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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are settling back into the routines of the school year and it has been lovely to hear all the happy summer holiday news.

Website:

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

The school website has the events and dates for your diary added for the coming school year as far as we can at this stage. The website also contains any reports regarding the school and copies of newsletters. We also have a Facebook page to keep you up to date with up-coming events in school and in the village.

Resilience:

Our big theme for this year is *Resilience*. We are keen to empower the children to be able to handle the many challenges that we all meet in day to day life. They are incredibly talented and kind as a group so we are confident they will find this easy. The tricky bit is for the parents I'm afraid. In order to do this we need to ask you to step back a bit, and we know how hard this can be because you want the very best for your child. Put simply, life is harder for those children who do not learn in the safe environs of the playground or the school to problem solve for themselves. If we do it for them we disempower them. So my first request is that parents stay away from the playground at break-times and lunch times. Of course you are welcome to walk through and access the school building or drop off at nursery, but please do not get involved with your primary aged child's social experiences. This article gives some detail to the importance of developing resilience in children:

<https://www.psycom.net/build-resilience-children>

Safety:

Please do not park in the staff carpark at any time. It is also important that this is not used as a short cut into the playground as cars are coming in and out at all times of the day.

Please do not block the yellow zigzag lines outside the school as this can have dangerous consequences. We would also strongly advise against leaving your engine running when you are coming in to drop of your child.

Clothing:

New Pitsligo has a micro-climate of its own so we often see four seasons in one day. Your child will always need to have a coat with them for this reason. Please put your child's name on all items of clothing.

Open Afternoons:

7th October 2019 – general opportunity to visit the new classes.

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30th January 2020 – Literacy

10th March 2020 – Maths

1st June 2020 – project work

Sports Day:

As you will see from the website, we have pencilled in Friday 22nd May for Sports Day. If there is any chance of rain that day we may hold it earlier that week depending on the forecast. I know you will be keen to know so you can book time off work, but this is the one event that is totally weather dependent.

Kind Regards,



HELEN JAMES
Head Teacher