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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to term 1 of 2022-23! I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and enjoyed the glorious weather whether you stayed here or went away. A special welcome to our new P1s and their families as well as our new starts – we are delighted to have you join the crew!

The staff and children are all having a great week settling in and getting used to the new routines. There have been lots of happy and industrious people buzzing around.

### **ASPC**

**Our parent council needs you!!** ASPC have been phenomenal over the years in their fundraising efforts and pay for lots of special things to enrich the experiences of the children in school. This has been things like buses for swimming lessons, trips to the panto, equipment, Clevertouch boards and so much more. In order to maintain this, they need some more volunteers to spread the load. It would not be a huge commitment, just a few meetings over the year and a willingness to roll up your sleeves from time to time.

The next meeting is at **7pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> Sept on Teams**. Please contact

[auchterlessparentcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:auchterlessparentcouncil@yahoo.co.uk) for more information.

### **Wraparound Childcare**

Before and after school care is an ongoing issue for many of our families. I am still working on looking for solutions but to really see the extent of the problem, please can you complete the **short questionnaire**.

<https://forms.office.com/r/00weB7Ak6Z>

### **Staffing**

As usual, plans with staffing never quite go as planned but I am pleased to say there is only a minor change. Instead of Mrs Guthrie teaching P5-7 on a Monday, it will now be Mrs Crofts. The children know and like her as she was in quite often last year and she has been planning together with the other teachers.

### **Cost of Living Crisis**

We all know that costs are skyrocketing just now and it is becoming increasingly difficult to make ends meet. If the school can help in any way with uniform costs, grants or accessing other forms of support, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We will do all that we can to support, and this will obviously be done professionally and discreetly.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club ran on Thursdays all last year and was really well attended. We would like to continue but perhaps with a twist. We wondered if it might be an opportunity for parents to **get involved** and volunteer alongside the staff! The food needs to be collected after **8pm on a Wednesday** night in Turriff and this has been done by two staff members but could, potentially, be done by a parent who might have club drop offs or pick-ups around that time anyway. The serving of the breakfast is only from **8.30am until maybe 9.15am** including the clean-up. If you think you might be able to help with this, please get in touch with the office.

### **Kit and Kaboodle**

The list of things we need for school seems to be really long. Most pupils have everything they need but just in case, here's a list.

PE Kit – in on Monday, home on Friday. Shorts, t-shirt, trainers and hoodie. From term 2, joggers are handy.

Dress Down Friday – wear what you like as long as it's not pjs or dookers.

Water bottle – yes please but it should only contain water.

Outside Gear – we will be outside, even if it's a bit wet. Wellies and waterproofs for in school please. If you need them back for the weekend, make sure your child knows to bring them, otherwise they can stay here.

Play Piece – please send a snack for playtime. We'd prefer it's fairly healthy – fruit, cereal bar, bread sticks, popcorn, crisps, a biscuit etc. We would **love** it if it's not packed with sugar and if it was in reusable wrapping to cut down litter and waste. It **must be nut-free**.

### **Dates for the Diary**

**\*\*DISCLAIMER\*\*** Apart from term dates and holidays, this is very much a draft and things will almost certainly change.

**\*\*OTHER DISCLAIMER\*\*** More things will happen, but they haven't been thought of, agreed or decided yet.

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| Interim Reports Out   | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October                                  |
| End of Term 1   | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October                                  |
| Back to school  | Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October                                  |
| Optional Parents Consultations – either in person or online | Week beginning 31 <sup>st</sup> October                          |
| In-service  | Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November      |
| Craft Fayre and Singalong                                   | Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> December                         |
| End of term 2   | Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December                                 |
| Back to school  | Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January                                   |
| Holidays  | Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February     |
| In-service  | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Reports out   | Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March                                    |
| End of Term 3   | Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March                                    |

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| Back to school                   | Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April                            |
| May Day                          | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May                               |
| Sports Day option 1              | Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May                             |
| Sports Day option 2              | Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May                             |
| School Show                      | Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June |
| Holidays– Turriff Cluster        | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June  |
| End of Term and Leavers Assembly | Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July                              |

Kind regards,



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