

Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you very much to parents for sticking with us through this. I know for many there are good weeks and not so good weeks and that the challenge of returning to work whilst still supporting your children can seem overwhelming.

Following the First Minister's announcement yesterday, a statement was released by Highland Council:

<https://www.highland.gov.uk/news/article/12548/back-to-school-and-learning-%E2%80%93-carefully-and-gradually>

Our Parent Council are presently collating the results of the questionnaire which was issued to parents this week through Facebook. We know parents will have many questions and concerns and we will do our utmost to address these. One of the things we will be asking your children to do, with your support, over the next few weeks is to make up a 'passport' about themselves which can be shared with the staff they will be working with next session.

Thank you very much to our Nursery parents who have been completing our survey. Mrs Petrie will collate the responses and get back to you 😊.

School uniform

Although Schoolwear Made Easy in Harbour Road is as yet unable to open, the 'phones are manned Monday to Friday from 9.30 to a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact can be made via telephone 01463 222022 or via the Facebook page. Guidance can be given and orders taken. All orders placed will be sent freepost to the home address. Ordering can also be done online www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com

Google group social call

Next week is a shorter week for the children and we decided, this one time only, to try and get whole classes together. To help run things more smoothly, please could your child initially switch off their microphone. As staff are using their home Wi-Fi, we can't ensure that systems will fully support these meetings. If they work, it will be good for the children to see all their classmates so please encourage your child to join in. Times for each class are below. One of the Depute Head teachers, Ms Lomas, from Culloden Academy will be joining P7 and P7/6 during their meetings.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
P1				10 a.m.	
P2/1					10.00 a.m.
P3/2				10.30 a.m.	
P4/3				12.30 p.m.	
P5/4		.10.30 a.m.			
P5			2 p.m.		
P6			11 a.m.		
P7/6		1.30 p.m.			
P7		1.30 p.m.			

Sumdog

Next week teachers will not be setting work for the children on Sumdog as we are asking all children to complete the diagnostic assessment. This is something that requires to be completed on a regular basis to ensure your child is given tasks at the correct level. Your child may be asked easy and challenging questions in the quest to ensure they are working at the appropriate level for them.

Literacy skill

This is the final week with a focus on questioning.

It is useful to think about 3 levels of comprehension – literal, inferential and evaluative.

Evaluative comprehension is often referred to as ‘beyond the text’. Often there is no right or wrong answer but rather justification for thinking in a particular way.

Do you agree...?

What else could....?

Would it be better if...?

What is your opinion of....?

How does affect you?

Why do you think...?

In school, many of our older pupils watch Newsround. This is a great resource for supporting children in developing their thinking. Newsround has its own website with access to written articles, which are at the appropriate level, as well as the daily video roundup.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Assembly

Our song for assembly next week is ‘I Feel Good’. As always, parents can give their children access to the video before assembly so that they can practise the song. Many of you will recognise the tune so sing along! Thank you for continuing to send photographs. They continue to be the highlight of our week! Any photographs received by 3 p.m. on the Wednesday will be used that week, with later photographs being held over for the following week’s assembly.

Primary 7

Our Primary 7s are not only missing out on being at school but all the activities which were planned for their final term. Thank you to Kenny Ross from Culloden-Balloch Baptist Church who has offered us the use of the Church for our Primary 7 Leavers’ Service. We plan to hold this in the evening next session once larger gatherings are allowed. It may be later than planned but we want to recognise and celebrate the contribution our Primary 7 pupils have made to the school.

Date for the diary

We plan to hold a google meet for parents of our children entering Primary 1. The date we have pencilled in the diary is Tuesday, 23rd June at 6.30 p.m. We also plan to write to parents of our new Primary 1 pupils before this date and hope to include further information about transition as well as guidance on how to join the meet.

Kind regards,

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Head Teacher

Emma Patience
Acting Head Teacher

Clare Petrie
Depute Head Teacher