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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you all had a peaceful break. It was lovely to see all the pupils back on Thursday, so enthusiastic and ready for the term ahead.

#### **Head Teacher update**

Lynn Wells has been appointed as our new Head Teacher and will be starting with us on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January**, we are looking forward to welcoming her to Arrochar Primary and ELC. Lynn will bring a wealth of experience from her 10 years as a Head Teacher in West Dunbartonshire.

I would like to thank all the staff in the Primary school and the ELC who have pulled together as a fantastic team, since August, continuing to develop the curriculum and deliver a wonderful education to your children, while awaiting a permanent Head Teacher.

#### **Clerical position**

Shereen Curley was appointed as clerical before the Christmas break. She has started with us this week and we are all looking forward to working with her. Tracey Marshall will be supporting Shereen in her new role each afternoon until the end of January, ensuring a smooth transition, we really appreciate Tracey agreeing to this.

#### **Music and French teacher**

We have appointed a Music and French teacher this term. Margaret Mortimer will be teaching all the Primary classes each week on a Tuesday, starting on the **9<sup>th</sup> January**.

#### **Outdoor Learning**

Outdoor learning for all the Primary classes, with Stanley, will continue until the Easter break.

#### **HMIE Inspection**

Arrochar Primary and ELC will be visited by an inspection team from **Monday 22 January to Wednesday 24 January**. Thank you to all the pupils, parents and carers who took the time to complete the questionnaire sent out by the inspection team.

### **Arabic**

P4-7 will be participating in a block of ten weekly lessons teaching them some of the Arabic language and culture, starting on **11 January**.

### **Registering for Primary 1**

Any parents or carers who want to register their child for Primary school should do so during the week beginning **15 January**; registration can be completed online.

The [online registration form](#) will be available on the Argyll and Bute website from 9 am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Any parent/carer unable to access the online registration form have been asked to contact their catchment school for assistance with this.

### **Flute, violin and Guitar instruction**

Flute and guitar lessons will continue this term for selected children in P6 and P7.

We are awaiting PVG information from the violin teacher before we can arrange lessons for pupils who have noted their interest.

### **Young Carers**

The Young Carer group will continue, starting again on Friday 26 January and meet every fortnight until the 22 March.

### **Contraflow**

The Contraflow group will be working with P6/7 on the **22 March**, thinking about Easter.

### **February holiday**

We are closed from 3pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February and then reopen on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. The school will be open to staff on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February for an in-service training day.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's education.

Kind regards

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