



Education Resources
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Dear Parents/Carers

With only one week left until the holiday you can feel that winter is on its way!

With all the Covid restrictions still in place we are still unable to host the 'old style' parental meetings. This week you will have received an email outlining the time when you will receive a phone call from your child's class teacher. Please ensure the school has the most up to date phone number to contact you on. Class teachers will update you on your child's literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing in school. Please keep your phone handy and remember the call may come from a withheld number.

I have included a copy of our school's 'Cost of the School Day' position statement and annual calendar. Both documents have been created in partnership with our Parent Council. This calendar outlines our upcoming major events throughout the year in order for you to plan ahead and budget. If you have any questions or comments about this then please get in touch with Eileen McKellar or Evelyn McGonagle. Unfortunately, we are not in the position to organise residential trips or any major school outings at the moment however who knows what the future will bring!

You may remember last year we cancelled any form of school fundraising. Our school fund allows us to purchase treats for the children. This year we are continuing with 4 dress down days throughout the year. The dates of these are added onto the proposed calendar which is included. **All** children can come to school in their casual clothes and, if you are able and wish to do so, you can deposit a donation of £1 into your Parentpay account or your child can bring in £1.00. **This is totally optional.** The first event will take place on **Friday 8th October**. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Finally, enjoy the October break everyone.

Kind regards,
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Head Teacher

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Dates For Your Diary

1st Oct	Newsletter Online Harvest Service
8th Oct	Dress down day. £1 donation Flu jab
11th - 15th Oct	Holiday
5th Nov	Newsletter Online
16th Nov	INSET day. Children not in school.
3rd Dec	Newsletter online Dress down day. £1 donation
21st Dec	School closes for Christmas at 2.15 or 2.30pm

Twitter



Each term, every class will post a few photographs of the children. Please make sure you have returned your photographic permission slip. If you have not then we will not include your child in any pictures.

Star of the Week

I am
loving
spending



some time with our 'Stars of the Week', sharing a wee hot chocolate and a biscuit with them. What an absolute treat!



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Participatory Budget

Mrs McKellar has been working with a group of parents and all our children discussing how to spend our schools Participatory Budget.

After meeting with both parent and pupil groups regarding our Participatory Budget spend, we now need your help to choose the best option. Today the children have all had the chance to vote on the idea that they think will best help them in school. Please watch out in your Parent Pay email for the Google Form which gives you the chance to vote too. Please feel free to share this link with family and friends as their opinions matter too. The link to the form will also be available on Twitter. We can't wait to let you all know the winning idea.

Staff update

Congratulations to Miss McLarnon who was successful at interview for the position for Principal Teacher for 2 days a week. Miss McLarnon shares the position with Mrs Lawson.



It is Maths Week Scotland this week. The focus is on the importance of Maths being all around us, how it is in plain sight and that we use it every-day. Miss Gray, Mrs Laird and Mrs Hendry planned some fun activities for the classes they work with. Class teachers also looked at some fun ways to make Maths even more of a focus this week.

There is some homework on Google classroom to encourage talking about maths in our lives

Check out the school website where there are some maths 'bits n' bobs':

-links to the Maths Week Scotland website

-links to a fun maths quiz for each stage

- links to lots of online resources that can help with maths learning

There are some number Countdown challenges tweeted through the school Twitter account to get you thinking too.



Following on from Maths Week Scotland and ahead of Book Week Scotland, our P2 and P3 children will each bring home a read, write and count bag. The bag is full of goodies to support their learning. We will launch this by exploring the contents of the bag together in school. The P7 children will help their P2 buddies play some of the games and activities. In P3 our P5 children will meet in pairs and trios to discover what is in the bag. Each bag contains a booklet with ideas or instructions for games to play with the contents. You can visit <https://www.parentclub.scot/child> for free resources and activity ideas for you as a family.



Phone call from the teacher

Here is what to expect from a call from the class teacher.

You will be sent an email which will contain the following information :-

- **Date** of the call.
- **A time slot** for the call, eg between 3-4pm.
- The call will be short.
- The call may come from a **withheld number**.
- If initially you don't answer the teacher will leave a message. They will try to ring you **one more time** after their other calls.
- All calls will take place during the day and be no later than 5.45pm.
- Calls will take place **between Monday 4th and Thursday 7th October**.
- Siblings **may not** get calls on the same day.

Please check your email for your allocated date and time.



