

Baldernock Banter



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Dear Parents/Guardians

Firstly can I start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. I hope you all had a great Festive Season with family and friends.

I hope in thanking children for the gifts I received I missed nobody out. I did have a couple of name tags that came away from presents. Should your child not have received a card please accept my thanks now.

On behalf of the staff I would like to say thank you for the gifts that came into the staffroom for everyone.

Jill Carr

Head Teacher

Indoor Shoes

Please can plimsolls be provided for indoor use. We have noticed a number of these shoes are a bit worse for wear so we are going to send them home to be replaced. For Health & Safety reasons it is important that shoes fit properly and do not have bits flapping about. This tends to happen when the Velcro on some styles has aged and is not sticky. Thank you for your support with this.

Sexual Health & Relationship Education

Letters will be issued to each stage with relevant information regarding our Sexual Health and Relationship programme. Should anyone have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

P.E. (Tuesday)

This term we will be participating in Yoga, Table Tennis, Archery, Orienteering and Cycling. Suitable outdoor clothing should be in school for orienteering and cycling.

Yoga will be a Monday for the next 3 weeks so that Mrs MacDonald can train our new staff. On these days children should just stay in running clothes otherwise they would be constantly changing. P.E. kit can be changed into should they get wet.

P6/7 only Wednesday 17th for Yoga then 22nd & 29th January

P1/2/3 & P4/5 - Yoga - 15th, 22nd & 29th January

Cluster Events

P7 are working with Mr Baker from the I.C.T. Department at Douglas Academy. Mr Gray and S1 pupils are working with P6/7 preparing material for the forthcoming Debating Event.

I will confirm the date and transport arrangements for this event later in the term.

Transition consent forms filled in earlier in the year will cover this event.

Health & Safety

Please can I gently remind you again that cars should not be turned in the morning or the end of day at the road between the portocabin and the main building, but should instead be turned at the gated area at the side of the house. This is for the safety of all at these busy times.

Outdoor Clothes

Outdoor clothes should be in school at all times so that children can dress appropriately for weather conditions. Please note navy joggers and hooded tops are outdoor uniform. The hooded top does not replace the navy sweatshirt/cardigan.

Wellies are important especially with the ground so wet at present. School waterproofs can be used over clothing if it's really inclement when outside.

Hopefully when orienteering and cycling start later in the term the weather will be better.

Running

This continues on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Children should have suitable clothes and footwear for this activity.

Lost Property

Please can you ensure that your child's clothing is named. It is difficult to return items found around the school when there is no name on it.

Lunch Money

A note will be issued should your child not have dinner money on any given day. I would be most grateful if the money could come into school the next day as we can't carry huge floats in class. If the correct money as near as possible come in to pay for lunch that would also be appreciated.

Registration

Registration takes place next week for those children starting in August if their 5th birthday falls between 1st March 2018 and the last day of February 2019.

On registration parent/carers must produce child's birth certificate or passport, child benefit details/bank statement showing child benefit and council tax notice/bill and recent utility bill

Burns Celebration

On Friday 26th January we will have a Scottish Celebration. Pupils will be learning poetry and working in houses on Scottish projects.

Children should come to school in tartan on that day.

P.T.A.

I have had 2 people volunteer to take up posts on the P.T.A. For 1 lady this would mean taking on roles on both P.T.A. and Parent Council which she is happy to do if it means we can continue with a P.T.A. Ideally it would obviously, be good to spread the load.

If anyone can help, could you the phone the office and leave your name with Rosemary by Friday 19th January. We will review our position after this date.

Thank you.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 17th January - Parent Council - 7.00 p.m. at school

Friday 26th January - Scottish Celebration - Wear tartan

Monday 12th February Holiday

Tuesday 13th February - Holiday

Wednesday 14th February - In Service

Wednesday 7th March - P6 - Euro Quiz - Info. to follow

Wednesday 7th March - P6/7 - Dance festival - Info, to follow

Friday 23rd March - P6/7 - Debating @ Douglas Academy - Info to follow

Wednesday 28th March - Parents night

Thursday 29th March - Church : 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 29th March - Stop for Easter holidays @ 2.30 p.m.

Monday 16th April - School starts @9.00 a.m.

Parents/Carer Comment Slip
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Signed: _____

Class: _____

Child's name: _____

