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Dear Parent/Carer

We are now into our final week of the session. We have our Sports Days this week and the P7 Ceilidh on Thursday and then all events on the school calendar have been completed.

We have really enjoyed working with our P7 children and have very much valued the contributions they have made to the school. A separate letter has gone to their parents but we would like to say thank you all and best wishes for the future.

Upper School Show

Our excellent Upper School Show helped make sure we finish the year on a high (and we don't mean the height of our new stage!). Well done to everyone! We are very proud of all our children who are extremely talented, unassuming and self-assured. Many thanks too to our audience who supported the children so well.

P1 Induction

The induction programme for our new P1 children has been completed. We have had confirmation we will have four classes next session with a total of 90 children.

A big thank you to Ruth Downes from the Parent Council for talking to our new parents.

School Uniforms

From Thursday 22 June we have a Uniform Amnesty. If any child is handing in their old school uniform to the school for the Second Hand Uniform sale then he/she is not required to wear school uniform for the last few days. Remember this only applies to those who hand in their old uniforms! Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Please check our website for information on our school uniforms. Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled or clearly identified as belonging to your child. There are a range of labels available (some of which can be attached to water bottles and lunch boxes and are dishwasher-proof). Details are on our website.

We have a huge problem with lost property and the problem could be solved if all items of clothing are labelled.

Jewellery and PE

Please note that to comply with the Council's Health and Safety Policy all earrings and other piercings along with jewellery must be removed before participating at PE. The reason for drawing this to your attention is that new earrings require to be kept in place for several weeks before they can be removed.

If your child is going to be having their ears pierced this should be done at the start of the holidays so that when your child comes back to school in August she / he will be able to remove their earrings safely and be able to participate in PE immediately. We would ask that any piercing takes place at the beginning of the Summer Holidays to minimalise disruption to children participating in PE.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Summer Fair

We held a summer fair on 3 June although you would not have known it was actually summer given the weather we experienced. Monsoon rain, thunder, lightning and hailstones were then order of the day! Not that this deterred our volunteers and the large number of adults and children who attended.

There was a wonderful community spirit throughout the day and we would like to thank our Parent Council who organised the event and all of the parents and staff who took responsibility for the numerous stalls and activities. Many thanks!

End of term

The school will close for the holidays at **1pm on Tuesday 27 June**. Please ensure your child is picked up promptly so that everyone can begin their holidays.

Please ensure that any child who is leaving our school at the end of this session hands in any school books and resources and that they take home all items of clothing and personal belongings. Thank you.

School meals will be provided on the Tuesday but will only be available to these entitled to a free meal.

If your child is in P1-P3 and you would like him/her to have a lunch on Tuesday please return the tear off slip, which accompanies this letter.

If you have any outstanding lunch arrears this must be paid to the office in cash before Tuesday.

School Reports

School reports are being issued this week. Please complete and return the evaluation form. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Eid

Ramadan is well under way and Eid will fall during the holidays. We would like to send our best wishes to all our families celebrating Eid when it takes place.

Staffing and classes for next year

I am pleased to say we have very little change in our staffing next session. We are pleased to report that Mr Alan Garry and Ms Alison Taylor have now been confirmed as part of our staffing for next session. Mrs Laura MacDonald will be leaving to go on maternity leave and we wish her well. Ms Lurinsky and Mrs Watson have recently returned and we are delighted they have returned.

Ms Caulfield and Mrs Bartholomew have been appointed as Principal Teachers and will be involved in developing the proposals we submitted for our Pupil Equity Funding bid. Congratulations to them!

The classification for next session is on a separate sheet of paper. Several classes have two teachers named beside them. This is to take into account teachers who have reduced their working days, and teachers with Principal Teacher responsibilities and teachers who can share their expertise through non class contact time.

These teachers will plan together and we are confident that there will be continuity and cohesion.

As you know, when we have 99 P3 children in four classes we reclassify going into P4 to make three classes of 33. This gives us one classroom back. The parents of P3 classes will receive a separate letter providing more details.

We are extremely fortunate to have the calibre of teachers we have and I thank them for their excellent contributions.

We are also extremely fortunate to have the support and cooperation of our parents. We are very grateful to you for this and very much appreciate the positive partnership you form with our school.

That partnership exists because of the children. Our children are wonderful and it is a privilege and a pleasure to work with them. Well done boys and girls and thank you!

Achievements and Success

Congratulations to our winners in the Annual Art Competition. They are:

Commended: Mia Fraser P6 Highly Commended: Elliott Richard Johnston P3 Bronze Medal: Robin Crossley P7 Gold Medal: Marnie Twaddle P5 and Mariko Twaddle P2 (individual entries)

Have a wonderful summer break.

School closes **at 1pm on Tuesday 27 June** and reopens for pupils at 9am on Tuesday 15 August.

Thank you.

Best Wishes,

Francis Donaghy Head Teacher

FOR P1-P3 CHILDREN ONLY

P1-P3 Meals requirements on Tuesday 27 June

Name of Child	 Class
My child will require a lunch	
My child will not require a lunch	
Signature of parent	

Please return this slip to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

New Classes 2017-2018

New Class	New Teacher	Classroom	Former Class
P1a	Pamela Park	Room 1	
P1b	Kathryn Phillips	Room 2	
P1c	Rachel Currie	Room 3	
P1d	Alison Taylor	Room 4	
P2a	Ms Caulfield (PT)/Mrs Watson	Room 5	P1a
P2b	Geraldine O'Sullivan	Room 6	P1c
P2c	Karen McMath	Room 7	P1b
P3a	Kirsty Dungworth	Room 8	P2c
P3b	Mark McDonald	Room 9	P2b
P3c	Kara McCurrach	Room 10	P2a
P4a	Sian Bartholomew(PT)/Francisco Cuellar	Room 11	P3d +a
P4b	Elizabeth MacDonald	Room 12	P3c +a
P4c	Lizi Dunn	Room 13	P3b +a
P5a	Paul Cairns	Room 14	P4b
P5b	Kerri Simpson	Room 15	P4c
P5c	Gillian Sim	Room 16	P4a
P6a	Fiona Roberts	Room 17	P5a
P6b	Hannah Turner	Room 18	P5d
P6c	Colin Sinclair	Room 19	P5b
P6d	Sean Rankine	Room 20	P5c
P7a	Gary Thomson(PT)/Lois Lurinsky(PT)	Room 21	P6c
P7b	Rebecca Glendinning	Room 22	P6b
P7c	Alan Gary	Room 23	P6a
ASN	Christina Butcher(PT)		
NCCT	Audrene McKinnon		
NCCT	Laura Mackie		