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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. Remember, if you misplace this email then ALL dates are added to our school calendar which you can access on the SSS App and also on our school website at <https://www.dunveganprimaryschool.com/>*

**Absences / Neo-Lathaireachdean:** If your child is going to be absent from sgoil araich 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. Or you can use the 'Report an Absence' feature on the SSS App. If you have not done so, please download the Safer School Scotland App to your phone, using the following pin for Dunvegan **4978**.

**Adverse weather number/Droch-thide:** As we are still in the Winter months, there could be instances that the weather prevents the school from opening. The Head Teacher will send out an email and a message on the Safer School Scotland App with information on school opening times. Please be aware that adverse weather can be very localised and it can take time to gather all relevant information, and in some cases a late opening may be called.

**Visitors / Neach-tadhail:** If you are visiting the school for any reason, please enter the school grounds using the small pedestrian gate and buzz the door, someone will then let you in. Please then 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 £2.40 per day.

2 days - £4.80  
3 days - £7.20  
4 days - £9.60  
5 days - £12.00

**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.

**Headlice / Mialan:** Headlice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, ask your local pharmacist, school nurse, health visitor or GP for advice regarding treatment.

**Music /Ceol:** We continue to have music tuition for Chanter on a Tuesday morning and Pipe Band Drumming on a Thursday morning, virtually and in school lessons. If you would like your child to start either of these, please have a look online here:

<https://www.myhighlife.co.uk/music-tuition/login/>

**Job Vacancies / Dreuchd falamh:** There are currently 2 PSA job vacancies at Dunvegan Primary School, 1 full time and 1 part time. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 20th January. Please follow these links to the adverts:

<https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/highland-council/jobs/pupil-support-assistant-1-275-hpw-dunvegan-primary-school-isle-skye-455145>

<https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/highland-council/jobs/pupil-support-assistant-1-1632-hpw-dunvegan-primary-school-isle-skye-455148>

**Running Club / Cluba Ruith:** Cluba ruith will start up again on Thursday 15th January, 3.30 - 4.15pm. This is open to ALL parents, pupils and staff members.

**Film G Club / Cluba Film G:** Ms NicLeoid is starting up Cluba Film G on Friday Afternoons, starting on the 23rd January, from 3.30pm - 5pm. The cost will be £1 per child, which will cover the cost of a snack. **All children in EM & GM 4-7** are invited to join in. The end goal will be to star in and help produce a film that will be entered into the ever popular Film G competition. Any pupil willing to join in **MUST** be available for filming on **Saturday 31st January**.

**School Enrolment / Clàradh Sgoile:** The online enrolment week for children due to start P1 in August 2026 opens on Monday 26th January. Parents are invited to enrol their child online at:

<https://www.highland.gov.uk/enrol>

**Sgoil Araich Enrolment / Clàradh Sgoil Araich:** The online enrolment week for sgoil araich pupils opens on Monday 9th February. Parents are invited to enrol their child online at [https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/887/enrol\\_your\\_child\\_for\\_school](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/887/enrol_your_child_for_school) Please get in touch with Leona in the office if you have any queries about enrolment and when your child would be eligible to start sgoil araich.

**P7 Raasay Trip / P7 Turas Ratharsair:** Payments for the Raasay P7 trip are due at school by:  
Friday 13th February £88.00  
Friday 20th March £88.00

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. Thank you to those of you who have already paid, much appreciated.

**School Closure / Saor-laithean :** School & Sgoil Araich will be closed for holidays on Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th February.

**In-Service Days / Latha treanaidh:** School & Sgoil Araich will be closed on Wednesday 18th February for staff training and will reopen on Thursday 19th.

**Gaelic Week Ceilidh / Seachdain na Gaidhlig Ceilidh:** We are planning on hosting another Family Ceilidh as part of Seachdain na Gaidhlig 2026, at Dunvegan Hall on Thursday 26th February 7-9pm. All DPS pupils will be learning Gaelic songs over the next few weeks to sing on the night of the Ceilidh. As always, encouraging your child to practice their songs at home is so important and helpful and we really appreciate it.

**World Book Day / Latha nan leabhraichean:** World Book Day is happening on Thursday 5th March, we will take part in this event, more details to follow.

**Basketball Festival / Feis ball-basgaid:** This will take place on Tuesday 10th March at Portree High School for all P5-7 pupils. Children will need to come to school wearing sports clothing, and should have a snack, water bottle and a packed lunch with them. They will travel to Portree on the Dunvegan Community minibus and in staff cars.

**Open Afternoon / Feasgar fosgailte:** We are really looking forward to welcoming parents into school for an open afternoon on Wednesday 18th March 2-3pm, where you can visit your child's class and engage in learning activities with your child and allow parents to view your child as an active learner.

**Swimming / Snamh:** Our swimming blocks for the year have been confirmed on the following dates:  
GM 1-3 week beginning 16th March  
EM 1-4 week beginning 23rd March  
When your child is on their swimming block, they will travel to and from Portree on the Community Minibus & possibly a staff car, they are in the pool for 1 hour. Please make sure that they have their full swim kits, to include towel, goggles, swim wear. They are to bring their snack and water bottle with them for after their session.

**Red Nose Day / Latha na Sroine Deirge:** We will raise funds for this worthwhile cause on Friday 20th March. More details to follow.

**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.
- If you have any issues or queries about the nursery, then please feel free to email Catherine or Jeanette on [catherine.matheson@highland.gov.uk](mailto:catherine.matheson@highland.gov.uk) or [jeanette.slater@portreehigh.org.uk](mailto:jeanette.slater@portreehigh.org.uk)

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

