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Welcome to our final newsletter of the session with some details for next year.

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### STAFFING UPDATE

We are glad to be able to provide an update to staffing for next session. South Lanarkshire Council have decided to appoint a temporary management structure within small schools. Therefore following interviews last week, we have appointed Mrs Jill Cairns as Acting Principal Teacher and she will start her new post in August. We also have confirmation of staff for the follow session.

### Management Team

Mrs L Purdie Head Teacher (acting)  
Mrs J Cairns Principal Teacher (acting)

### Class Teachers

Miss Hayley Butler	M, T, W, Th, F
Mrs L Hughes	M, T, W, Th, F
Miss J Scott	M, T, W, Th, F
Mrs A Wilson	M, T, W, Th, F
Mrs S Lavery	M, T

### Office Team Leader

Ms H Good M, T, W, Th, F

### Support Assistants

Mrs L Bell	M, T, W, Th, F
Miss M Dorrian	M, T, W, Th, F
Miss L Gardiner	M, T, W, Th, F
Ms S Lewis	M, T, W, Th, F
Mrs H Richardson	M, T, W, Th, F

Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to a few members of staff. Following a successful NQT year, Miss Sophie Cochrane will be leaving us at the end of June. Due to Miss Scott's return, Mrs Kathryn Orr will not be returning to us in August. Both will be sorely missed and have been valuable members of staff at High Mill Primary School.

### CLASSES FOR NEXT SESSION

As we now have our allocated staffing for August 2024, we are now looking at staffing across the school. Your child will soon be given a letter to let them know about their class. They will also get the chance to meet their new teacher on Monday 17th June. Letters will be issued in due course.

### PRIZE GIVING

Our annual prize giving ceremony will take place in Kirkstyle Church on **Thursday 13th June at 9.30am**. We would welcome everyone along to celebrate our learners and their achievements.

### PARENT COUNCIL

The money raised at Parent Council run events is used solely for the benefit of the children and helps to reduce costs to parents for school events. In the past year, the Parent Council have helped raise funds to support the school in many ways. We would like to offer them a massive thanks for the exceptional work in making sure our Gala Day contribution was a massive success. Next session they are planning on raising funds through the following ways.



- ◆ Halloween Disco to raise funds for Gala Day
- ◆ Christmas Fayre
- ◆ Spring Tea
- ◆ End of Year Fun Day
- ◆ Dress Down Days

If you would like to join them in raising funds for all our pupils, please come along to the AGM on Friday 30th August at 2pm in the school.

### CONTACTING US

If you need to contact a member of staff, please do this through the school office at the number or e-mail above. Teachers will be available to respond out with their class teaching time, but may not always be on the same day.

### SHOW YOU BELONG

When we return in August all pupils will be expected to wear school uniform every day.

The uniform consists of:

- ◆ white shirt, school tie / polo shirt
- ◆ black trousers/skirt/pinafore
- ◆ black jumper (as required)

There is no requirement to have the school badge on items as our school tie identifies our pupils, however logo items can be purchased from ALJ in Lanark if required.

Pupils will be required to also wear school uniform on PE days when they should wear:

- ◆ **Plain black sports shorts** (under school trousers/skirts)
- ◆ **White polo shirt**
- ◆ **Indoor gym shoes/trainers**

Pupils will simply be able to remove their school trousers/skirts and be ready for gym very quickly. Track suits / jeans / leggings / hoodies, etc. are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn.

### REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE

We are encouraging the re-use of any pre-worn school uniforms that are in good condition. If you have any items that you no longer require, please hand them into the office before the last day of term. We are also accepting donations of preloved shoes, jackets and wellies.

**Wednesday 26th June will be a dress-down day allowing people to hand in any uniforms.**

We will continue working with OneCan Carluke to provide a pre-loved uniform shop which is accessible to all throughout the school summer holidays. This will be at the OneSpace Community Hub at 76 High Street and pre-loved uniform will be available at **no cost** to families.

