



Friday 31st March

Dates for the Diary

Whole School context for learning... Let's investigate... Designers, Architects and Inventors.

May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May

School Closed

May

Wednesday 10th May

Parent Focus group at 9am

Wednesday 17th May

Handbell festival for p7

Friday 19th May

Community Picnic

Sunday 21st May

Stirling Marathon and family Mile

Wednesday 31st May

Track and Field Competition for P6/7 children

June

Saturday 3rd June

Parent Council Family Picnic and BBQ

Friday 16th June

School Sports day starting at 1pm at Queen Victoria

Wednesday 21st June

School Show performance a.m.

Thursday 22nd June

School Show performance p.m.

Thursday 29th June

Prize giving @6pm

Friday 30th June

End of Term Service



School App Launch:- We are very excited to announce the launch of our new school app. Our new school app is going to be a platform for communicating with parents. The app calendar will keep you up to date with what is happening in the school in addition to notifications and reminders being sent directly to your mobile device. The app will also inform you with goings on in the school and make it easy for you to access Parent Pay.

This will replace our text messaging that we currently use which has cost the school over £300 this session so far.

Our app will go live on the 2nd of May with a countdown to our launch. Our Digital Leaders will be in the playground on the launch day to help you download it to your phone. The App can be downloaded onto as many devices as you like and information on how to download the App and the unique code required to sign in will be sent home on 2nd May.

We look forward to all our families becoming better connected with the school. As this is a new means of communicating please inform us if you are experiencing difficulties with accessing the App or receiving information as we will hopefully be able to rectify these difficulties and therefore improve the App's use.

Parental Focus Group:- We are keen to gather the views of our Parent body to help inform our school improvement plan. We will be running an additional Parental Focus Group on Wednesday 10th May at 9am if any parent would like to come along and share their views or offer suggestions on our school improvements please feel free to come along and join us. The event held on Wednesday 19th April in the evening resulted in only one parent attending and we were grateful to the Parent Council for providing the drinks and nibbles.

Community Picnic and Grand Opening of B.E.R.T.T:- Every Year we hold our community picnic. This is an opportunity for all members of our community, children and families to get together. This year it will be held on Friday 19th May from 12pm – 2pm. The Community Picnic will also coincide with the opening of our Baking Environmental Relationship Technology Tavern to be known to all of us as B.E.R.T.T. On the day our Pupil Council have organised for there to be a pancake making competition, wood cookie cutting competition, a non-competitive talent show, a bake sale and the chance to show your strength and power by making smoothies on our smoothie bike. We hope you or members of your family will be able to join us for part of the day.

Primary 1 / 2 Forest Schools:- The children will be participating in a fortnightly forest schools programme as part of their learning context. The children will be going up to Holme Hill on Wednesday 10th April, Wednesday 24th April, Wednesday 7th May, and Wednesday 21st May. Please can you ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear with them on these days. The midgies will probably be around by then so if your child could wear long trousers and long sleeved tops that would be preferable. You may wish also to provide your child with Smidge or some other insect repellent spray that we will help them put on prior to departure.

In order for these sessions to run we do rely on parental help. If you are available to support any of these sessions that would be much appreciated. Please can you contact the school office to let them know when you would be available to help.

Pop-Up Design Challenge:- As part of our Designers, Inventors and Architects learning context we had a wonderful morning with Andrew Cox and his wife, Mr and Mrs Pop-Up Designs as they explained to all of our children what is involved in the creation of a Pop-Up Design. This has led to the launch of our own Pop-Up Design competition. As part of your child's homework this week we have asked them to brainstorm ideas that they may then wish to incorporate into their own Pop-Up Design. We have asked the children to complete their ideas brainstorm and then bring this back in to school to help them come up with their own design ideas. Our senior pupils will then support our children in reproducing their finished design on a 2D software package. If you would like to have a look at the type of products the children will be learning to make please have a look at his website www.popupdesigns.co.uk

Children's Profiles:- As a school we celebrate the learning that takes place both in and out with school and we enjoy hearing about these learning opportunities from your children. We would like to encourage children and their families to record their children's Achievements and Life Skill acquisitions out with school into their child's electronic profile.

You should have received a booklet on how to access the E-profile at home and also your child's log in and password on a laminated card. We hope that with your child you will try and record some of their learning achievements. We recognise that not all families have access to a computer at home but may still wish to upload items onto their child's profile. Our Digital leaders will hold a digital surgery every Thursday morning at 9am and again at 2.45pm for any families who would like support using our e-profile system. If you are unable to come at this time then your child could bring in evidence of their learning out with school and our Digital Leaders will help them upload it to their profile on a Thursday.

We hope you enjoy sharing your child's learning with us and viewing a snap shot of the learning that the children have been undertaking in school.

If you have any questions about how to use our E profiling system then please contact the school or ask one of our Digital leaders. **Neil Arthur Byrne, Tom Balloch, Luca Scanlan, Sam Toop, Leo Herbst, Murdo Glen, Jade Driver, Vienna Russell, Jonathan Beher, Archie Sayers, Lukas Cook**

P.E KIT We still have several children in school who do not have P.E Kit. Please can you ensure that your child has trainers, shorts and t shirts in school every week. The children are all participating in athletics lessons and it is important that they have appropriate clothing and footwear to wear to ensure their safety.

Extra Curricular Clubs:- The week beginning the 1st May see the start of our **Extra Curricular Clubs**

Mondays:- Homework and Reading Café at lunch time **Tuesdays:-** P4/5 STEM Club (packed lunch required)

Wednesdays:- Track and Field Training P6 / 7 (packed lunch required) P1-3 After school activity club

Thursdays:- STEM Club P6/7 and Makaton signing (packed lunch required)

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