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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to what promises to be a very busy term. This is your newsletter for sticking to the fridge as there are so many dates to remember. Somehow in the middle of all this, loads of fabulous learning will go on including individual class trips and partnership working with the local library.

*School will be closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May for the May day holiday.*

### **Outdoor Learning:**

You may have noticed we have some construction going on outside, this is part of the project we are doing to make better use of our outdoor space and it will be an outdoor classroom. We are also hugely grateful to our parent volunteers and The Vinery who have helped our Eco-Committee begin to develop a community vegetable garden and make better use of our spaces for planting. P5 have also been busy saving the bees.

### **Evaluating our School:**

At the end of this term you will receive an electronic questionnaire all about our school. Your views will be an important part of our planning for improvement so please complete it when it arrives. Our pupils are also helping us improve and this has included a recent exchange with Whitehills schools so we can learn about another environment and make comparisons. We are very grateful to the staff and pupils at Whitehills for their warm welcome.

### **Coronation of King Charles III:**

Just as we did for The Queen's Jubilee, we will have a garden party for all classes on the afternoon of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. School lunches will be slightly different that day to offer a fun and lighter meal as in the afternoon we plan to have some treats. Please give your child a small picnic snack for the afternoon. We also plan to serve ice cream and jelly in true traditional style. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May we are closed for the Coronation celebrations. The King has asked that the day is used to volunteer so we have asked the children to do something helpful that day, for example wash the car or take treats round to an elderly neighbour. We look forward to hearing all about it when we return on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Sports Day Tuesday 16th May or Thursday 18th May:**

Weather permitting our sports day will take place on the 16th May, however, if it rains that day we will use the second date instead. Any cancellation will be communicated through Groupcall and Facebook, there will be no need to ring the school. If you don't hear from us, it is going ahead. Refreshments will be available for parents to purchase from our PSG in the morning. The PSG will also be handing out juice and ice cream to the children (they usually have this in class). Can all children please wear a t-shirt in their house colour (your child should know which house they are in). You are more than welcome to join us and bring a picnic.

### **Matilda 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June:**

Rehearsals are under way for the p6 production of Matilda. If the beautiful singing drifting through the corridors is anything to go by, this production is going to be amazing. Details to follow.

### **Goblin Car:**

Thank you to our volunteer parents and the wonderful Kevin and Colin who are supporting our young engineers to develop the Goblin Car. The real test will be when they race it on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June at Alford.



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### **P7 Transition:**

P7 leave for Dalguise on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Let's hope the sun shines. The interschool transition disco is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June and is a super opportunity to meet new friends. The academy have arranged a digital experience with further information to follow and will be welcoming the children full time on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Step up Day and Open Evening:**

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June the children will have some time in their new classroom with their new teacher. Classes will be announced the day before apart from p1 who will already be involved with the transition of their pupils. Classes are chosen very carefully by the school staff and will not be changed, they are places for learning, if your child is not in with their friend they will see them at play time and lunch time. Class lists change every year as this helps with staffing, learning groupings and socialisation of our pupils.

The school will be open from 6pm for parents and carers to collect their child's work from the classrooms and meet their new teacher.

### **PSG Fun Days:**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June the amazing Parent Support Group has arranged for treats and a bouncy castle to congratulate the children on such a hardworking school year. Each class will have a slot over these two days. This is possible due to the fund raising that the PSG have done throughout the school year.

### **School Discos:**

The PSG also organise and run our very popular school discos. If you are available to volunteer please let them know. This term's dates are:

12<sup>th</sup> May. P7 transition disco 9<sup>th</sup> June, Step Up disco 30<sup>th</sup> June

### **Parent Council:**

Our thoughts and ideas about improving our school are closely worked out in partnership with the Parent Council. The next meeting is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm online. Minutes can be found on the school website [here](#).

### **P7 Leavers Assembly Friday 16th June:**

P7 parents and carers are invited to join us in the school assembly hall for the P7 leavers assembly and school prize giving.

School closes for the summer holiday on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July and reopens to pupils on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

Kind Regards,

Head Teacher