



*'Teamwork makes the dream work, together we grow!'*

## **November 2018**

We have an extremely busy 3 weeks ahead and there is lots happening in the school. Please ensure you take the time to read this newsletter.

Ms Banks ☺

### **Appointments with Teachers**

A reminder that if you would like to speak to a teacher, then please make an appointment through the school office so that an agreed time and date can be made. Phone calls from parents/carers wishing to speak to class teachers will not be put through to classes during school hours as this is very disruptive to learning and teaching. As always, any messages can be passed on through the school office. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### **Car Parking**

We have had several complaints from our neighbours about car parking issues before and after school. PLEASE be courteous and DO NOT block driveways. Thank you. ☺

### **New Kitchen/New Menu**

It's great that the new kitchen has finally opened and the new Highland Council menu is now being offered. Menus were sent home last week but if you require another copy, then please contact the school office. Menus can also be accessed on the school, blog in both English and Polish.

### **Christmas Hampers Donations**

To raise funds for the school and ELC there will be a raffle at each Christmas Show. We are asking parents/carers for donations for these hampers so if you would like to donate an item, then please hand it into school by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December and ELC by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you ☺

## **Absences**

A plea to all parents/carers to inform us if a child is absent from school. We spend a significant amount of time on a daily basis trying to contact parents/carers due to absences. I would appreciate your help in this matter.

## **Change of Telephone Number/Address**

It is crucial that you let us know if you change your telephone number, either home or mobile. Thank you.

## **Breakfast Boogie**

A wee reminder that Breakfast Boogie starts at 8.30am and children should arrive no earlier than **8.20am**.

## **Lottery Grant**

I am delighted to share the great news that we have been awarded £4139 for equipment for gymnastics. This money will enable us to buy new equipment which will be used by all children in PE lessons.

## **Basketball**

The basketball team represented the school at a tournament recently and played superbly. In addition, P7s, Katie Sutherland and Jayden Reid will be taking part in a National Basketball Association event in Glasgow next week.

A reminder that basketball training is open to all P6 and P7s every Tuesday, 3pm – 4pm (£1). Anyone wishing to come along, even for a try, is very welcome. The last session of basketball coaching this term will be Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December and will restart on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Soccer7s and Junior 7s**

Well done to the Soccer 7s team for playing in the tournament last week. Unfortunately the team didn't make it through to the next round but tried their very best against some talented opposition. The P4/5 Junior 7s Team will be playing next week at Millburn Academy and we all wish them good luck.

## **Shinty – St Andrew's Cup**

Good luck to all the shinty players who will be playing in the St Andrew's Cup over the next couple of weeks.

## **Garden Volunteers**

Thank you to all those parents/carers and extended family members who came to help out at the garden. It was lovely to have you all in to help us prepare our garden for winter.

## **School Breakfast Club**

A reminder we have a school Breakfast Club which is open from 8.30am – 9.15am. There is toast, cereal, milk and water available at no cost. Children should come in the school entrance on Aird Ave. Please ensure that a child does not come before 8.30am. P1/P2 children should be brought into the school by an adult, signed in at the club and these children will be taken to class at 9.15am. After their breakfast, P3-7 children will be out in the playground until school starts.

## **Children in Need**

Children in Need raised £341. Thank you all who donated to this worthy cause.

## **Trim Trail**

We now have our new Trim Trail installed in the playground. The children are enjoying playing on it and I would just ask that you remind children that they shouldn't be playing on it before and after school as there is no supervision at these times. Thank you to everyone who was involved in raising money for this. There is still a final piece to be installed and hopefully this will happen soon.

## **Christmas Show**

The Christmas Shows will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm. Tickets are selling fast for the shows and there are NO MORE tickets for the Tuesday performance. Extra tickets for the **Wednesday** show will be on sale on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at the school office at 9.15am. If you are unable to come to school in person on that date, then please pop money into an envelope with your child's name on the front of the envelope, along with how many tickets you would like and which date. There is no guarantee that you will all be allocated extra tickets but we will do our best. ☺

## **ELC Christmas Sing a Long**

Parents/carers are invited to join ELC for their Christmas Sing A Long on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 11am in the school hall.

## **Christmas Lunch**

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Lunch will be on the menu instead of the normal menu. Further info to follow.

## **Christmas Parties**

17.12.18 – P3 and all P4s, 1.15pm

18.12.18 – all P5s and P6, 1.15pm

- P7 Pizza and Punch, 6.30pm – 8pm

19.12.18 – P1 and P, 1.15pm

20.12.18 – ELC, 10am – 11am/1.30pm- 2.30pm

## **Festive Fridays**

Children (and staff), if they wish, can wear something festive to school every Friday in December and the last day of term will be Dress Down day if children wish.

## **Hilton Church Christmas Assembly**

Parents/carers are welcome to join us at Hilton Church for a Christmas Assembly on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm.

## **And finally .....**

The Christmas holidays will begin on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December after school/ELC close at the usual time. We reopen on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

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