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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of term I have been reflecting on my own first term at Arrochar Primary – I feel very privileged to work with such an experienced staff team and such lovely children and parents! While we haven't been able to reintroduce the full school experience we are grateful for the small changes which have taken place such as playing together at break times and singing during music lessons. The children have been enjoying their outdoor learning sessions and will continue to build on skills learned next term.

Hopefully more opportunities will become available for us later in the session to share learning and allow parents to be included.

### **Termly Reports**

Termly reports will be added to school diaries later this week. Please take the time to read through the report on your child's learning and add comments in the parents section. There is also space for children to comment.

### **Parents Evening**

We plan to hold our first Parents Evening with you on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. At the present time it is our intention to hold this virtually (unless guidance should change in the meantime). We will be in touch with appointment times after the break.

## Staffing

There will be some slight changes to the staffing timetable starting after the October break. In P3/4 Mrs Hendry will be teaching Mon-Wed and Miss Lindsay will teach the class on a Thurs/Fri. I will spend some time teaching each class with the main focus of my remit being Spanish and PE. Assemblies will also be reinstated on alternating weeks for P1-4 then P5-7.

Children will continue to have Music with Mrs Ridland once a fortnight and French with Mrs Dodson weekly. As part of the Education Scotland Language 1+ 2 approach children should have the opportunity to learn more than one additional language at Primary School. Previously most of the children have learned some Gaelic at school with P7 also learning some Mandarin through the Confucius Institute.

## Halloween

As there has been little change to guidance for schools celebrations for Halloween will form a similar format to last year with parties held within classes during the school day. We are also planning an additional outdoor spooky trail within the school grounds.

## Holidays

Our upcoming October break is for two weeks. School closes on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October and re-opens on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Kind Regards



Marianne Docherty, Head Teacher

