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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 & Seesaw 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

Visitors / Neach-tadhail: If you are visiting the school for any reason, please report to the office on arrival. If you need to contact the school during the school day, please note that the office is not always manned, and messages can be left on the answering machine. Thank you.

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

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.

Clothing / Aodach: Please can you write your child's name on their clothing, especially school jumpers. This helps us so much when we are trying to return 'lost items'. Please could we ask all children to bring in a pair of indoor crocs, trainers or shoes (NOT SLIPPERS) that will only be worn inside the school building. This will help to keep our carpets, cushions, rugs etc. clean and dry. If you prefer, wellies for outside play are a great alternative. It is also a good idea to make sure that ALL children have a spare change of clothes in school.

Breakfast club / Club Braicist: We successfully started running breakfast club last year, where pupils have access to breakfast before they start the school day. This is run by our wonderful helpers, who, without them, this would not happen. If anyone is interested in helping out with the Breakfast club, we have room for some extra helpers on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings. If you are free between 8.50 & 9.25am during term time and are able to help out that would be wonderful. Our breakfast club helpers need to have a PVG, but this will be organised by us. Please get in touch with Leona on leona.coull@highland.gov.uk if you would like to help out.

Music /Ceol: We continue to have music tuition for Pipe Band Drumming, Strings and Chanter, virtually and in school lessons.

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

W/B 20th November - EM5-7

W/B 27th November - GM 5-7

W/B 5th February - 1 day nursery & 4 days Squad team building sessions

W/B 18th March - EM1-4

W/B 25th March - GM1-4

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

Afterschool Clubs / Club na Sgoile

Jaggy Thistles: Nan will be starting up her Jaggy Thistles music group (For age 6+) on a Monday from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. If your child would be interested in learning the Tin Whistle or Recorder, please let us know and come along and join in.

P1 Eye Examination / P1 deuchainn sùla: The P1 eye examination will take place on Thursday 16th November. This is for last year's nursery pupils, as there was a delay in getting the examinations to take place.

YMI / Ceol : Anne Martin will be in school for a 4 week block of YMI singing for P5-7 pupils.

Children in Need/Clann an a Eas: This year we are planning a 'Pudsey Parade' through the village on Friday 17th November. The dress code is yellow or spotty. Parents and family members are welcome to join the parade. This will start at 12.30pm from the school. Everyone is then welcome back at the school for a Bake Sale, from 2.30pm. Donations of baked goods will be welcomed.

Library / Leabharlann: The mobile library will be visiting school on Thursday 30th November. Please can you make sure that your child has taken back any books that were borrowed from there last time.

Fundraising / Togail-airgid

Wreath making / Dèanamh blàth-fhleasg: Parent Council are hosting their annual Wreath making evening. This year it will take place in Glendale Hall on Saturday 25th November. To book your place please email dunvegan.primary@highlandpc.co.uk. The cost is £25 per head, and all materials will be provided, along with festive refreshments. Get in early to book your place.

Christmas Ceilidh / Ceilidh Nollaig: Parent council are also planning a Christmas Ceilidh event. They are hoping to have live ceilidh music, food and entertainment. More information to come. Keep an eye out on social media for posters.

Pupil led conference / Co-labhairt air a stiùireadh le sgoilearan: We look forward to welcoming parents to school on Wednesday 29th November for our bi-annual pupil led conferences with class teachers. An appointment time will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Christmas Lunch / Lòn na Nollaige: School & Sgoil Araich Christmas Lunch will take place on Thursday 7th December. Please can you let Leona know if your child would like to have this instead of their usual lunch that day. For any pupils in P6 & 7, the cost will be £2.30.

Xmas Jumper Day / Latha geansaidh na Nollaige: We will celebrate Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 8th December, where we ask all pupils and staff to come to school & sgoil araich sporting their best Christmas Jumper. Donations will go to Save the Children.

Christmas Concert / Cuirm-chiùil na Nollaige: Our Christmas Concert will take place at Dunvegan Hall on Wednesday 13th December. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

Flu jabs / Cnatan mòr banachdachan: We have been given the provisional date of Thursday 14th December for the Flu vaccinations.

Dance Festival / Feis Dannsa: The annual primary Dance Festival will take place at Portree High School on Tuesday 19th December for all P5-7 pupils. More information to follow.

Nursery / Sgoil Araich: Our nursery is open full time hours, from 9am – 3pm each day. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Jeanette Slater has been appointed as our new EYP in the Sgoil Araich. Jeanette will be working Thursday & Friday.

- Please can children have a pair of indoor shoes (NOT slippers), a change of clothes and a waterproof jacket each day.
- If you would like to send sun cream into the nursery for the hotter days and smidge for the midge days, please do so along with written permission from home that nursery staff are allowed to apply this.
- The children will spend a lot of time exploring the outdoors during their sessions every day, so please make sure that they have wet weather gear with them at Sgoil Araich each day.
- If you have any issues or queries about the nursery, then please feel free to email Clarie or Catherine on claire.macdonald@portreehigh.org.uk or catherine.matheson@highland.gov.uk

End of Term / Deireadh an teirm: School & Sgoil Araich will close on Friday 22nd December for the Christmas break, and will reopen on Monday 8th January 2024.

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.

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