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Dear Parents and Carers,

We extend a warm welcome to 4 new pupils and a returning pupil. Our current school role is 137 pupils across the 6 classes.

I hope families had a chance for some rest and relaxation time over the festive season. Getting back into a routine can be a challenge. We appreciate the effort made to arrive at school on time in the morning as this helps pupils to settle into class and ensures the smooth running of taking registers, lunch choices and starting learning. We understand that occasionally things can crop up that can delay arriving at school on time, in which case children will need come to the main door rather than coming in with their class line. Some mornings we can have up to 20 children coming in late through the main door. Thank you in anticipation of your support to reduce the amount of latecoming in future.

Scots Poetry Competition and Burns Celebrations

Thursday 25th January

P7s will host a Burns Supper in the school hall at 2pm for 2 guests per pupil and also some invited guests from the village who have been volunteering at whist sessions in school. P7 and Miss MacInnes have all been working hard to prepare for this special event.

Friday 26th January

We will have the finals of the Burns Poetry Competition in school on Friday 26th January with our guest judge Mrs Oswald. The 5 finalists from each year group in P3-7 and the P1 and P2 groups will all recite their poems. This event is for pupils only.

Friday 2nd February

We will have a celebration for parents/carers/families in the hall where the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place from the poetry competition will recite their poems and P1 and P2 groups will also recite their poems. We will put out slips on Friday 26th January to get an idea of numbers attending.

Pupils are welcome to wear tartan on any of the Scots/Burns celebration days. Well done to all pupils for the effort and enthusiasm that is being put into learning their poems. We appreciate the support from home to help with learning their words.

P4-7 School Show

Pupils from P4-7 will be performing Treasure Island in Kippen Village Hall on 20th and 21st March at 6pm. P6 and P7 pupils will take on the main parts, which will be allocated following auditions next month. P4 and P5 pupils will be part of the chorus.

Railing Repair Update

An update on where we are with the repairs for the railings by the bottom playground. I am waiting for a second quote as per the Council's required process for tendering for major repairs. The first quote is £3,800 plus the additional cost of repointing the wall, and could be done during the Easter holidays when school is not in attendance and the weather is potentially more favourable. Our annual planned repairs budget is £1920 so the wall and railing repair will use up more than one year's budget allocation, but is an essential spend due to the poor condition of the railings.

Recyke-a-bike

Recyke-a-bike are running a range of activities in the coming months, and they have asked if we could share these in our school newsletter.

Activities include-

- Childrens Cycle lessons
- Adult Cycle lessons (Free)
- Bike Maintenance Classes (Free)
- 2 Wheeled Wanderings- Bike Packing Course
- Rabelles' Rideouts- Women and Non-binary Led Rides (Free)

With Bikeability bookings coming up, February half term is a great opportunity for non-riders to learn. All of these events can be booked via their Eventbrite [here](#).

P6 pupils will take part in Level 2 Bikeability sessions on 7th - 9th May in school.

Uniform

A reminder that pupils should come into school wearing school uniform.

On PE days if children are coming to school in PE clothes, they should wear their school sweatshirt. They can bring a different sweatshirt to wear outside for PE if they wish.

We appreciate that there are occasions when issues arise with washing machines and lost clothing though the frequency of this should be fairly low.

Pupils should always bring a waterproof jacket to school as the weather can change throughout the school day.

Tesco Grant

Thank you to Mrs Stirling for being successful in getting a grant of £500 to use towards the school grounds through the Tesco tokens last term.

Best wishes

Carole Logan

Head Teacher

Diary Dates January to April 2024

Date	Event	Who is involved
Thursday 25 th January at 2pm	P7 Burns Supper	P7s and invited guests
Friday 26 th January at 10am	Scots Poetry Competition	Pupils and guest judge
Wednesday 31 st January am	Stirling Schools Cross Country, Queen Victoria School, Dunblane	P6 and P7 pupils that have signed up
Friday 2 nd February at 2pm	Scots Poetry Celebration	Parents, carers, families P1, P2 and 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place P3-7
Mon - Fri 5 th - 9 th February	Health Week	Pupils
Mon & Tues 12 th & 13 th February	Inservice Days	School closed to pupils
Wed - Fri 14 th - 16 th February	February Holidays	School closed
Wed & Thursday 6 th & 7 th March	Parent Consultation Evenings	Parents/carers appointments with class teachers
Thursday 14 th March	Kippen Parent Council Spring Disco	P1-4 P5-7
Wed & Thursday 20 th & 21 st March 6pm	School Show	Tickets information in March
Monday - Thursday 25 th - 28 th March	P7 Residential	P7s, Miss MacInnes, Mr Donald
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of Spring Term	School closes at 3:15pm
Friday 29 th March	Start of Easter Holidays	School closed till Friday 12 th April
Monday 15 th April	School Reopens for Summer Term	All pupils