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Our values:
Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to see everyone settling back to school over the past two weeks. Please see below for some additional news items.

Family Daily Mile

We were delighted to see so many parents at our family mile this morning. You are welcome to come into the playground and join us every Friday morning unless it is extremely wet or icy. Grandparents are welcome as are brothers and sisters.

P1 and P2 Stay and Play

Again, it was lovely to welcome so many parents from P1 and P2 for stay and play after our family mile this morning. There is another opportunity to stay and play next week for parents of P1 and P2 children in both classes.

Our Newsletter

We do share a lot of information via our newsletter as we try to keep you informed about the life of the school. We realise there is a lot to read but please do take a moment to read our letters before contacting us to ask about what is happening. We are receiving a higher than normal number of calls and emails to ask questions when the information has been shared via our newsletter. Thank you for your support with this.

Uniform

We have been very happy to see so many children wearing smart school uniform. We have also appreciated the donations of good quality used uniform for our uniform swap shop. There are still a few children wearing inappropriate footwear to school, please send your child with black school shoes as wearing trainers creates competition and does not keep your child's feet dry if it rains. The same applies to coats; please ensure your child has a waterproof coat that is warm enough for the weather. Thank you.

School Lunches

Please could we remind you to cancel lunches if your child is not in school and to book lunches by midnight on the day before lunch is taken? If you do not order lunch on a Friday we will ensure your child has a snack but we will not add them to the lunch list as they will be going home for lunch. The exception to this is children who receive free school meals. We do this because some parents choose not to order brunch on a Friday and the fact children have not ordered may be parental choice.

Xpressions

A reminder that Xpressions is an app which allows you to contact us in school and also alerts you when we send an email. Please sign up if you think this will be helpful.

Netball

Netball club will restart on Tuesday 6th September at lunchtime and is for all girls and boys in P6 and P7.

Following on from U13 trials with Peebles Netball Club, we would like to say well done to Alice, Emily and Summer in P7 who have all been selected to be training partners with the U13 squad. Well-done and good luck!

Showbie

As parents who have been with us last year will know, we use an app called Showbie to share learning with parents. This means that you will receive real-time information about some of the things your child is doing in their class. You will also see some whole school updates, e.g. what we are doing at assembly. Children who are new to the school will receive a letter next week with a unique code, which allows their parent to access information about their learning. This code will not be shared with anyone else. You will see class information and a profile which will contain examples of your child's learning journey as they progress through school. Learning will look different at each stage of the school, e.g. phonics information in P1 and more independent work in P7. This is our method of reporting to you instead of a written report. There will also be an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher in November and March to hear how they are getting on.

Badminton

The Borders Badminton Development Group have set up a Badminton Basics Course through Badminton Scotland and have opened it up to the Active Schools network. If any parents would like to attend the course and then run a block of badminton as an extra-curricular club in school please let us know. Active Schools will cover the cost. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

This section will be updated on our newsletters throughout the year.

Date	Event
Thursday 1 st Sept. 3.20 – 4pm	Meet the teacher event in school – please come in to look at your child's classroom and meet their teacher.
Friday 2 nd Sept.	Stay and play for P1 and P2 parents.
Thursday 6 th Oct.	Flu vaccines – to be confirmed. Last Day of term
Monday 17 th Oct.	In-service day – school open for staff only.
Tuesday 18 th Oct.	First day back for children.
Friday 28 th Oct.	Halloween party during the school day.
Thursday 24 th Nov.	Parental Consultations – after school and evening appointments available. More details to follow nearer the time.
Monday 28 th Nov.	St Andrew's Day holiday – school closed.

Thursday 15 th Dec.	Christmas concert: 6.30pm. More details to follow.
Friday 17 th Dec.	Possible second Christmas concert.
Wednesday 21 st Dec.	Christmas parties – in the afternoon.
Thursday 22 nd Dec.	Last day of term.
Monday 9 th Jan.	First day back for staff and children.
Friday 10 th Feb.	Last day of term.
Tuesday 21 st Feb.	First day back for staff and children.
Thurs. 16 th March	Parental Consultations
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term
Monday 17 th April	First day back for staff and children.
Monday 1 st May	May Day holiday – school closed.
Tuesday 2 nd May	In-Service day – school open for staff only.
Thursday 25 th May	Sports Day
Thursday 1 st June	Reserve Sports Day if the weather is wet.
Wednesday 28 th June	P7 Leavers' Assembly.
Thursday 29 th June	Last day of term.

Yours sincerely

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