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Dear Parent/Carer

June Newsletter

We are now into our final week of the session. We have completed our Sports Days this week and our P7 Ceilidh takes place on Thursday. We then move to the last few days of term.

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.

We are aware that our current P7 children were our first P1 children in our new school. It is incredible that they are now about to complete their Primary Education! Well done boys and girls we have worked well together! To mark this unique occasion we will organise a time capsule to be opened at an agreed point in the future and we will plant some trees in our school.

Upper School Show- Rock Bottom

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our school show. You were treated to an excellent Upper School Show, which helped make sure we finish the year on a real high (and not Rock Bottom!). Well done to everyone! We are very proud of all our children who are extremely talented, unassuming and self-assured. Many thanks to our audiences' who supported the children so well.

DJ Club

As many of you know our P6 after school club worked in collaboration with two "internationally renowned" parent DJs – David Forbes and Tom Tattersall – in a DJ after school club. The outcome is that the children have released two tracks "Put Your Hands Up For Hillhead" and "Bong Boing Bounce".

We hope that we can have parents and friends download the tracks so that we can get into the Trance Charts top 10. You can preview and download both tracks here:

<https://ariadigital.lnk.to/Hillhead>

Many, many thanks to our DJs and a special thanks to Miss Sim for bringing this together and the P6 children in the club.

P1 Induction

The induction programme for our new P1 children has been completed. We have had confirmation we will have three classes next session with a total of 75 children.

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

School Uniforms

From Thursday 21 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 minimise disruption to children participating in PE.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

End of term

The school will close for the holidays at **1pm on Tuesday 26 June**. Please ensure your child is picked up promptly so that everyone can begin their holidays.

Please let us know if your child will be leaving our school permanently at the end of session as we still have waiting lists at a number of stages.

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 those entitled to a free meal. If your child is in P1-P3 and you would like him/her to have a lunch on Tuesday a separate letter will be issued to request this.

All 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

Eid was on Friday 15 June. We would send our best wishes to all our families who have been celebrating Eid.

Staffing and classes for next year

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Hannah Doig, currently teaching P6, will be leaving our school at the end of session. Hannah will be relocating up North and we are very sorry to see her go. Hannah was not only a wonderful practitioner; she is also a wonderful human being who has shown tremendous commitment to our school in a number of ways including Eco work and the school garden. Thank you Hannah for all you have contributed and Good Luck!

We also announce that Katy McClemment, Support for Learning worker, will also be leaving. Katy will be training to be a teacher. Thank you for all of your good work. Well Done Katy! We will follow your progress with interest.

On a more positive note we are very pleased to announce some new members of staff. Emma Beattie will be joining us on a permanent basis. Emma has already been involved in our P1 induction meetings and already looks as though she is part of the school! Welcome Emma

Beth Thomson and Wendy Watt are two probationary teachers who have been appointed to our school. Beth was with us earlier in the session as a student and had a very successful placement. Wendy has been to see the school and is very excited! Welcome both and Good Luck!

The classification for next session will be issued as a separate letter.

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 90 P1 children in four classes we reclassify going into P2 to make three classes of 30. This gives us one classroom back. The parents of P2 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!

Have a wonderful summer break.

School closes **at 1pm on Tuesday 26 June** and reopens for pupils at 9am on Wednesday 15 August.

Thank you.

Best Wishes,

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Head Teacher