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TO PARENTS / CARERS PRIMARY

27th August 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

Please find attached our dates for the year ahead. We will do our best to keep to these dates but unforeseen circumstances may force changes.

School Grounds

Much to the delight of the children, we have opened up more of our school grounds for break and lunchtime play. Children in P2-P7 now have access to loose parts play in the playground, the quieter supported play area of the Rainbow Garden, the wider area of the playing field and the developed areas of the woodland forest. We have reviewed playground supervision to take account of the wider areas for play. Please send your child to school with appropriate outdoor clothing such as sensible footwear and a waterproof jacket as sudden rain showers often catch us out. It's great to see the children very much enjoying these new arrangements. We will gradually introduce children in Primary 1 to these wider areas as they gain their confidence.

P2-P4 Movie Night

Movie Night is still going to take place but unfortunately we've had to postpone the original date of 30th of August due to an issue in obtaining a school 'let'. More news on this very soon. The film will be Peter Rabbit.

PE Kit

Please remember to send your child to school with tee-shirt, shorts and indoor gym shoes for their 2 hours of PE each week.

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School Rules

We've relaunched our Golden Rules and are working with the children on these. We also have a few rules which are there for everyone's safety. In particular, please be aware that children should only go into the forest area when supervision is provided by staff at morning and lunch breaks. Our safety rules are:

- We play with footballs only in the playing field
- We dismount from cycles and scooters when we reach the school
- We only go into the forest and classroom areas when accompanied by an adult
- We switch off mobile phones during school hours and the school takes no responsibility for loss or damage

Policies and Procedures

Over the past few months we've reviewed and updated some of our policies and procedures. You can find the following documents on our school website:

- Better Behaviour Policy 2018
- Better Behaviour Procedures 2018
- Broughton Cluster Equalities and Anti Bullying Policy 2017
- Equalities and Anti Bullying Parent Guide 2018
- Guide to Merits 2018
- Curriculum Rationale and Strategic Plan 2018
- Vision, Values and Aims (revised) 2018
- Child Protection Policy 2018

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

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School Event Dates 2018-2019

28 th September	Progress Books to parents
4 th & 5 th October	Parent consultation meetings
26 th October	P7 organising Hallowe'en Parties in school
20 th November	Flu immunisations
29 th November	Parent Council / School Fayre evening
5 th December	P2-P3 Nativity 2pm
6 th December	P2-P3 Nativity 9.30 am
19 th December	P1-P7 Pantomime visit
25 th January	Progress Books to parents
28 th January	Primary 7 residential school camp
29 th January	Parent Council/ School ceilidh evening
6 th March	Childline Workshops for P6 and P7
15 th March	Progress Books to parents
21 st & 22 nd March	Parent consultation meetings
22 nd May	P1-P7 Sports Day
25 th June	P7 Quali Dance 6.00 pm
27 th June	Valedictory Service Drylaw Parish Church 9.30 am

This year school staff will be working with the Parent Council to develop the ceilidh so that more children can participate.

Due to the increasing size of the school, Primary 1 will not be taking part in the traditional nativity. However they will have another event in the lead up to Christmas to which parents and carers will be invited.

Throughout the year, the classes will present their assemblies for parents and carers. Individual classes/teachers will send out invitations in the weeks leading up to their assembly.

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City of Edinburgh Council School Term Dates 2018-2019

Autumn

Term starts Wednesday 15 August 2018

Mid-term holidays

- Monday 17 September 2018, autumn holiday
- Monday 15 to Monday 22 October 2018, mid term break

Term ends Friday 21 December 2018 at 12 pm

Christmas holidays

- Monday 24 December 2018 to Tuesday 8 January 2019

Spring

Term starts Wednesday 9 January 2019

Mid-term holidays

- Monday 11 to Friday 15 February 2019, mid term break

Term ends Friday 5 April 2019

Easter holidays

- Monday 8 to Monday 22 April 2019

Summer

Term starts Tuesday 23 April 2019

Mid-term holidays

- Monday 6 May 2019, May Day
- Tuesday 7 May 2019, staff only in service day
- Monday 20 May 2019, Victoria Day

Term ends Friday 28 June 2019 at 12 pm

