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## End of Term Newsletter

Dear Parents,

At the end of session it is nice to reflect back on all the great achievements and events that the children participated in despite a challenging period with Covid earlier in the session. I would like to thank all the children for their hard work and wish them well as they move up to the next stage – especially our P7 group moving on to their Secondary Education. I would also like to thank you as parents for all your support this year and we look forward to many opportunities where we can have you back in school next session.



### End of Term

The school and ELC close at **1pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. Children will have lunch in school before they are dismissed. School resumes for pupils on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am**. New Primary 1 entrants should arrive at 9.15am where they will be able to come into class for a short visit.

### Attendance

During this session and period of Covid recovery there was a significant impact on attendance across all schools. This was due to closure of bubbles, self-isolation, Covid infections and other contributing factors such as families visiting and postponed holidays being taken. As an authority an aim for next session is to help maximise attendance for all pupils and monitor/ support families where there is a pattern of low attendance. A member of staff has been appointed within the authority to support with this. We would therefore ask *where possible* to arrange holidays/ visits/ appointments / clubs and lessons outside of school hours.





## Uniform

Children should come to school in full uniform each day or school PE kit when advised by the teacher. Our parental surveys were overwhelmingly supportive of our uniform and it important that our high standards are maintained next session.

Due to the high level of rainfall in our area and the layout of the school (i.e. several separate buildings), it is important that all children come to school with a substantial waterproof overcoat/jacket and footwear on days when there is likelihood of rain.

Our school uniform items are available to order from MyClothing Uniforms throughout the year:

<https://myclothing.com/collections/arrochar-primary-school-6110> In Arrochar Primary School, the suggested uniform is as follows:

**Boys:** Black or grey trousers; white shirt or polo shirt; school tie (these are available to purchase from the school at cost price); school sweatshirt or jumper; black shoes.

**Girls:** Black or grey skirt/ pinafore/ trousers; white blouse or polo shirt; school tie; school sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan; black shoes.

**PE Kit:** Navy joggers/leggings, navy jumper/hoodie; white or navy t-shirt or polo shirt; gym shoes or trainers.

PE Hoodies can be purchased here

<https://www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com/badged-school-uniform/a-d/a/arrochar-primary-school>

We have found that Navy joggers for boys and girls are available from most supermarket websites, M&S and Matalan at reasonable cost.

Pupils should have a school bag which is big enough to carry school books and the school diary which is A4 sized. Each child must also bring a refillable water bottle, pencils and any stationery supplies required.

We encourage all children to bring spare socks in their school bag, a pair of wellies to stay in school and a waterproof jacket as we go outdoors all year round.

**All clothing brought to school should be labelled or marked in some way, as it is difficult for children to distinguish their own clothing from others.**

## **Survey Feedback**

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete our school survey. All comments were read and valued - they will help shape how we move forward next session.

Some general trends were:

- Outdoor learning sessions were highly valued.
- General support for uniform and preference for children to continue wearing kit to school on PE days.
- Strong preference for reading from books vs online.
- Willingness to participate in school life / events with enough notice.

## **Summer Break**

I would like to wish you all a relaxing and safe summer break and look forward to welcoming you all back in August!

Kind Regards



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