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Dear Parents / A Charaidean Choir,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new school session, we hope you all enjoyed a restful Christmas break.

School Dinner Money / Airgead Dinneir: We have been informed that school meals will be free for P1 - P5 pupils from now on. For P6 & 7 the cost of these will be £2.30 per day:

2 days - £4.60
3 days - £6.90
4 days - £9.20
5 days - £11.50

Visitors / Neach-tadhail: Covid restrictions are still in place regarding parents in school along with the wearing of face coverings while collecting children from the school gates.

Parent Council / Comhairle nam Parantan: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th February, at 8pm. The meetings for the rest of the school year are penciled in for:

- Tuesday 12th April at 4pm
- Tuesday 14th June at 8pm

We will try a meeting at 4pm on the 12th April to see if that will encourage more people to join in. The meeting link will go out on the schools facebook page and Leona can email it round also. All welcome.

Absences / Neo-Lathaireachdean: If your child is going to be absent from nursery or sgoil arach, please can you give this information to the school in advance. If your child is absent unexpectedly on any given day, please phone the school on 01470 521307 or email dunvegan.primary@highland.gov.uk before 09.30am, this applies for nursery children also. If you suspect that your child has COVID related symptoms, please seek advice from Health Protect Scotland on [hps.scot.nhs.uk](https://scot.nhs.uk) or nhsinform.scot/campaigns/test-and-protect

Adverse weather number/Droch-thide: In the event of bad weather preventing the school from opening the Head Teacher will update the telephone service by 8am. A message will also be put onto Facebook. Telephone 0800 5642272 and key in the school's pin number 041950. A list of school closures will also be posted on www.highland.gov.uk/learninghere/schools/schoolclosures

Forest School & Outdoor Learning / Sgoil na Coille: Please ensure that your child has wellies and waterproofs in school all the time as these sessions will be running at different times through the week.

Clothing / Aodach: Please can you make sure that your child comes to school & sgoil araich with weather appropriate clothing. Wellies or waterproof boots are probably the best form of outdoor footwear. Indoor shoes to be used in the school building. This will help to keep our carpets, cushions, rugs etc. clean and dry. Could you make sure that children have a **spare set** of clothes in their bag incase of any accidents or falling outside etc. Can you please make sure that children have a **PE kit** in school at all times, this includes trainers, shorts & a t-shirt.

YMI / Ceol: Music sessions will be taking place for our EM 5-7 Class and our GM4-7 class, starting on Monday 10th January for a 5 week block.

School Closure / Saor-laithean : School & Sgoil Araich will be closed for holidays on Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd February.

In-Service Days / Latha treanaidh: School & Sgoil Araich will be closed on Wednesday 23rd February for staff training and will reopen on Thursday 24th at 9.15am.

World Book Day 2022 / Latha nan leabhraichean: We will ask children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book on Thursday 3rd March.

Red Nose Day 2022 / Latha na Sroine Deirge: We will raise funds for this worthwhile cause on Friday 18th March. More details to follow.

Visiting Minister: These visits are allowed in school, so Gary Wilson will be joining us in school for a short assembly.

Fundraising / A togail arigead: Parent council organised a 'Wreath Making' evening before Christmas to raise funds, and the sum of £337.35 was taken in. It was such a lovely community event that we would like to try and offer something similar this year. Watch this space.

End of the School Day / Deireadh an latha sgoile: Please can all parents/carers that are collecting children at the end of the school day please adhere to the following protocol:

1. Taxis leave
2. Bus leaves
3. Children being collected are sent out to cars
4. Cars leave

This is to make sure that the end of the day traffic is handled in as safe a way as possible. We do appreciate your help with this.

Nursery / Sgoil Araich: Our nursery is open full time hours, from 9am – 3pm each day.

- Please can children have a pair of indoor shoes (NOT slippers), a change of clothes and a waterproof jacket each day.
- There will be no set 'Forest Schools' session for our nursery this term. The children will spend a lot of time exploring the outdoors during their sessions every day.
- If you have any issues or queries about the nursery, then please feel free to email Catherine on catherine.matheson@highland.gov.uk or Alison on alison.campbell3@highland.gov.uk anytime.

End of Term / Deireadh an teirm: School closes on Friday 1st April at 3.15pm and reopens on Tuesday 19th April 2022.

Please call or email any time. Your support makes an incredible difference to our school and we consider you all a part of our team.

I look forward to seeing everyone over the course of the term.

Tapadh Leibh / Thank you,

Vicki Parfitt

Head Teacher / Ceannard
Dunvegan Primary School / Bun Sgoil Dhun Bheagain