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Dear Parents / A Charaidean Choir,

Welcome back to a new school session and we hope you all enjoyed a restful Christmas break.

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.

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

Staffing / Luchd Obrach: We welcome back Miss Donna Mackenzie to Dunvegan Primary. Miss Mackenzie will take over from Miss Boddy covering the Nursery Management Time and CCR for Mrs MacGregor on a Thursday and she will teach all day in GM 4-7 on a Friday, concentrating on their English curriculum.

Breakfast Club / Club Bracaist: We have been really fortunate to receive funding to help set up and run our breakfast club. This runs every morning in the canteen, and is open to **all** school children. We have a fantastic group of helpers that run this, and we definitely could not manage it without them. Moran taing.

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. Waterproofs & wellies are to be used for wet breaks also.

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. We have booked the community hall on a Monday from 27th February so that we can utilise the larger space to provide PE to all of our classes. Class teachers & PSA's will walk down to the hall for this.

YMI / Ceol: Music sessions will be taking place for our EM 5-7 Class and our GM4-7 class, starting on Monday 16th January for a 4 week block.

Swimming / Snamh: Our swimming blocks continue this term.

W/B 20th March - GM 1-3

W/B 27th March - EM 1-4

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

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

Dental inspections / Sgrudadh fiaclair: These will take place for our P1 & P7 pupils on Thursday 2nd February in school.

P1 Health Checks / Sgrùdadh slàinte: The school nurse will be in to carry out the P1 health checks on Monday 6th February.

P7 Raasay Trip / P7 Turas Ratharsair: Payments for the Raasay P7 trip are due at school by:

Thursday 2nd February £75.00

Thursday 2nd March £74.00

Payments can be made via cheque, made payable to Dunvegan Primary School, cash or BACS transfer. If you wish to pay by BACS, please get in touch with me for the account details. A screenshot of the BACS payment must be emailed to me as proof of payment.

Music / Ceol: We are having an in school performance by the Skye Chamber Music group on Friday 3rd March.

School Closure / Saor-laithean : School & Sgoil Araich will be closed for holidays on Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st February.

In-Service Days / Latha treanaidh: School & Sgoil Araich will be closed on Wednesday 22nd February for staff training.

Gaelic Week / Seachdainn na Gaidhlig: Gaelic week runs 16th – 20th February this year and it does coincide with our February holiday and the in-service day, but we are really keen to take part in this, so we will do some activities just outside of these dates. We have been in touch with the Community Cafe in Dunvegan and have been given the go-ahead to be able to take over the facility on Wednesday 1st March and run our own Gaelic cafe. We will be asking for some donations of home baking and soup for this, but more details will come out at a later date. We hope to run the cafe using as much Gaelic language as we can, and hope that lots of locals pop in during the course of the

day. We will be taking part in other activities for Gaelic Week, including the promotion of Gaelic conversation in and around the school playground and not just in the classroom.

World Book Day 2022 / Latha nan leabhraichean: Our Pupil Council will discuss and organise what we plan to do for world book day. More information in due course.

STEM Day / Latha STEM: EM & GM 5, 6 & 7 will be taking part in a STEM day over at Portree Community Centre on Wednesday 8th March. They will travel using the community minibus, and staff transport. It will be a full day event, so snacks, water bottles and packed lunches will all be needed. Reminders will go out closer to the event.

Orienteering / Treòrachadh: GM 4-7 will be taking part in Orienteering at Bun Sgoil Ghaidhlig Portrigh on Thursday 9th March. A letter has been sent out to parents about this.

Comic Relief / Togail airgid: Pupil council will discuss and arrange what we are planning to do for this and will let parents know in due course.

Open Afternoon / Feasgar fogsailte: We are really looking forward to welcoming parents into school for an open afternoon where they can come and visit pupils in their classrooms and have a look at all of the wonderful work they have been doing this term. This will take place during the week beginning 20th March. Email & FB post will confirm the date.

Edinburgh Gaelic Trip / Turas Gàidhlig Dhùn Èideann: We are so excited that our GM 5, 6, & 7 pupils will be taking part in the Scotland wide Gaelic Trip to Edinburgh in April. This is the first time that we have sent pupils on this, but we feel that it is an amazing opportunity for them to visit lots of Edinburgh's main attractions with the sessions being delivered to them fully in Gaelic. A full itinerary will be sent out to parents in the coming weeks. We plan to take part in this trip every 3 years, so that every GM pupil will get to go on the trip once in their time at school.

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.

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.

Mobile Library / Leabharlann: The mobile library has started to visit the school again. It will visit on a Thursday, every 3rd week. The next visit is due on Thursday 2nd February. Please keep an eye out for any books that come home from there.

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 Friday 31st March at 3.15pm for the Easter break and will reopen on Monday 17th April 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

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