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Dear Parent/Carer

September Newsletter

We are now approaching the middle of September and the school is settled and working well. Long may it continue! There are some matters to draw to your attention.

Open Afternoon – Wednesday 19 September 2:15-3pm

We look forward to seeing you at our informal Open Afternoon next Wednesday. This is an opportunity to briefly see the school (and more specifically your child's class) at work. Please access the school by entry at the main door on Otago Street from 2:15pm. Please note that the class teachers will be responsible for the class and will not be able to discuss any child's progress at this point. This discussion will take place at our forthcoming Parents' Evenings.

Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 2nd October and Thursday 11 October 3:40-6:40pm. You will shortly receive your appointment time(s) for the Parents' Evenings. At these meetings we will discuss your child's progress and the next steps in learning. Again we look forward to seeing you on these dates.

Book Fair

The Book Fair has been ordered from 1 October until 12 October. Separate details, including the timetable, will follow. The Book Fair will be open during Parents' Evenings.

Calendar of Events September-December

We are sending out a paper copy of confirmed events, which will take place between now and the end of December. Please keep this information in a safe place. A copy of the dates will also be put on our website and will be updated on a regular basis as more dates are confirmed and events are finalised.

Important Forthcoming Dates

The September weekend takes place on Friday 21 September and Monday 24 September (inclusive). School will reopen in Tuesday 25 September at 9am.

Friday 12 October is an in-service day for our staff and the school will be closed to pupils.

The October Week takes place in the week beginning Monday 15 October and the children will be on holiday that week returning on Monday 22 October at 9am.

Clocks go back one hour on Sunday 28 October.

Flu Vaccination 2018

Staff from NHS Scotland will be in school on Monday 22 October to administer the flu vaccine if you have chosen for your child to be immunised. This is the first day children return after the October Week holiday.

Head Lice

We have created a section on our website that has the most up to date information on preventing Head Lice and dealing with any infection. We have invited School Nurse Services to attend our Parents' Evening to provide advice and information and hope to receive confirmation soon.

We will send out a text on a regular basis reminding all parents to check their child's heads on a weekly basis. This is the most effective way of keeping the Head Lice problem under control.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Emergency Contact Details

If you have not already returned your most up to date emergency contact details please do so immediately. There are important child safety issues relating to this information and Department Heads will be contacting parents who have not returned this essential information by Thursday 20 September.

If you require another form please contact our school office.

Education Scotland Schools Consultation visit to Hillhead Primary – Tuesday 2 October 2018

We have been informed that HM Inspector Anna Boni will be visiting our school as part of the review of placing requests. During her visit she would like to speak to parents who would like to express their views/experiences on placing requests. If you would like to participate in this consultation please let the school office know. Thank you.

Pupil Voice

We will be announcing the results of our recent Pupil Voice elections this Friday. A large number of children have put themselves forward to become representatives on the Eco, Fair Trade and Pupil Council Committees. We will also be working for some more International Ambassadors shortly. Good Luck to all candidates!

I think that is all.

Best Wishes

Francis Donaghy
Head Teacher