## OUTDOOR CLOTHING

As we continue to develop outdoor learning experiences and make use of our surroundings, we would ask that all children bring suitable clothing for outdoor learning to keep in school:

- ◆ **an old pair of trainers or welly boots,**
- ◆ **waterproofs.**

We are happy to receive donations of new outdoor footwear and clothing to share with others.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

We will be providing all families with a school calendar detailing key events for next session. Please note that dates can change and we will regularly update the calendar on the school app to keep you informed of activities and events.

## TRIPS & VISITS

Our pupils have benefited from a huge variety of trips and experiences this year including:

Room 1	<b>The Farm</b>
	<b>Dynamic Earth</b>
Room 2	<b>Five Sisters Zoo</b>
Room 3	<b>Stirling Castle</b>
Room 4	<b>Science Centre (P6)</b>

Our Primary 7 children enjoyed their residential trip to Ford Castle and will soon have their Primary 7 Leavers treat to Inflatation on **Tuesday the 25th June.**

Our Primary 3-7 children have also enjoyed their day trip to the King's Theatre in Glasgow.

## FAMILY SUPPORT

As Summer approaches, we are continuing our offer of support to families who may require summer clothing, sun care and food over the long summer break. We are looking for donations of new Summer clothing, sun hats, sunscreen and non-perishable food items such as tins, cereal, diluting juice etc. We ask that if you are able to, please give generously by Friday 14th June. If you would require any support for any of the above, or for school bags for session 2024-2025, please contact Mrs Purdie at gw14highmillpsht@glow.sch.uk or 01555 772580. Requests will be dealt with sensitively and in the strictest of confidence between Mrs Purdie and Mrs Cairns.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

This term we have a number of lunchtime clubs in school including:

Baking  
Animation  
Finger Knitting  
Football Skills  
Art  
Orienteering

We have also had clubs throughout the year including

Netball  
Football  
Chess  
Multisports  
Dance

We are very grateful to staff, parents and pupils who lead these activities every week and look forward to these and many more next year! If you would like to run a club in school please let us know at the start of the new term.

## FAREWELL PRIMARY 7

We bid farewell to our Primary 7 pupils as they start their new journey through secondary school. We know each of them have great potential and wish them the very best as they rise to meet their next challenge and we encourage them to seize every opportunity!

## HELLO PRIMARY 1

We look forward to welcoming new Primary 1 pupils in August. We have met them already through our transition activities and we are excited about them starting their school journey with us at High Mill!

## END OF TERM GIFTS

As a staff we have always been very grateful to receive gifts from pupils. We do not expect or ask of this but do appreciate the thought and kindness.

This year, we ask that instead of giving gifts to the staff that you make a contribution to our family support collection or to your local food bank donation in Tesco, Carlisle. This will benefit those most in need at this time.

## THANK YOU

As we finish another school year, we thank all pupils, staff and parents for helping make our school truly wonderful. We are proud of the ethos and culture we have at High Mill and the staff have gone above expectations to make our pupils' experiences so memorable and transforming.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

This term:

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| ◆ <b>Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th June</b> | Primary 7 transition days (see letter from CHS for details) |
| ◆ <b>Thursday 13th June</b>                   | Prize Giving at Kirkstyle Church—all welcome                |
| ◆ <b>Tuesday 18th June</b>                    | P1/2 trip to Dynamic Earth                                  |
| ◆   | P6 (Room 4) trip to Science Centre                          |
| ◆   | P7 Rugby transition   |
| ◆ <b>Wednesday 19th June 6.30-8.00pm</b>      | P7 Big Bash at Carlisle Lifestyles Centre (casual/smart)    |
| ◆ <b>Thursday 20th June</b>                   | P7 Leavers Assembly 1.15pm                                  |
| ◆ <b>Tuesday 25th June</b>                    | P7 Treat day  |
| ◆ <b>Wednesday 26th June</b>                  | Schools close at 1pm  |

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| ◆ <b>Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th August</b> | Inservice Days. Schools open to staff only |
| ◆ <b>Wednesday 14th August</b>               | Pupils return for session 2024-2025.       |