the fair before going home. There will also be a Christmas Jumper swop, so if anyone would like to donate any Christmas clothing for this, please leave clean garments in the Christmas box in the porch from next week.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas concert will be performed twice on Wednesday 13th December during the school day. The morning performance will begin at 10am and the afternoon performance will begin at 2:30pm. After the concert, there will be an opportunity for parents to have mulled juice and visit classrooms. More information will follow nearer the time.

Traffic Management – Secondary

Parking around the Secondary was discussed at the last Parent Council meeting. I would like to remind you of the unofficial one-way system at pick-up times (Mon-Thurs 3:40pm and Friday 2pm). Please could parents/carers picking up pupils take a clockwise route past the school. This will mean that traffic is all moving in the same direction as the school bus. The route is marked on the map below for your reference. Please do not drive into the school car park to pick up pupils. We would respectfully ask parents/carers to continue to cooperate with this.

Primary Entrance

P1/2 and P5/6 can now use their class fire exit door again in the morning and at the end of the school day. We ask if parents of P1 pupils could collect them from their class fire exit at the end of the day unless your child goes home on the bus.

We look forward for a busy term. If you have any questions on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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