



# Scoil yn Jubilee Newsletter

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## Dates to remember

- Friday 4th October onwards at 12.30pm  
Infant Choir to start - everyone welcome
- Saturday 28th September - Years 2 - 6 Fell Running
- Tuesday 8th October - School photographs for the junior children
- Wednesday 9th October - School photographs for infant children
- Monday 14th October - Reception Phonics Workshop - Cat Class
- Tuesday 15th October - Reception Phonics Workshop - Turtle Class
- Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th October - Parents Evening
- Tuesday 22nd October - Hop tu Naa Disco (Infants 2pm to 3.15pm, Juniors 4.15pm to 6.00pm) Infant site
- Friday 25th October - School closes for half term
- Monday 4th November - School reopens

## Coats

Can I remind parents that pupils need to bring a coat into school everyday for break times and lunchtimes. Both school playgrounds can be very windy spots!

## Autumn Term Parents' Evening and Open Afternoon for Year 1 to Year 6

Open afternoons and meetings to enable you to discuss your child's progress are to be held on two afternoons this term to give parents a range of appointment choices.

If you would like to visit your child's classroom during the day to join in with activities and chat informally to their class teacher you can visit school from 2.30 pm on Tuesday 15th October.

If you would prefer to attend a traditional parents' meeting, meetings will be arranged for 10 minutes for each child from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm on Tuesday 15th October and Wednesday 16th October. If you wish to see your child's teacher for a longer meeting at a later date please arrange this at the meeting.

The dates and times for both the infant site and junior site are as follows: Tuesday 15th October 2.30 pm - 5.30 pm and Wednesday 16th October 4 pm - 5.30 pm.

Please return the attached form as soon as possible indicating your preferred time and we will do our best to accommodate you accordingly.

Please indicate on the form if you have other children in Scoill yn Jubilee, so that the teachers can liaise over times.

All replies should be in by Tuesday 8th October to enable the class teacher to make an appointment which we can return to you by the end of the week.

This initial meeting is to discuss how your child has settled into his/her year group and discuss how you can help at home. We may also inform you of any academic, social or behaviour concerns we may have about your child and how we can work together to improve these.

## Open Afternoon for Reception Parents

This year Reception are combining the phonics workshop with an open afternoon to give parents the chance to chat to their child's teacher about how they have settled etc. This will also provide an opportunity to look around the classroom and share some learning experiences with the children.

## Infant Breakfast Club

The infant breakfast club is now full. Those waiting for a space will be notified when one becomes available.

## Friends of Scoill yn Jubilee

The next meeting this year for "The Friends of Scoill yn Jubilee" will be held on **7th October at 9.15 am** on the Infant site. We will arrange, for both infant and junior pupils, fund-raising and social events for the term at this meeting. Any parents/grandparents/carers are welcome to attend. These are informal meetings where we welcome suggestions and ideas to provide enjoyable events and raise funds to purchase additional items for the children to make their learning experiences even better.

### **Spare PE Kits**

If any parents have navy shorts, black pumps and red or navy t-shirts which no longer fit your child we would be pleased to accept them to create spare PE kits for each year group for the odd occasion when children forget to bring their kit to school. Thank you.

### **Junior After School Clubs**

If your child attends an after school club at the junior site please can we ask that you collect your child from the entrance hall where your child will be 'signed out' by a member of staff. Thank you

### **Changes to Consent Forms**

Just a reminder that if you wish to make any changes to consent forms or emergency contact details please contact either school office in person, by phone or by email. Thank you.

### **Parent Concerns/Worries**

Should you wish to communicate any general information about your child an appointment is unnecessary. Please feel free to pop into your child's classroom at the start or end of the school day.

If you wish to have a more detailed conversation with a member of staff, you are welcome to contact the appropriate school office with a brief description of the reason for your appointment and the time that is most suitable for you to visit. The administrator will confirm the nearest available time with staff and get back to you as soon as possible.

### **After School Clubs at Local Afterschool Clubs**

If your child is collected at the end of the day by a local nursery/after school club from the infant site or junior site, please could you complete the attached slip in order that we have a record of which after school club your child attends and on which afternoons.

If these arrangements change you are requested to inform the school on the day, in addition to informing the after school club.

### **Healthy Lunchboxes**

We aim for Scoill yn Jubilee to be a 'healthy eating' school. Please can we ask that children do not have sweets/chocolate in their lunchboxes. Please remember to provide your child with a spoon if they have yoghurt or a dessert.

### **Medicines in School**

Where children are well enough to attend school, but are required to take prescribed medication, parents should ascertain whether dosages could be prescribed outside the school day. Parents should ask the prescribing doctor or dentist about this.

