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Weekly Newsletter

Diary Dates 2018-2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 11 th February	All day	Local Holiday
Tuesday 12 th February	All day	In Service Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 13 th February	All day	In service Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 14 th March	9.30 – 10.30 & 2.15 – 3.15	Open morning / afternoon
Friday 29 th March		Last day of term
Monday 15 th April		First day of term
Friday 19 th April	All day	Good Friday – school closed

PE & Health and Safety

As you are all aware it is Aberdeen City Council's policy that children should not wear jewellery at PE lessons and if they are wearing stud earrings that these need to be taped up (either by the parent or child). We are increasingly aware that children are coming to school wearing false nails. These are a Health and Safety issue particularly in PE lessons, therefore these need to be removed prior to participation in PE lessons (preferably at home prior to coming to school).

Lost Property

We still have a large number of items of clothing with no names on them – please ensure that all your children's belongings clearly have their name on them so that they can be returned to them.

Sickness

Thank you to all the parents who are keeping us informed when their child is absent due to being unwell. It is very important that when you call that you are specific as to why your child is off, i.e. vomiting rather than 'feeling unwell'. We require this information to help us make decisions regarding the wellbeing of the other children i.e. if we had a large number of children off with a vomiting bug then we would need to consider action to prevent this spreading.

We also ask that if we call you to come and collect your child from school as they are unwell, that you do this as soon as possible. Recently we have had parents ask us to call back later if the child is still unwell. If a member of staff calls to say your child needs to be collected this is because they along with a member of the school management team have already assessed your child and decided, they are fit to be in school.

Head Lice

As you are already aware we regularly remind you about Head Lice and the need for parents to be vigilant in ensuring that their children are regularly checked and if necessary treated for head lice. Staff at the school cannot divulge information regarding who may have head lice and cannot control if children in their classes have head lice or not.

If any parent would like support in the best way to treat head lice, please let us know and we will ask the school nurse to get in touch to offer support.

Parent / staff meetings

Can I remind parents that 'catching' the staff for anything more than a brief word (i.e. Grandma is picking up today) at the start of the day when they are taking in the children is not appropriate as they have a class of children to look after. If you need to speak with the teacher regarding anything more in depth you can make an appointment to see the teacher or a member of the School's management team at a mutually agreeable time.

Inclement Weather

During this very cold snap we may be unable to allow the children to go outside to play at break and lunchtime due to the playing surface being too slippy and the children may be at risk of injury – hopefully we will have a thaw soon.

Holidays

A reminder that the school is closed to pupils on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th of February.