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August Update

Welcome back to school! For those of you who are joining us for the first time, welcome to Portree Primary School. Please take time to read through some important information and general reminders.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome two new members to our teaching staff. Georgina Brintnell has joined us as our Primary 7 teacher and Courtney Skjonsberg has joined us as our Primary 3 teacher. We very much look forward to having them on our Portree Primary School team!



Library Update

We are in the process of updating our library here at school and are looking for donations of any books, in good condition, that you may have at home but no longer require. These could be dropped off at the school office or sent in with pupils.

Use of Social Media

A reminder to parents, that any concerns you may have should be raised with the school rather than shared on social media. We are always more than happy to meet with you at any time. This includes broadcast online parent chat groups.

School Security

All entrances to the school are locked while children are in the building. If your child is late arriving to school, please use the front door where they can be buzzed in by office staff.

Administration of Medication

Any prescribed medication that is to be administered during school, must have an accompanying parental authorisation. Copies of this form can be obtained from the school office. We are not permitted to administer any medication without this form. For pupils with regular medication; inhalers etc., could you please ensure that these are all within expiry dates.

Communication

Email remains the primary method of communication between the office and school. School diaries should be used to inform class teachers of appointments, questions or concerns. We are more than happy to meet with parents to discuss any matters relating to your children. If you wish to meet with a member of staff, please make an appointment through the homework diary or by telephone.



School Uniform

In addition to school uniforms being available at MacGregors Industrial Supplies, we are offering school uniforms through Andrew Hyde as an option for parents. Order forms are available from the school office.

Snacks and Tuck

Children are encouraged to take healthy snacks to school with them. Absolutely no fizzy juice is to be brought to school. A tuck shop is available from the canteen at morning break.

School Meals

The price remains at £2.30 per meal for pupils in P4-7. Pupils are reminded that money should be paid at the start of each week. Tuck is offered on a daily basis from the school canteen.

Parent Council

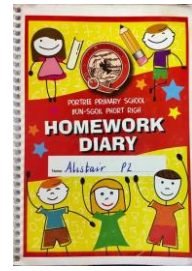
The Parent Council is a vital part of the successful running of our school and all parents are encouraged to consider taking part in this. The Annual General Meeting of the Parent Council will take place on Tuesday 25th September at 6.30, here at the school. Any questions directly relating to the Parent Council can be sent to portreeprimarypc@gmail.com

After School Activities

We hope to issue a calendar of after school activities over the next week with activities beginning the first week of September. Thanks to the contributions of many parent volunteers, we have always been able to offer a wide variety of activities. If you are interested in helping with an existing activity or starting a new one, please get in touch.

Homework

All pupils will be issued with a homework diary and notes of any homework to be completed will be written in these. Any questions about homework should be directed to Class Teachers.



Success Assemblies

Success assemblies are held in school on a fortnightly basis. At these assemblies, we present our Value awards for each class and also recognise the many achievements that pupils have made both in and out of school. Each assembly features a class who showcase their talents to the rest of the school. As part of our endeavour to increase community engagement, the featured class will also visit Home Farm to present their showcase to the residents there.

Contacting the School

Arrangements for collecting children at the end of the school day should be made before children come to school. As the phones are, at times, unmanned and children can be involved in a variety of activities during the school day, any messages coming into the school office cannot be guaranteed to reach pupils ahead of home time. Homework diaries continue to be the most effective way of communicating with class teachers.

Absence

If pupils are absent for school for any reason, a phone call should be made to the school office or an email to portree.primary@highland.gov.uk sent first thing in the morning. Unexplained absences are required to be followed up.

Online Security

With so many of our pupils accessing online gaming, websites etc., we wanted to share the Net Aware resource with you. Net Aware offers up to date information about the games children are accessing in regards to age and content appropriateness. It is definitely worth taking a look. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Reminders

Just a reminder that the turning point at the school gate is to be used by buses only. Please try to avoid using this to drop off and collect children by car. The official drop off zone for the school is at Portree Community Centre.



Please ensure that all belongings are clearly labelled with pupils names. This allows us to reunite lost property with its owner easily.

WOW certificates are an effective way of sharing successes made at home or in the community with the school. These are celebrated at school and house points are awarded for each certificate children bring in. If you require more certificates, please let us know through the homework diary.

Portree Primary School is a "No Nuts" zone. Please refrain from packing products containing nuts for school snacks.



Known Important Dates

Tuesday 28 th August	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Saturday 1 st September	Soccer 7s Portree
Wednesday 5 th September	Meet The Teacher Drop In 3.45-4.30pm
Monday 17 th September	In Service Day
Tuesday 18 th September	In Service Day
Friday 2 nd November	Parent Council Halloween Party