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Dear Parents

Welcome back to our last term of school, I hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with the construction of the ELC gazebo, a huge thank you goes to Andrew, Erin's dad for removing our old gazebo and to Stuart, Emmy's dad for constructing the new one. A fabulous usable space has been created for our ELC pupils to enjoy. We really do appreciate your help and support.



I would also like to thank staff from Ardroy Outdoor Centre, Stanley, Rowan's dad, Kath and Serena, for three fabulous days spent in the school grounds and local area working with our children. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we all learned new skills.

Thanks also to Craig Moffat for providing our P7 pupils with their fabulous leavers sweatshirts.

I am hoping that this term we may get back to some sort of normality. I have started inviting a few people back in to the school and as soon as I am allowed, by the Scottish Government and the local authority I will be delighted to invite parents back in too.

Parent Information Session P7 Wednesday 28th April

Information session run by the Hermitage Academy – online from 5.45pm-6.15pm. The Academy will have sent you a joining code.

Hermitage Academy Ties

Hermitage Academy ties can be purchased by sending £4 in an envelope with your child's name on it, in to the school office. Academy staff will deliver ties to us and we will pass them on to you. Please have your money in to us by Friday 30th April.

I-Cycle Training – Wednesday 28th April

I-Cycle training will start Wednesday 28th April for the P7's. Mrs McAloon and Mrs Huggans will be carrying out the training and road awareness on a weekly basis. Please make sure your child's bike and helmet has been checked over, ensure the bike is road worthy and is in school each Wednesday. Ali Campbell runs a local bike shop, I'm sure he'll be able to assist with servicing or repairs as required.

Samba Drumming – Wednesday 28th April & 5th May

Roddy Dickson will be visiting the school to provide Samba Drumming Sessions to Primary P3/4, P5/6 and P7.

Music – Thursday 29th April

Mr John Grant our Instrumental music teacher will be visiting our Primary 7 pupils. Please bring your musical instruments in to school on Thursday.

Active Schools

Martin Caldwell will be visiting the school on Thursday 29th April, 13th, 20th & 27th May to train Primary 6 and 7 pupils to be young leaders.

Hermitage Academy Transition

Mrs Morag McGinlay (Guidance Teacher) will be visiting the Primary 7 pupils on Tuesday 4th May. They will have the opportunity to ask any questions and find out information about the Academy.

Eco/Grounds Day – 7th May

We will be having a whole school eco/grounds day on Friday 7th May. We will spend most of the day working on Eco activities and our school grounds. Please send your child to school that day dressed and prepared for spending the day outdoors.

ELC

Your monthly £10 fee to cover snack and resources is now due. Please hand this money to a member of the ELC team.



Parents Meeting

We are holding ELC parents meetings the week beginning 3rd May. Please speak to staff at drop off or pick up to find a suitable time to discuss your child's progress.

School parents meetings will be held on Thursday 6th May between 1-4pm and 5-7pm.

These meetings will be held either by telephone or by Google Meet.

Please email the school with your time preference and also whether you would like a phone call or a Google Meet code. Please note these meetings will be 10 minutes long, if there is something that can't be addressed in this time frame please arrange another meeting, another day. Please email the school by Friday 30th April with your preferences.

Election Day

The school will be closed on Thursday 6th May as it is being used as a Polling station for the Scottish Parliamentary Elections.

Parent Council Meeting

The next parent council meeting is scheduled for the 13th May at 6.30pm. Any agenda items should be sent to Parent Council Members or to the school enquiries email. This meeting will be held via Skype.

In-Service Day/Bank Holiday

The school will be closed on Friday 28th May for In-service staff training and on Monday 31st May for a bank holiday.

ELC Induction

ELC to Primary school Induction session – at the moment we are not allowed to have parents in the school, so our usual Primary 1 teacher talk looks as if it will have to be online. I am holding off setting a date for this as I am living in hope that by June we may be able to have face to face in person meetings. We are also at the moment unable to 'burst bubbles' so we can't have the Primary 1 teacher working with the ELC pupils. It may be that all induction sessions will have to be online. Please bear with us as we try to get round these not ideal situations. I will be in touch with more information soon.

Outdoor Learning

We are hoping to be using our fabulous grounds this term for lots of active outdoor learning. Could you please ensure that your child comes to school with sun cream on and a sunhat or cap with them. I'm planning for lots of sunny weather and no midges!

Helensburgh & Lomond Food Bank

Please see the enclosed poster. If you are able to assist by providing any of the items please send them in to school and we will pass them on.

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Best Wishes
Alison Palmer
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