



## Community Services

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Dear Parents

I'd like to start this newsletter by congratulating Erin (P5). Erin starred in Joseph at the Kings Theatre, Glasgow. She was absolutely amazing and the staff thoroughly enjoyed watching her perform.

A wee update on my role this year. I am obviously Head Teacher but I will also cover classes to allow staff to attend training courses, I will also cover for staff absence. I am also the President of the EIS (Educational Institute of Scotland) for Argyll and Bute. This is a union position and will see me attending meetings to represent teachers and education. I am also an elected Head Teacher member of the GTCS (General Teaching Council for Scotland). This will see me attending monthly meetings in Edinburgh. I also held these positions last year, there should be no additional impact for the school or pupils.

### **Fundraiser**

Karen Fraser has asked that we pass on her thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to Corran's Unicorn Party. £4388 was raised which is amazing.

### **Reminder**

In the first newsletter of this new session I included information about parents' afternoon/evening on the 26/9/19, our Arrochar challenge walk on 20/9/19 and our gardening day on 27/9/19. I also asked for volunteers to help out with clubs, if you haven't already replied to any of the above could you please do so as soon as possible. The consent forms for the sponsored walk have been sent home, could you please return these, as the walk is this Friday. Please remember cakes will be on sale in the afternoon of Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> September in aid of McMillan Cancer Support.

### **Photographs**

Mrs Nicola Fiddes has agreed to take our school photographs again this year. This year it will be class photographs and individual photographs for P1 and P7 only. Nicola will take these photographs on the 24<sup>th</sup> September

### **Helensburgh & Lomond Foodbank**

Please refer to the attached Foodbank Flyer containing information which may be of use during the October Holidays.

### **Food Bank Donations**

Every term the school collect items for our foodbank box, if you can, could you please provide some items to help fill it.

### **Public Meeting**

There will be a community consultation and public meeting in the Three Villages Hall, Arrochar on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 9pm. This meeting will discuss the proposal by Mr Mouldsdale to form a village square and construction of a tourism and mixed use developments site, incorporating, and not limited to accommodation, retail, food and drink in Tarbet near the school. I



would encourage everyone to attend this drop in consultation to see what is being proposed and what if any, the consequences will be for the school and local residents.

### **Scottish Schools Snowsports Association (SSSA)**

I am enclosing information from the SSSA, (please refer to SSSA attachment), if you would like your child to participate in this event (please note they should have previous experience), please contact the school.

### **Diary Comments**

This year, we have changed procedures slightly. Staff will write a comment in your child's diary every Friday. We would appreciate if you could check this comment weekly and reply in the parent's comment section; it doesn't have to be a big comment, just to highlight the importance of the link between school and home. Please also sign, weekly.

### **School Dens**

Primary 5-7 pupils are allowed down the dens during playtime, weather permitting. The pupils need wellington boots for this, which can be left in a plastic bag on your child's peg to save them carrying them back and forth daily.

### **Flu Vaccines**

Flu vaccines will take place in the school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. If you have not yet returned the flu form please do so now, as the nurses have told us that no forms will be accepted on the day.

### **Christmas Pantomime**

This year we will be going to see 'Jack and The Beanstalk at the King's Theatre in Glasgow on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The PTA have very kindly agreed to pay the cost of the bus. The ticket cost is £13 per pupil: this includes an ice-cream. Could you please send in your child's pantomime money by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Any problems, please get in touch.

### **Helensburgh Winter Festival**

Primary 4 to 7 pupils have been asked by the Helensburgh Winter Festival committee to design a penguin and name it, as part of their penguin hunt competition. The best 30 penguins will be distributed to shops and businesses around the town as part of the penguin hunt. Prizes will be issued to winning entries. If your child wishes to enter please note that entries should be back in school by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

### **RagBag Collection**

Your child will have a ragbag in their school bag this week. If you wish to fill this bag with the allowed items, listed on the back of the bag. These bags will be collected from school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

### **End of Term Report**

You will shortly be receiving your child's end of term report in their school diary. Can you please read this then write a short comment on page 135. We would also appreciate if you signed your child's diary each week. To improve home/school communication we will continue to send home planning sheets each term, we will also send home a homework sheet for your information. If there is anything else you would like information or advice on please let us know and we'll do our best to facilitate this.

### **Residential Trip P7**

Primary 7 are wanting to visit London this year for their residential trip. This trip will be based round their Parliament topic and we hope to visit London in April-May. I am aware this will be costly so you have the opportunity to start saving now for it. Please send in what you can afford when you can afford it, you will be issued with a payment plan to keep track of your payments. We will get back to you soon with exact costs.



**Dates For Your Diary**

School closes at 3pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October and re-opens on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 9am.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday at the Arrochar Challenge, next Thursday for parents' afternoon/evening and next Friday at our school grounds day.

Yours sincerely

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