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Achieving, Included, Respectful

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please see below for some important information.

The Lion King

We are all looking forward to going to the Lion King in June. The Parent Council have been working hard to raise funds to pay for the majority of this trip including planning a race night which is due to take place this weekend. They have also received a very generous donation from a local business and member of the community. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to ensuring the children can be part of this amazing experience.

We explained that we were going to ask parents for a small contribution of £10 towards the price of the trip. This will show on ParentPay with a due date of 31st May. Payment can be made all at once or in two £5 instalments, one due on 29th April and the other on 31st May.

Further details will follow nearer the time but we expect to leave Halyrude at 12.30 and return to school at 6.30pm approximately.

Concern over Inappropriate Language/Content in School

We are very concerned about the increase in inappropriate language and themes being discussed by children in school. We have always had instances of children repeating swear words and this is something we talk about as being inappropriate, saying we don't want to hear unkind words in our school.

In recent years we have noticed an increase in children using online platforms and texting including WhatsApp as a means of communicating with each other. We are not asking children to stop using chat sites or gaming sites as this is the way they communicate and socialise with their friends and this is important for them. We are asking however that parents check devices regularly to ensure that children are safe online and that they are not upset by the content of any messages they see.

More worryingly, we have had a significant increase in children in our younger classes talking about inappropriate content, specifically horror based films/programmes. In recent weeks we have dealt with distress over Pennywise and Annabelle and for a time Squid Games being discussed/acted out through play in the playground. Children are also talking about Money Heist. We have also had to discuss sexual content on TikTok in our upper school.

Children have much more advanced ICT skills than we do as adults and our experience shows they are accessing sites which parents have no knowledge of. When information is out there on social media, chat groups or even in the playground it cannot be unheard. We do realise that this is an issue across all schools but we would very much appreciate your support in working together to protect children from information they should not have access to. Thank you.

Parentzone Scotland is a useful website for parents which has information on supporting children and young people online.

I-Pads

We have had a number of issues with Apple IDs in school. The Apple IDs have been changed by SBC recently and they do not match the information you were given on sheets sent home. If your child's Apple ID needs to be reset please let us know and we will ask SBC for support with this. We do not have the passwords in school.

If your child's iPad requires an update it must be done at home. The update will not work in school as our wifi is not strong enough. If your child's proxy settings need to be reset then this must also be done at home. If it does not work the first time then please go to settings and reset the iPad and try again.

P7 Transition to Peebles High School

Due to the restrictions being relaxed P7 are now able to visit Peebles High School in person as part of their transition experience. The first visit will be on Thursday 17th March, they will leave school after registration and will be back for lunch. Mrs Thomson will accompany the children to the high school.

Ukraine Appeal

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our children, families and staff in the support given to our Ukraine appeal. We will post pictures on social media tomorrow of the donations we have received and we will deliver them to the depot after school. Thank you so much for your kindness and willingness to help people who are suffering so much at the moment.

Yours sincerely

Leigh Brunton

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