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Dear Parents/Carers



SPRING FAIR

Our Parent Council are organising this year's Spring Fair which will take place on Saturday 20th May from 10am until 2pm. Lots of exciting stalls and events are planned for the day including football, slides, bouncy castles, hot food and lots more. Please put the date in your diary and if you feel you can offer any help on the day call our school office who will pass on your details to Mrs Patrick. A flyer with more detailed information on the day will be sent home with children after the Spring break and further details will be posted on our website & Twitter feed.

COMIC RELIEF

We all had a very energetic day on 24th March to give our support to Comic Relief 2017. The children made a terrific effort to wear something red and Iona House had organised the sale of red nose biscuits which were very popular! Abigail in P2 had also been busy in the weeks leading up to this event and with the help of her family had made some book marks which she sold in school. Her grand total of £20.20 has been added to our other funds meaning we are sending £461.83 to Comic Relief. Thank you all for your support.



PRIMARY 7 LEAVERS' EVENTS

Our P7 Leavers' service will take place on Monday 26th June at 1.30pm in Mure Memorial Church. This service is to celebrate our P7 pupils' completion of their Primary school education and we invite only the parent/carers of P7 pupils to attend due to restricted seating in church. Following the Spring break, letters will be issued to P7 pupils offering two seats in church initially. If we have further space as replies come back to us we will be able to offer them to interested parents and families.

Following the Service on 26th we invite family members who have attended church to join us in the school hall for refreshments/buffet with the children.

At 7pm on the evening of 26th June, P7 children are invited to attend their Leavers' Disco

CLASSIFICATION FOR AUGUST 2017

As many parents will be aware the local authority are currently reviewing all placing requests made across the city for children entering P1 in August. Until this exercise is complete and we know the number of P1s starting with us for the new school session we are unable to confirm the new classification for the school in August. It is expected that parents who have made a placing request will receive letters confirming their place on or around the 20th April. We do anticipate that the school roll will increase to approximately 442 with around 22 staff and 16 classes. This will mean there will be at least two composite classes across the school. We hope to have more detail of our classification in next month's newsletter.

Diary Dates

29th March P5/4 Handball Session at Bannerman High

29th March: P6 and P7 pupils leave for Lochgoilhead

30th March - Primary 1s Teddy Bear's Picnic

31st March: Easter Egg Hunt

31st March: School Closes at 2.30pm

TUESDAY 18th April - Return from Spring Break

18th April - SHRE workshop for Primary 1 parents/carers 6pm

19th April - 6.30 pm Raising Attainment Focus Group

19th April - 7.30 p.m. P7 Parent/Carer meeting re Social Media

20th April P6b - GMRC Rainforest Survival

21st April Winning House Treat-Wonderworld

Monday 1st May - School Closed May Day holiday

Thursday 4th May - In Service Day to coincide with Election

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH HOME LEARNING

Thank you for your continued support in enabling children to access Sumdog at home. We have now subscribed all classes to the reading and writing modules in Sumdog. When we return after the Spring Break, home learning will focus on this and encouraging children to read for pleasure through the continued use of book bags in P1-4 and research work in P5-7. A detailed information sheet will be issued when we return to school in April.

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

After a long and exciting house point competition this term, the winning house for January - March will be known by the end of play on Tuesday 28th March. Stay tuned to the website or Twitter to find out as soon as we know. The winning house will be treated to a day's play at Wonderworld Soft Play Centre on Friday 21st April. The treat will include lunch!

HEALTH WEEK

The week beginning 24th April will be our health week in school where we focus learning around all aspects of health. During this week all classes in the school will complete their Sexual Health & Relationship lessons as part of the progressive programme of work children began in their P1 year. Parents of Primary 1 are invited to attend an awareness raising meeting to discuss the content of this through school programme of lessons which we undertake every year. The meeting will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 18th April. An invitation with RSVP slip has been issued.

BOOK FAIR

From Tuesday 2nd May - Friday 5th May the school will host a book fair from Travelling Books. Children will have the chance to view books and take a brochure home with guidance on how to order should you wish to buy one. This is a 100% commission meaning the school will receive books for our library to the value of any purchases.

SPORTS DAYS

This year we plan to hold our sports events on two separate afternoons to allow us to use the school pitch. Sports afternoons will be held on 23rd May at 1.30pm until 2.30pm for all children in P1-3. P4-7 will have their sports on Wednesday 24th May at 1.30pm.

The format will be potted sports with children competing in house groups of mixed ages led by our P7 captains. Each group will complete sporting tasks at different 'stations' positioned around the pitch.

Parents/carers are welcome to attend but will not have access to the pitch area due to space restrictions. Spectators can view events from the newly re-turfed grass embankments around the pitch where some seating will be available.

If you are planning to join us on either or both of these days, please be aware that we will cancel the event if we have any concerns about the children's or spectator safety due to weather conditions on the day.

Spectators should plan to arrive at school no earlier than 1.15pm as children use the grounds until 1pm and staff need to prepare for the event.

HOLIDAY REMINDER

School closes on 31st March at 2.30pm for two weeks and will re-open on Tuesday 18th April

