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Dear Parents / A Charaidean Choir,

Bliadhna mhath ùr dhuibh uile! 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, 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: Breakfast club 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: Class swimming blocks are as follows:

W/B 5th February - GM 4-7 (this was due to take place last term but due to pool staff shortages and pool closures it was postponed)

W/B 18th March - EM1-4

W/B 25th March - GM1-3 (Monday - Thursday only due to school holiday on Friday 29th)

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

Afterschool Clubs / Club na Sgoile

Jaggy Thistles: Nan will continue with 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 Health Assessments / P1 Slainte: The school nurse will be in school on Friday 26th January to carry out the P1 Health Assessments.

School Enrolment / Clàradh Sgoile: The online enrolment for starting P1 in August 2024 opens on Monday 29th January. Parents are invited to enrol their child online at https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/887/enrol_your_child_for_school

Sgoil Araich Enrolment / Clàradh Sgoil Araich: The online enrolment for sgoil araich pupils opens on Monday 12th February. Parents are invited to enrol their child online at https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/887/enrol_your_child_for_school

School Closure / Saor-laithean : School & Sgoil Araich will be closed for holidays on Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th February.

In-Service Days / Latha treanaidh: School & Sgoil Araich will be closed on Wednesday 21st February for staff training and will reopen on Thursday 22nd.

Science Skills / Sgilean saidheans: The re-scheduled Science Skills workshop will now take place on Tuesday 5th March in Portree.

P7 Raasay Trip / Turas P7: The first instalment of £80 is due for the P7 Raasay Residential Trip by 7th March. Please can cheques be made payable to Dunvegan Primary School. If you are paying by BACS, please contact me for school account details. Cash can also be used to pay for this.

World Book Day / Latha nan leabhraichean: We will take part in this event, more details to follow.

Pre-school eye checks / slàinte ro-sgoile: The NHS orthotics team will be in school the week beginning 11th March for pre-school eye check ups for pupils who will be joining the school in August 2024.

Basketball Festival / Feis ball-basgaid: This will take place on either Tuesday 12th March or Tuesday 19th March at Portree High School for all P5-7 pupils. More information to follow.

Red Nose Day / Latha na Sroine Deirge: We will raise funds for this worthwhile cause on Friday 15th March. More details to follow.

Nursery / Sgoil Araich: Sgoil Araich opening hours are 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. Hats, scarves and gloves are also advised at this time of year.
- 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 Catherine on catherine.matheson@highland.gov.uk or Jeanette on jeanette.slater@portreehigh.org.uk

End of Term / Deireadh an teirm: School & Sgoil Araich will close on Thursday 28th March at 3pm & 3.15pm respectively. We will open again on Monday 15th April after the Easter Break.

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