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Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our sponsored walk, we had fabulous weather for our challenge and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. Special thanks to the Arrochar Mountain Rescue team for joining us and to Karl, Ben, school staff and PTA for arranging and cooking the BBQ.

Could you please make sure you hand in any outstanding sponsor money as soon as possible. All money raised will go towards updating the decking area in our school garden.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Elsbeth in the Pre-5 unit, she won the ACHA sunflower competition and won an Amazon voucher for herself and the school, well done Elsbeth.

### **Upgrade**

Great news – our P1/2 and P5/6 toilets have had a full upgrade during the October holidays and they look beautiful.

### **Unicef UK**

We are becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School. Please see the attached leaflet for information.

### **Flu Vaccines**

Reminder that the school nurses will visit on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October to administer the flu vaccines, forms have already been issued. The nurses have stated that no forms will be accepted on the day.

### **Scripture Union**

Mrs Jane Duncan has kindly volunteered a scripture union club for P5-P7 pupils every second Wednesday at lunch time, from October 2019 to March 2020, starting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### **Firework Safety**

Ian Hunter from the fire service will visit on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October to do a firework safety talk with P7 pupils.

### **Ragbag Collection**

Our next Ragbag collection will be on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. If you have any old unwanted items of clothing please make sure you have them in our recycling clothing bank before the 29<sup>th</sup> October.



### **Changeworks**

Primary 5, 6 and 7 will be working with Jamie, Angela and Donna from an organisation called 'Changeworks' on an energy project throughout this term. This will involve doing an audit of the energy the school uses and working on ways to reduce this. The pupils will also be carrying out a home audit too. Jamie Proudfoot will also be available in the Three Villages Hall every Wednesday to help support and guide members of the community in reducing energy consumption and saving money, please pop along to see him if you can.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The book fair will be visiting the school from Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. If you are able, please support us by buying a book. The school receives commission (in the form of books) on each sale.

### **Halloweén Disco**

The PTA will hold a Halloween Disco on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October Pre-5-P3 pupils from 6pm – 7pm and P4-P7 pupils from 7.15pm to 8.15pm. The cost for this activity will be £2, games, juice and crisps will be provided. Please come along dressed up and if you can bring a carved pumpkin with a battery operated light (no candles) along with you. Please remember if your child is in the Pre-5 you will need to stay in the school with them.

### **Assembly**

The Rev. Louis Bezuidenhout will be visiting the school on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October to hold an assembly on caring, sharing and Halloween.

### **Playgroup**

Every Friday morning from 11am – 12.15pm the playgroup visit and make use of the school hall. Numbers attending are low and we would hate for the playgroup to fold, so if you know of any parents who have children from birth up to Pre-5 please encourage them to join us. Our P5/6/7 pupils love helping out and they would miss out on this experience if we no longer had a playgroup.

### **Education Psychologist**

Sarah Jamieson, our new education psychologist will be visiting the school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November to meet the pupils she will be working with this term.

### **Foodbank Donation**

If you could spare any of the following items please send them in to school and we will deliver them to Arrochar food bank. Pasta, long-life milk, tins veg/fruit, cereal, tea/coffee, pot noodles etc. Please don't send in any perishable items.

### **Generation Communities Group**

The community members and school/Pre-5 pupils will continue to meet on the last Thursday of each month in the school hall from 1-3pm. This term dates are, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. If you know of any elderly residents that you think might like to join us, please get them to contact the school.

### **Soft Start**

Here is a reminder of the soft start dates for P1/2 this term from 9-9.30am. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November and the 6<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no soft start on 20<sup>th</sup> December.



### **Cove Park Studios Workshops**

Please find attached information regarding workshops available on Saturdays which you may find of interest.

### **Poppies**

The school will be selling poppies in Aid of Poppy Scotland, the Scottish Poppy Appeal runs from 28<sup>th</sup> October to 11<sup>th</sup> November. A minimum donation of 50p for a poppy is required.

### **Christmas Fair**

Our Christmas fair will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 3 -6pm. We are in need of some tombola and raffle prizes so please help us if you can. These items should be unused and can range from food/drink or unwanted gifts. Please send them in to the school office. We will also have some tables available for people to hire at £10, where they can sell their own produce, crafts or other items. If you know of someone who may be interested in booking a table please get them to contact the school on 01301 702261. In preparation for our Christmas Fair, can I please ask if you have any excess sweets left over from Halloween that you please send them in to the school office and we will use them in the sweet shop.

Yours sincerely

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