



## Community Services: Education

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Dear Parents

Please find below, some information which I hope you will find useful:

### **Helensburgh & Lomond Rotary Club Quiz**

Some fabulous news to start with – on Monday, four Primary 7 pupils took part in the Helensburgh & Lomond Rotary Club general knowledge quiz, at Lomond School. A huge congratulations to Lachlan, Findlay, Ella and Taylor; they were amazing and finished the competition in first place with a total of 100 points. Second place went to Hermitage Primary with 87 points and third place to Rhu Primary with 85 points, then Cardross with 83 points followed by Lomond with 82 points and finally, Colgrain with 77 points. This was a great result – well done to Mrs McAloon, the pupils and their parents for all their hard work. We now go on to represent the area in the regional finals, so keep working hard until then!

### **Dream Car Competition**

Congratulations to Erin in P4; she finished third in the 8-11 age group in Toyota's Dream Car competition this year. She will be presented with her prize at the Toyota garage in Helensburgh in the near future.

### **New Parents Questionnaire**

A questionnaire has been issued to all our new pupils to take home to their parents. Could you please complete and return this questionnaire to school as we are keen to gauge your views.

### **Playgroup**

We are delighted to advise that the Arrochar and Tarbet Playgroup will now be held in the school (instead of the Three Villages Hall) every Friday, from 11.00am-12.15pm.

### **Gardening Day**

Reminder – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March is our whole school gardening/ school grounds day. Please help us out if you can, send your child to school dressed for working outside. Thanks to Ben, Karl and Artis for helping out in our grounds.

Thanks also to Gemma for fixing/ rebuilding our piano; it now looks as good as new!



### **Stirling Castle Trip**

I am delighted to inform you that our application for a transport subsidy to take P1 to P4 to Stirling Castle, on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March has been successful. There will be no cost to families for this trip. Consent forms have been issued.

### **Parents' Afternoon/ Evening**

A reminder that parents' meetings have been set and issued for Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March. Please contact us if you have not yet replied and we will see what availability we have.

### **Cove Park**

Lauren Gault, an artist from Cove Park, will visit the school on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March to work with P3 to P7 pupils on the theme of sculpture. Cove Park are also hoping to hold some free art sessions for pupils and families over the Easter holiday. We will send information out once we receive it.

### **Hockey Fun Festival**

Helensburgh hockey club and Martin Caldwell, from Live Argyll, have been working with P5/6 this session. They intend to hold a fun festival at Hermitage Academy on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March from 12-2pm. Consent forms to follow.

### **Swimming**

The Primary 7 pupils and two Primary 6 pupils will be visiting the Helensburgh swimming pool on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March for a fun session. They will have use of the pool inflatables for this session, which the school will meet the cost of. More information and consent forms to follow.

### **Foodbank**

Our school foodbank could do with some food items, if you could spare anything please send them in to school by Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. We will then deliver our contribution to the doctors' surgery in Arrochar before the Easter holiday.

Helensburgh and Lomond foodbank have been in touch to advise that they have recently received a Health and Wellbeing Grant to fund a Holiday Lunch Box scheme. This will allow families to collect from them, for their child/children, a healthy meal for Monday-Friday on both weeks of the Easter Holidays. This is a pilot scheme they are trialling with a plan to then roll it out over the Summer Holidays. I am attaching a foodbank leaflet for your information.

### **Easter Holidays - Reminder**

The school will close at 2.30pm on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March and re-open on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April. The school will close again, at 3pm on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April and re-open on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 9am.

### **Arrochar Parish Church Spring Fair Competition**

The church is holding a Spring picture competition on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March at their Spring Fair. Each pupil has been issued with an information leaflet to enable them to enter this competition.



### **Easter Holiday Sports Camps**

Live Argyll's co-ordinator, Martin Caldwell, is pleased to be running a sports camps during the Easter break. Please find attached the relevant information and consent forms for the junior and senior camps. All contact details and information for bookings are on the attached forms, please email [martin.caldwell@liveargyll.co.uk](mailto:martin.caldwell@liveargyll.co.uk) or phone Martin Caldwell 07917071764 if you have any queries.

### **Easter Disco**

The P7 pupils will be running the Easter disco again this year. The Easter disco will be on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, during school time. Please send your child to school that day in party/Easter clothes of their choice. The cost for this disco will be £2 per pupil. This money will provide a drink, crisps, chocolate egg and games for the children.

### **Cross Country**

Some Primary 6/7 pupils will participate in their first cross country event on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April. This will be a relay competition, so the fastest pupils from P6 and P7 will be asked to participate. More information and consents to follow.

Every P6 and P7 pupil will then compete in the inter-school cross country event in Helensburgh on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. They will be expected to run 1 mile. We have been training with Lynn Nicolson and Mrs Dodson in school but the children should continue to train over the Easter holidays. Please encourage them to go out running as much as possible to help them prepare for these events.

### **Pre-5 Unit**

Our Pre-5 Unit will go full time from Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 8.50am and finishing at 2.50pm. Can I please ask that all parents, when visiting the school, make sure they close the school gate behind them. We do not want to compromise the safety of any of our children, whether Pre-5 or school because someone has left the gate open.

### **Wizard of Oz**

We have provisionally booked Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May for our 'Wizard of Oz' performance at the Three Villages Hall. There will be two shows; one at 1pm and the other at 7pm. More information to follow nearer the time.

The auditions for the pupils will take place on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March. Please encourage your child to participate in this if they would like a main role in the performance.

### **Dates For Your Diaries**

I am providing some dates for your diaries, as I am aware that people have to book time off work well in advance.

Sports Day - Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm  
End of term service - Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm (for P5/6 and P7 parents)

Yours sincerely

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