



January 2017

Mornings

Just a wee reminder that school starts at 9am (P4-7) and 9.15am (P1-3). Please remember that a parent/carer is responsible for their child before the bell rings. There have been reports of younger children leaving the school grounds before the bell and running through the car parks. Please can you reinforce to children that they must stay in the school grounds after they have been dropped off. Thank you.

Mobile Phones

Children are allowed to bring mobile phones to school but are not to be used inside the school grounds/building. Please can you remind children that mobiles should be switched off before children enter the school grounds and should not be switched on until children are out of the school gates.



Chewing Gum

A reminder that chewing gum is not allowed in school. ☺

Scottish National Standardised Assessments



What is SNSA?

- From session 2017/18 the Scottish Government is introducing a new system of standardised assessments, called the Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA), which will replace the variety of other standardised assessments that have been used until now in local authorities across Scotland. The new system will be delivered by all and will involve all children at the P1, P4, P7 and S3 stages of their education, focusing on aspects of reading, writing and numeracy.

What does SNSA mean for Parents/Carers?

- The information that is generated from SNSA adds to the range of other assessment information arising from normal teaching and learning activity. As such, it is primarily designed to be used by teachers to assist them in identifying strengths and areas for development and for planning next steps in learning. As part of the range of assessment information available, SNSA will also assist teachers in assessing when key stages in learning, such as when a Curriculum for Excellence Level has been achieved.
- The information arising from SNSA will also play a role in informing the normal engagement processes with parents/carers (Parents' Evenings, Reporting processes etc.) about their children's learning, which will

take place in each school.

Where can I find out further information about SNSA?

- The Scottish Government have created a dedicated website at <https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot>

These assessments replace the Incas and we will be starting the assessments this week. The assessments are completed online and will be automatically marked by the system, providing teachers with immediate feedback. The assessments do not have any pass/fail mark, as results are used to help teachers plan the next steps in learning for each child in order to help them make the best possible progress. There is no revision to do at all and is all part of our assessment procedures.

Learning Journals/Twitter



Due to the fact that we need to use the iPads for the Scottish National Standardised Assessments (see above) for all the children in P1, P4 and P7, teachers will be unable to update Learning Journals until the assessments are completed. In addition, classes won't be able to Tweet as much with pictures. Thank you for your understanding.

Parking

A reminder that the car park is for staff use only and the disabled parking spaces are for use for blue badge holders only. Thank you for your co-operation.



P1 Enrolment – Week Beginning Mon 29 Jan 2018

The next school session starts on 21 August 2018. Children who will be 5 on or before 28 February 2019 are eligible to be enrolled for Primary 1. Enrolment will take place in the week commencing 29 January 2018. Online enrolment is the easiest way to enrol your child. Please use this link during the enrolment week. If however, you are unable to enrol your child online then please come to the school reception between 9.15am – 12pm and 1.30pm – 3pm, Mon 29 Jan – Thurs 1 Feb with your child's birth certificate and proof of address. An enrolment form will be issued then. Although you may wish that your child attends a school other than your local primary school, you must, in the first instance, enrol your child at the local primary school and then make a placing request to the Area Care & Learning Office. For enrolment forms and information visit: www.highland.gov.uk/schoolenrolment Placing requests are not required for Gaelic Medium education or for those eligible to attend a denominational school.

Early Learning and Childcare (ELC)

For your information, nursery will now be referred to as Early Learning and Childcare (ELC).

ELC Parents



All children moving into Primary 1 have been provided with a questionnaire to gauge the potential demand for accessing the breakfast club and after school club from August 2018. Please check your child's clear pocket in the cloakroom for this information, as we need this back by Friday 16th February, due to the limited spaces we have to offer.

ELC Enrolment - Week Beginning Mon 12 Feb 2018

Funded places

Enrolment will take place in the week commencing 12 February 2018 for ALL new children wishing to attend ELC in session 18/19. Online enrolment is the easiest way to enrol your child. Please use this link during the enrolment week. For enrolment forms and information visit: www.highland.gov.uk/schoolenrolment If however, you are unable to enrol your child online then please come to the school reception between 9.15am – 12pm and 1.30pm – 3pm, Mon 12 Feb – Thurs 15 Feb with your child's birth certificate and proof of address. An enrolment form will be issued then. **Please note that if your child already attends ELC then there is no need to enrol again.**

Children eligible for a funded Early Learning and Childcare place must be born within the eligible birth dates for the school session starting in August 2018.

February Midterm

The school and nursery will be closed on Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February (Inset Day).

Basketball



We are searching for a volunteer who would be keen to coach our basketball team. If you are interested please contact the school.

Breakfast Boogie

Great to see so many children enjoying Breakfast Boogie on Fridays at 8.30am. 😊

P5 (SO)

The P5 class went along to the Inverness Tennis Festival at the IRA on Friday 12th January and had great time. Each child represented the school brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship.



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