



Dear Parent/Carer

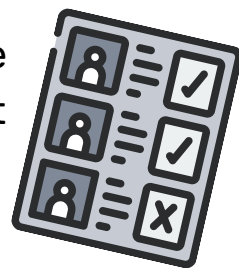
At the start of the year, we relaunched our 'Pivotal' approach with adults and children in school to ensure that everyone does their best to follow the school rules of **Ready**, **Respect**, and **Safe**.

The children have responded really well to our 'Pivotal Relaunch'. There is excitement every week to see who will make it to the TOP TABLE for a VIP lunch each Friday. In addition, every day many children are earning House Points for showing lovely manners and good citizenship. Well done to everyone for such a positive start to the year.

It has also been a busy start to the school year with plenty of activities and events starting to take shape as the term progresses. Please take a few minutes to read the information on this newsletter to ensure you are up to date with everything that is going on in our busy school.

### Attendance

This year we are looking to improve overall attendance and timekeeping at school as we know that those who attend well are more able to reach their potential in education. Each month we will send out attendance letters to families where attendance has fallen below 90% and where reasons for this are not clear.



**Fact: A child with 86% attendance every year will have missed a full year of education by the end of Primary 7.**



### Costume Recycling

We are now accepting donations of previously loved costumes for Halloween – please hand them into the school office. Our costume recycling shop will be open on Friday 14th October between 2.30 and 3pm. Parents will be able to come and browse the costumes and take what they need, free of charge.

**HALLOWEEN**





### **SNAPSHOT Week**

On Friday 7th October, children will be bringing home a selection of classwork to show their parents/carers. This is a chance for you to see how your child's learning is progressing and to encourage them in doing their best work.



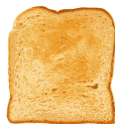
### **Pantomime**



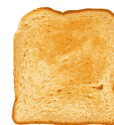
This year we have booked 'Cinderella' at Motherwell Civic Centre on Friday 9th December. Letters will be going out with further information shortly.

### **Water Bottles**

In line with all South Lanarkshire schools, children should only have water in their bottles to drink in the classroom. Children may have juice with their packed lunch at lunchtime. Milk is available to order every morning.



### **Breakfast Club**



Breakfast Club is open to all pupils every morning at 8.15am. There is no cost to attend breakfast club and no need to book. Children can come to the lunch hall between 8.15am and 8.30am. We are grateful to have Mrs Macdonald supervising the breakfast club every morning.

### **Uniform**

We have the highest expectations for our children to be in uniform every day. We have a good selection of nearly new uniform & shoes at our office which are available free of charge. Please pop in anytime and take what you need. If you aren't able to pop in, you can email us [office@robertsmillie-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@robertsmillie-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) and we will be happy to help you get what you need. Please ensure you include the size you are looking for.



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### Swimming

P5 class are booked in for swimming lessons beginning at the end of November. Letters will be going out shortly.



### Football Festival



The football team will be attending the Larkhall Football Festival at Hareleeshill Sports Barn on the following dates Tuesday 25th October 2022, Tuesday 22nd November 2022, Tuesday 6th December 2022, Tuesday 7th February 2023, Tuesday 7th March 2023, Tuesday 18th April 2023 and Tuesday 9th May 2023. The pupils selected for the team will vary and those chosen to represent the team on each of these dates will be notified by letter a week before the event.



### Girls Football



We are hoping to take a girls football team to Hamilton Palace Sports Ground on 8th November, 21st February, 25th April and 16th May for the girls football festival. Stacey our football coach is already working on the development of the girls football squad.

### Netball

Miss Hunter is going to be starting a netball club over the coming weeks. Please look out for letters with further information coming out next week. This club will give us the opportunity to attend Netball Fun5z at Larkhall Leisure Centre on 15th November, 24th January & 28th February.



### Dance



We will have a dance leader from Larkhall Academy starting with us in November offering an afterschool club to those interested. They will continue with us throughout November, December, January, February & March.

This will allow us plenty of time to practise in preparation for the Primary School Dance Event on 28th March.

### Athletics



Our Active Schools Coach Keith is going to start an athletics afterschool club on 10th October 3pm - 4pm. Dates are: 10/10, 24/10, 31/10, 7/11, 14/11, 21/11. It is open to P5/6/7 pupils. This will allow us to be prepared to attend Larkhall Leisure Centre Sports Hall Athletics Events on 26th October & 23rd November.

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Date	Event	Class / School
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	SNAPSHOT* work to go home	Whole School
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Afterschool Athletics Club (6-week block)	P5 to P7
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2022	Scavenger Hunt Fund Raiser Parent Council	P1- P3
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Schools Football Festival	P5 - P7 football team
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Parent Council Meeting – 2pm	All Parents invited
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> November,	Girls Football Festival	P5 to P7 girls' team
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> November	PARENTS' NIGHT	Whole School
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	SCHOOL INSERVICE DAY	Children do not attend
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need – Dress Down	Whole School
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2022	Last Athletics club	P5 to P7
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2022	Enterprise week in school	Whole School
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022	Schools Football Festival	P5 - P7 football team
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2022	SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE	Whole school
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Swimming Block starts	P5s
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parent Council Meeting – 2pm	All Parents invited
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Schools Football Festival	P5 - P7 football team
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	PANTOMIME	Whole School
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Nativity show	
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas Service	Whole School
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class Christmas Parties	Timetable to come
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Class Christmas Parties	Timetable to come
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Class Christmas Parties	Timetable to come
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Class Christmas Parties	Timetable to come
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Last day of term – 2.30pm finish	Whole School
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2023	First day of term – school open	Whole School
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