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Dear Parents,

At last we have daffodils and a hint of sunshine. It's always good to see spring arrive and the better weather. It has been such a busy term with the children being involved in so many events and activities to extend their learning.

Website:

<http://www.newpitsligo-st-johns.aberdeenshire.sch.uk>

We are delighted with our new school website which has information about school and the curriculum, the latest newsletters and all sorts of useful information. You will also find links to maths and to Glow which your son or daughter will be able to log into for you. There are now a number of class blogs available on Glow.

PTA:

Thank you to the PTA and all their helpers for organising such a busy and successful Spring Fair. It was well attended and lots of fun. £888 was raised. This money helps us to take the children on trips such as the Satrosphere – p5/6 and Nursery and Dundee Verdant Works – p7. All our pupils will have a trip thanks to the generosity of our parents.

Parent Council:

The Parent Council does not discuss individual pupils or families, it looks at the curriculum and school policies in general. As ever, please arrange to speak to a teacher or Mrs. James if you have any particular concerns. Jill's email address is: purplejill57@yahoo.co.uk

The next meeting of the Parent Council is Thursday 19th May at 9am.

Archie in Africa:

Thanks to everyone who came along to support p3 and p5/6 with their Archie in Africa Fundraiser. There were lots of treats and fun activities. They raised an amazing £203.

Staff Development:

As we continue our professional learning, members of the teaching team have been working with teachers from the academy to develop stronger curricular links as part of the transition process.

We have also been delighted to have been visited by a number of teachers from another cluster who had heard about the high standards in our school, particularly in our approach to maths, and have come in to observe the learning.

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Reporting to Parents:

We are continuing to develop our reporting to parents and our approach will be a little different next year. While you will still receive an annual report, we will also be giving you information about the learning that has been experienced when our pupils are involved in events, e.g. concerts or sports day. That way you can also watch your child's progress during the school year.

Rotary Quiz:

Thanks to the p7 pupils who represented our school at the annual Rotary quiz. We were pleased with their knowledge and proud to come 4th.

Rugby, Golf and Zumba:

We are supported by Active Schools to develop our skills in a range of sports. This term some pupils have been attending Zumba on a Friday and having a lot of fun. P5/6 have been learning rugby and golf and recently attended the Mintlaw Rugby Festival where they won most of their games.

Easter:

We are not in school on Friday 25th March as it is Good Friday. We will be in school on Monday 28th March for the last week of term and plan to do our traditional egg rolling on Friday 1st. Friday 1st is the last day of term.

Summer Term:

The new term begins on Monday 18th April.



HELEN JAMES
Head Teacher