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## October 2014 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have returned from the October Holidays to a change in the weather and it is becoming very cold outside at playtimes. Please ensure children are appropriately dressed for this change in weather. As well as warm jackets the children should also have hats, scarves and gloves as the playground is exposed and the chill factor from the wind can mean that, even on warmer days, the playground is very cold.

Thank you.

Yours,

Jennifer Grant

### Change To School Closing Times

Please note the changes in the school closing times on the attached People Directorate sheet 'School terms and holidays'. Previously, on the last day of term before the Summer and Christmas holidays, schools closed at 12 noon. Schools will now be open until 3pm on both of these days. Therefore children will not be dismissed from school until 3pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

### Parents Evenings

Letters have now been issued inviting parents to attend Parent/Teacher interviews on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of November. Please complete the slip issued with the letter and return it to school by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. (Thank you to those parents who have already returned the forms.) Appointment times will be issued to parents next week- please check your child(ren)'s bag(s).

### Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations will take place in school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October (for those who have returned consent forms). If you have any questions regarding this please contact the school office.

### Hallowe'en Parties

We will be having our Hallowe'en parties in school for the Nursery-P7 children during school time on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October. All children are invited to wear fancy dress if they wish to. **Children should come to school in the morning dressed in their Hallowe'en costumes.** (There is no need for the children to bring their school uniform to school on that day.) When children are planning their costumes please be mindful that the children will need to be wearing something warm for the playground and, if you are considering face paints, the children will have this on all day.

This year the Nursery – P3 children will have their party together in the morning and P4-7 children will have their party after lunchtime. School will finish at 3.20 pm therefore children who travel by bus will be able to return home on the school bus as usual.

### Inset Days/Holiday

School will be closed to children for Inset days on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** and **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of November** and also closed to staff and children on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December** for the St Andrews Day Holiday.

### Morrisons 'Lets Grow' Vouchers

We are collecting Morrisons vouchers again this year. If you have any vouchers at home please arrange to bring these in to school. Thank you for your support.

### Santa Drive

The Parent Council are organising a Santa Drive on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm in the school hall. (Please put this date in your diary.) More details regarding the Santa Drive and other events in December will be issued soon.

## **SPREE**

Thank you all for your participation in the SPREE fundraiser this year and returning books/payment promptly. This fundraiser raised £50 for the Parent Council funds.

## **Parent Council Meeting**

The next Parent Council Meeting will take place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm. All parents/carers are welcome to attend the meeting. Parents/carers of Nursery children are also welcome to come along.

## **Dates For Your Diary**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October** – Flu Vaccinations

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Hallowe'en Party (Nursery – P7) – Children to come to school in their costumes

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Evening (appointment times to be issued next week for those who request an interview)

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 6.30 pm** – Parent Council Meeting

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – Inset days (school closed to children)

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – St Andrews Day Holiday (school closed to staff and children)

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm** – Santa Drive (more details to follow)