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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our February Newsletter.

February Holiday

The school is closed to pupils on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week (12-14 Feb) for the February holiday. Wednesday is an In-Service day for staff.

Car Parking

Please remember that the school car park is a **Staff Car Park**. Parents / carers should park in the surrounding streets. Only those with a blue badge or those who have obtained a special permission badge from the school will be allowed to use the staff car park.

When parking in the surrounding streets please park legally and considerately. Bankhead Road can be very busy at drop off and pick up times so please don't double park, to ensure all our pupils are safe.

Internet Safety



Many of our children took part on an online lesson on Internet Safety this week. Some of the key messages included:

- Be careful what you share / don't share
- Be careful what you say / don't say
- Show respect to others online
- Show kindness to others online

Lots of the arguments and fall-outs that we are dealing with in school have started when the children are using social media inappropriately. Please check your children's social media (such as Tik-Tok, Instagram, What's App etc.) regularly to check that they are using these properly, and not saying things or using language that you wouldn't want them to. It is worth remembering that for most of these social media sites the user should be at least 13 years old. So, no child in a primary school should actually be using them. If the children are able to use the internet properly and fol-

low the messages above, then it will be better for everyone.

Visit to Hampden Park



PTS, sponsors of Queen's Park Football Club have donated tickets to the school for children to attend their upcoming fixture against Greenock Morton on Saturday 17 February. Miss Magee has organised the trip and other staff are accompanying the

children too. Queen's Park are the oldest club in Scotland and Andy Robertson -the Liverpool and Scotland star - played with them when he was younger. Maybe the children will be lucky enough to see a future superstar in the making!

Change for Charity

Thanks for all your donations for our January Change for Charity day. We raised £156.50 for Scleroderma and Raynaud's UK. This month's Change for Charity date is Friday 23 February. A suggested donation of £1 per family will go towards our chosen charity.

Children's Mental Health Week 2024



5 to 11 February is Children's Mental Health Week. We talked about this at assembly on Friday, and some of the classes will be doing work in class related to that this week. Below is a link for parents / carers, which has tips, videos, resources etc. which you may wish to have a look at with your child if you feel it is

appropriate. Copy and paste the link into your browser to access.
<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

House Assembly

This Friday (9th February) is a House Assembly for the school and all children are invited to come to school wearing their house colour:

Stonelaw = red

Overtoun = green

Avonbank = blue

Ruglen = yellow

Please note that this is only if the children wish to wear their colour and if they already have something at home of their house colour. If not, then please wear uniform as normal and remember that there is no need to bring any donation for this.

Parents Portal / March Parents' Evening

We now have 77% of our families registered with Parents Portal. Thanks to all who have signed up. Our office staff will be phoning parents / carers who haven't yet signed up in the next week or two to try and get everyone in the school registered. Appointments for our Parents' Evening on Thursday 21 March will be bookable only through the parentsportal app. Details of how to do this and when the booking will be open will be made known to you soon.



Secondary School Transport Consultation

The above consultation on changing the distance secondary school pupils must live from their catchment school to be entitled to free school transport from 2 miles to 3 miles has been open for a while now, but closes on 1 March 2024. If



you wish to have your say on this proposal you can do so through the following link:
https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200140/education_and_learning/2196/secondary_school_transport_-_consultation

Annie

We have something special in the pipeline for the children and families. We are putting on a production of Annie on the evenings of 5th and 6th of June. More details nearer the time but something you might want to put in your diary.



Dates for your diary

Monday 12 and Tue 13 February—school closed—holiday
Wednesday 14 February—school closed to pupils—In-service day for staff
Thursday 22 Feb Rooms 10 and 11 Showcase 2.00
Friday 23 February—Change for Charity
Wednesday 20 March—School Photographs
Wednesday 27 March—Easter Service—Kingspark Church
Thursday 28 March—Change for Charity. School closes at 2.30.
Friday 29 March Easter holidays begin. Return on Monday 15 April.
Friday 26 April—Change for Charity
Thursday 2 May—school closed to pupils—in-service day for staff
Monday 6 May—May holiday—school closed
Monday 20 to Thursday 23 May—P7 residential trip to Inverclyde.
Friday 24 May and Monday 27 May—school closed -holiday weekend
Friday 31 May—Change for Charity
Wednesday 5, Thursday 6 June—Annie
Thursday 20 June—Leavers' party and discos—evening
Wednesday 26 June Change for Charity and school closes at 1.00 pm for summer holidays. We hope you have a great long holiday weekend.

Gerry Hamill,
Head Teacher

