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Dear Parents / A Charaidean Choir,

*Welcome back to a new school session and we hope you all enjoyed a good October break.*

**Flu immunisations/Banachdaich flù:** For those who have returned their consent forms, these have now taken place on this morning.

**School Dinner Money / Airgead Dinneir:** For P5-P7 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 / Comharile nam Parantan:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, at 8pm. The meeting link will be on the school's Facebook page. All welcome.

**Absences / Neo-Lathaireachdean:** If your child is going to be absent from nursery or school, 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](mailto: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://hps.scot.nhs.uk) or [nhsinform.scot/campaigns/test-and-protect](https://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](http://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.

**School Clubs / Club na Sgoile:**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Jaggy Thistles</b> After school 3.15pm	<b>Chanter</b> In school / online	<b>Clarinet Club</b> After school	<b>Strings</b> In school / online	<b>Friday Football</b> @ hall 3.30pm
	<b>Pipe Band Drumming</b> Online	<b>Badminton P4-7</b> @ hall 3.30pm	<b>Sunday School Club</b> After school 3.15pm	
	<b>Third Ridge Climbing Club</b> @ Portree 4pm			

We would love someone to run a Cross country after school club, running laps of the school grounds, ideally a Monday or Thursday if anyone is interested, please get in touch.

**Children in Need/Clann an a Eas:** A Spot-tastic day! After our incredible fundraising efforts in our Pudsey Walk before the October holidays, where we managed to raise **£1146.67** for Children in Need, we will not be asking for any more donations for this amazing cause. We will however have a dress in 'Spots / Yellow' to mark the day on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**.

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

**Polycrub / Taigh-ghlainne:** There has been fantastic progress with the Polycrub over the summer and into September. We are now looking at getting some planters built using some old black pipe used on fish farms, so if anyone happens to have any or know where we could get some, that would be amazing.

**Headlice / Mialan:** Please can you check your child's hair on a regular basis.

**Fundraising / A togail arigead:** Parent council are organising a 'Wreath Making' evening on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall. Numbers are limited, but a poster about this will be going out on Social Media in the next few days and contact details will be on it.

**Living Advent Calendar:** You will have received an email by now from Mrs Allan about her vision for a Living Advent Calendar in Dunvegan and the surrounding areas. If you know of anyone out with the school community that would like to take part in this, please give them Leona's email address to get in touch with [leona.coull@highland.gov.uk](mailto:leona.coull@highland.gov.uk)

**Christmas Parties/Partaidhean:** We are planning on having 'Class Christmas Parties' this year, they will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Children can come dressed ready to party for this. Nursery Christmas party will also take place on this day.

**Christmas Jumper Day:** Please wear your Christmas jumper on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We ask for £1 donation for Save the Children.

**Christmas Lunch/ Lòn na Nollaige:** We will be having Christmas Lunch on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, usual cost of £2.30 for those that pay. We will put a post out on social media as a reminder about this closer to the time to get numbers.

**Covid Restrictions:** Further information regarding Covid restrictions & Christmas events is expected to come out next week, more information when we get it.

**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.
- We are now allowed to restart Nursery Stay & Play as long as it is outdoors. We will be in touch in the coming weeks to arrange a few potential dates when you can pop in for an outdoor play, speak to staff, look at learning profiles and enjoy a cuppa with us!
- If you have any issues or queries about the nursery, then please feel free to email Catherine on [catherine.matheson@highland.gov.uk](mailto:catherine.matheson@highland.gov.uk) or Alison on [alison.campbell3@highland.gov.uk](mailto:alison.campbell3@highland.gov.uk) anytime.

**End of Term/Deireadh an teirm:** The school will close on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 3.15pm for the Christmas break, and we will return to school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 9.15am.

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  
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