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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. There are lots of dates for your diary as this is a busy term. Keep an eye out on the school's Facebook page for reminders of events.

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 before 09.30am, this applies for nursery children also.

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

School Dinner Money / Airgead Dinneir: School lunches are available to all children in full time education and are FREE up until they reach P6 & 7 when the cost is £2.30 per day.

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

Visitors / Neach-tadhail: If you are visiting the school for any reason, please report to the office on arrival. Thank you.

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.

PE/ Spors: Please can you send in a PE kit with your child - including trainers, shorts and a t-shirt. This can be left at school on their hanger or tray in class.

BME Award for Nan Cleghorn / Duais: Nan Cleghorn's BME ceremony was postponed from the original date in September due to the death of the Queen, but a new date has been set, Friday 18th November at 3.30pm. There will be a performance by the Jaggy Thistles, and we will invite parents

of Jaggy Thistles pupils to come along and join us for this. Any donations of baking would be gratefully received. Refreshments will be served.

Children in Need/Clann an a Eas: We will celebrate Children in Need in school on Friday 18th November. Our 'Rights Respecting School' group have been busy brainstorming and have come up with lots of lovely ideas. There will be small Pudsey items for sale along with the chance to win some great wee prizes throughout the day, so make sure that children bring in their pennies. Children can come to school dressed in spots / something yellow – there will be a prize for the best dressed during the day.

Swimming / Snamh: We are delighted to finally be able to get back to our swimming lesson blocks with the school.

W/B 21st November - GM4-7

W/B 28th November - EM 5-7

W/B 23rd January - Squad Rewards

W/B 20th March - GM1-3

W/B 28th March - EM1-4

Children will need to bring along a towel, swimwear, water and a snack.

We have booked the community minibus to help transport children to this, thank you to the parents and community volunteers who have said they can drive us.

Fundraising / A togail arigead: Parent council are organising a 'Wreath Making' evening on Saturday 26th November in the village hall. They are also organising the Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd of December. There will be the return of the fantastic Santa's Grotto, a café serving home baking, soup, and refreshments all day and lots of fantastic stalls. Make sure you get yourself along, it is sure to be a fantastic event.

School photos / Dealbhan Sgoile: School photos will take place on Monday 28th November. We will make sure that our EM 5-7 class are taken first, as they will need to head off for their swimming block.

Christmas Jumper Day / Latha geansaidh na Nollaige: Please wear your Christmas jumper on Thursday 8th December. We ask for £1 donation for Save the Children.

Christmas Lunch/ Lòn na Nollaige: We will be having Christmas Lunch on Thursday 15th 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.

Christmas Show / Taisbeanadh Nollaig: This will take place at the Village Hall on Monday 19th December. There will be a full dress rehearsal on Monday afternoon and we will ask that children are collected from there at the end of the school day. Taxi's & Buses will collect from there also. More information on times will go out nearer the time.

Dance Festival / Feis Dannsa: Our P5, 6 & 7's will take part in the Dance Festival on Tuesday 20th December. They must come to school dressed in smart clothes. They will walk down to the village hall.

Christmas Party / Partaidh Nollaig: We will be having a Christmas party on the afternoon of Tuesday 20th December in the village hall for all of our school and nursery pupils. Our P5-7 children will

already be coming to school dressed up for the dance festival, but we ask that all other children take their party outfits to school so that they can change into them before the party. Could all children be collected from the hall at the end of the school day. Taxis and buses will collect from there also.

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 full change of clothes and a waterproof jacket each day. Hats, scarves and gloves might be helpful in the colder weather.
- 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.

Parent Council / Comharile nam Parantan: Date & time will be posted on the school's Facebook page. All parents are welcome to come and attend these meetings.

Allergies in School / Alergidhean san sgoil: Please be aware that we have a member of staff who has a severe allergy to nuts. There can be NO NUTS or NUT PRODUCTS at all in the school building as the allergy is so severe that even being in the same room can cause a potentially deadly reaction.

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. Nursery children leave at 3pm
2. Taxis leave
3. Bus leaves
4. Children being collected are sent out to cars
5. Cars leave

This is to make sure that the end of day traffic is handled in as safe a way as possible, and we do appreciate your help.

End of Term / Deireadh an teirm: The school will close on Thursday 23rd December at 3.15pm for the Christmas break and will re-open on Monday 9th January 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,

Samantha Muir

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