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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your support and kindness during the school year. Everything the children have done has been well attended and actively encouraged by you and we greatly appreciate it. It's been a packed and busy year and I am beginning to pull together some of our many happy memories in preparation for Prize Giving.

Race for Life:

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Race for Life. We raised an incredible £1344.50.

Improvement Plans:

We now have the collated parental data for this year. We take this information very seriously. Last year the majority said our communication could be better. As a result we re-developed Glow, created our Communications Committee who write the blog and we set up a new website.

This year you have given us two areas for development, one is informing you about your child's progress. We have begun a process to develop reporting to parents further by showing you what the children have learned and what targets have been set for any particular event. You will have noticed this in the PowerPoint at the Queen's Birthday Party. This will be developed further along with curricular open afternoons.

You also mentioned after school activities. We have a few plans for developing afternoon activities further and these will be rolled out across the new academic year.

In addition we will be focusing on developing French in school as part of the Scotland wide 1+2 Languages initiative and our curricular focus this year will be reading.

The collated data can be found on the school website and all plans will be added next term.

Credit Union:

We are so pleased to have our Friday Savings up and running. This is a great opportunity for our pupils to learn the value of money and for P5 to learn some skills that would be found in the work place. Our parent volunteer is doing a great job encouraging the children to save their pennies and has been fully trained by NESCU in the finance and confidentiality parts of the task. Should you wish to find out more or ask anything about the scheme, please contact the school directly rather than NESCU.

Prize Giving:

Our pupils give us so many reasons to celebrate and be proud. We love sharing their good work and many achievements. Prize Giving will take place at 1.30pm on Friday 1st July in the Village Hall. We are grateful to the PTA for the gorgeous medals they have donated.

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Website:

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Just a reminder, our new school website which has information about school and the curriculum, the latest newsletters and all sorts of useful information is now up and running. 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.

You can also find us on Facebook for updates and information.

Aberdeenshire Council Smoking Policy :

Aberdeenshire Council has a new Smoking policy that will take effect at all Aberdeenshire Council schools from the 15th August 2016. The policy means that smoking is not allowed anywhere or at any time over the entire school premises including outside grounds. The policy applies to school pupils, all staff working within the school and or community campus (Councilors, nurses, clerical support, janitors, bus drivers, etc.) and parents. These restrictions also apply to the use of electronic cigarettes.

The policy will provide a strong message to school pupils, staff and parents that is consistent with our education programmes and with the fact that smoking is the largest preventable cause of disease and death in the UK today.

We support a smoke free school policy because we are committed to improving the health of all our school pupils and staff, as well as that of other members of our school and community. We also recognise the important role that teachers, parents and other adults have in influencing the attitudes and smoking behaviour of children and young people.

As a result of this new policy we would ask parents not to smoke at the school gate.

End of Term:

Pupils do not need to bring belongings on Friday 1st July. Please make sure all coats, gym shoes etc. are taken home for the summer.

P7 pupils are allowed to have their jumpers or t-shirts signed as long as their parents are in agreement.

I hope you have a lovely summer holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone, bright and refreshed at 9am on Tuesday 16th August



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