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Dear Parents,

We welcome all our pupils back to school after the Easter break. We hope everyone had some time to relax and switch off for a couple of weeks before we start another busy term.

School Trip

We are hoping to have a visit to Mains of Drum Garden Centre within the next few weeks. We have opened our own 'Glenwood Garden Centre' in school, linked to our topic of Plants and Living Things, and the children are doing a great job of running this efficiently and with enthusiasm, demonstrating lots of real-life skills in the process. We will share more details about the trip in due course.

Kodaly Music

We are happy to have Mrs Malone back working with us on Tuesday mornings this term. We look forward to improving our music and singing skills.

Music Project

P4-7 have been invited to participate in an exciting music project with the Youth Music Initiative. This will consist of six sessions over the next three weeks. This is a new experience for us and we very much look forward to seeing what we are able to create with a little expertise to help us!

PE kits and indoor shoes

A reminder for all children to bring in P.E kits and indoor shoes each Monday.

Homework

P4-7 homework will be handed out on a Monday and should be returned to school on Friday. We appreciate your support in reminding your child about this.

Reports

Pupil reports will be issued next week. These will be handed out to pupils for taking home unless parents wish to pick these up themselves – please let us know by Monday if you wish to do so.

Parent Council

Thanks to those who attended our Parent Council planning meeting for the Fun Day. Please find attached minutes and Fun Day Rota. Pamela Morrison has asked for everyone to confirm they are aware of their roles if they were not present at the meeting last night.

Our next Parent Council meeting will be on Tuesday 21st May at 6pm in the school hall.

A reminder of a Play Resource Plea

As you are all aware, we are currently developing play and creativity in school. The children are responding well to this and are demonstrating lots of new skills as a result.

It has become apparent that we could do with a few more resources (for both inside and outside play) and we wondered if you would be able to help us with any items.

We would be delighted if you had any of the following at home that are spare/unwanted and that you would be happy to donate to school.

FOR INSIDE:

Role play items for different settings eg hairdressers, vets, ice cream parlour, pizza restaurant/take away
Dressing up clothes/shoes/hats/handbags/beads (old items of your own are ideal)
Old kitchen weighing scales
Toy Hoover, kettle, iron
Dolls and doll clothes
Curtain hooks
Buttons
Shells
Garden centre type gift, old jewellery or empty food packaging
Tuff trays
Storage baskets

FOR OUTSIDE:

Pallets/planks of wood – no splintered wood or risen nails
Tarpaulins
Drain pipes (plastic)
Old saucepans
Old cutlery and kitchen utensils/wooden spoons
Tuff trays

Once again, we really appreciate your support with this and look forward to inviting you in for a shared play session later this term. Thank you to those who have already donated some items to us – we will put them to good use!

Netball and Football

P3-7 Netball training begins this Friday, 19th April and will run from 3.15 – 4.15pm.

P1-7 Football training will begin on Monday 22nd April and will run from 6 – 7pm.

Please sign up online using the following link:

<https://www.livelifeberdeenshire.org.uk/sport-and-physical-activity/active-schools/active-schools-in-your-area/alford>

Also, a couple of other pieces of information that have come into school for sharing:

Run Lumsden – Sunday 19th May (please see attached flyer)

Tough School Fundraising Event – Monday 6th May

<https://battlescotland.co.uk/uploads/files/1711373738FundraisingEventforToughSchool.pdf>

Yours sincerely,

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Diary Dates

Upcoming holiday dates – Monday 6th May and Monday 3rd June

Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th May – Parents Evenings

Saturday 11th May- Midmar Fun Day

Tuesday 14th May – P7 Link Day

Tuesday 21st May - Parent Council meeting, 6pm