Parents/carers are requested not to allow children to bring non-prescribed medication (i.e. Calpol, paracetamol) into school. If you have any questions about medicines in school please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

### **School Photographs**

Andrew Barton photographers will visit the **junior site** on Tuesday 8th October and the **infant site** on Wednesday 9th October to take your child's photograph. School uniform should be worn. Brothers and sisters within school will be photographed together as well as individually. Should you wish to include younger or older children in a family photograph they should be brought to the **Infant site School Hall at 8.30 am on Wednesday 9th October.**

### **Parents helping in school**

We have always regarded the partnership between parents and teachers as a vital one and some invaluable help is being provided by parents who work with children in school. As it is the beginning of a new academic year we would once again like to ask if there are any parents, grandparents or carers, who would be able to help on a regular basis with activities in school, e.g. art, craft, computers, literacy and numeracy, cookery, etc. (Reception parents have already given us an indication of support they can offer).

In addition we are also looking for volunteers to help teachers by preparing work for display, photocopying, collating materials etc. Please complete the slip at the end of this letter if you are able to help and we will send out a police check form for completion and return (if you have not already completed one).

### **Early Heads Up for Year 6 Parents**

Mrs Hicks has been in touch with both Ballakermeen and St Ninian's High Schools and their open evenings for Y6 pupils and parents are as follows:

SNHS – Thursday 16th January 2020

Ballakermeen – Thursday 23rd January 2020

### **Christmas is coming to Jubilee!!**

**The 'Friends' need boxes and baskets to make into hampers for the Christmas fair! If you have suitable baskets or boxes please drop them to either site so that the 'Friends' can start decorating them! Thank you.**

## Uniform Update

### Naming items

The staff from both sites have asked me to make a plea for all uniform, sports kits and coats to be named so that we can prevent confusion and reduce the amount of time used trying to match uniforms to pupils.

### Footwear

Could I remind parents that footwear for pupils is either navy or black shoes. Black or other coloured trainers are not acceptable as school uniform. If children come into school in knee length boots please can they bring shoes to change into as boots are uncomfortable for children when sitting on the carpet or in independent learning zones.

### Jewellery

The only jewellery permitted for pupils in school is a watch, and studs if ears have been pierced. Hooped earrings are not permitted. This is mainly for safety reasons and to ensure valued items are not lost or go missing in school.

If your child wears earrings for swimming they must be able to take them out, alternatively please purchase a swimming head band.

## Sports /PE lessons

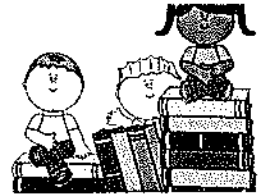
When the weather is fine we will often have sports lessons outside. Pupils in year groups 1 to 6 will need track suit bottoms and a sweatshirt (in the school colour if possible) to take part comfortably in colder weather. Thank you.

## Finally .....

### **Guided reading**

At Scoill yn Jubilee we believe that parents are a child's first educator. We are looking forward to seeing you all at parents evening to discuss your child's progress and attainment.

Please can we ask that children in all year groups are encouraged to read to you at home and that any comments about your child's enjoyment or responses to reading books are made in their individual reading files.



More information about how to support your child with their literacy skills can be found on the Literacy Trust website. <https://literacytrust.org.uk>

**Mrs J Adamson**

Headteacher

## THOSE WHO READ SUCCEED!

### Why read 20 minutes at home?

Child A Reads	Child B Reads	Child C Reads
• 20 minutes per day	• 5 minutes per day	• 1 minute per day
• 3,600 minutes per school year	• 900 minutes per school year	• 180 minutes per school year
• 1,800,000 words per year	• 282,000 words per year	• 4,000 words per year

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★ If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Reception, by the end of primary school, child A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, child B will have read for 12 school days and child C will have read for 3 school days.  
★ Want to be a better reader? Simply read!  
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**After School Club**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

After school club attended \_\_\_\_\_

Days collected from Scoill yn Jubilee Infants/Juniors \* M/T/W/T/F \*please circle

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ parent/carer Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent Helpers**

**I would like to help in school with:-**

Helping children in class	- Infants	preferred day _____	am/pm
	- Juniors	preferred day _____	am/pm
Preparing work/administration	- Infants	preferred day _____	am/pm
	- Juniors	preferred day _____	am/pm

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer of \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I have/have not been police checked. (Please delete as appropriate.)

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**Parent Open Afternoon/Interviews for Year 1 - Year 6**  
**Autumn Term 2019**

each interview will last 10 minutes

Name of Parent/Carer: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Children's Names:

Class Teacher:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Please choose **one** of the following:

<b>I/We would prefer an interview on (please tick) Tuesday 15th October</b>	
4.00 - 4.30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.30 - 5.00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.00 - 5.30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>I/We would prefer an interview on (please tick) Wednesday 16th October</b>	
4.00 - 4.30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.30 - 5.00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.00 - 5.30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>

I am available for interview (please tick):

**OR**

**I/We would prefer to attend open afternoon from 2.30pm on Tuesday 15th October (please tick)**

The below slip will be returned to confirm times.

**Parent Interview Confirmation**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Interviews/Open Afternoon have been arranged as follows:

Child	Day	Time
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____