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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Open Afternoon:**

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Open Afternoon on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2pm – 4pm. The children really like to show their parents their new classrooms and what they are working on. We hope you will be able to pop in and share this experience with them.

**Pyjama Day:**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October is our fun pyjama day. Pupils can come to school dressed in their pyjamas, but of course also with suitable footwear for outdoor play. Donations of £1 gratefully received.

Parents and carers for p7 are also invited to attend their assembly at 1.15pm. *P7 pupils will need their school uniforms in their bags to change into for assembly.*

**Family Disco:**

Our fabulous PTA are arranging a family disco for the evening of the 18<sup>th</sup> October. It will be fun to have time for everyone to relax and have fun together. Details will follow.

**In-Service:**

As you will have seen from the website, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October is an additional in-service day. This has been added in by the Scottish Government to assist with development work. Our team will be looking at data and moderating planning so that we are continuing to offer the best challenges to our pupils throughout the school year.

**Parent Council:**

The Parent Council AGM will be held in school on *Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm*. All parents are very welcome to attend. The main actions will be nominating the office bearers and reviewing the constitution. The role of the Parent Council is to work with the school and closely with the head teacher to take the school forward with the best intentions for the pupils and the wider community. One item on the agenda will be reviewing the homework policy and parental input on this will be greatly appreciated.

**Mornings in School:**

Our pupils have settled well into the routines of a new school year and, in the main, all of our pupils are able to access the school day independently. For this reason I am requesting that parents do not come in to school to speak to the teachers in the mornings. This is their time to prepare for the day ahead and it makes their day very difficult if this time is taken away. If you need to pass on a message please ring the school office on 01771 676610, put in a letter or a note in the homework diary, or catch the teacher at the end of the day.

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We do not offer any supervision prior to 9am as this would take time away from support in the classrooms, please bring your child to school as close to 9am as possible.

### **Cold Playground:**

One thing we can say with near certainty is that the playground is only going to get colder. This is another reason for dropping off as close to 9am as possible, although, as you know, we would never leave them standing in the rain. The children will be beginning to need hats, scarves and gloves. Please make sure your child can identify their own outer wear and that all items are clearly labelled.

### **School Photos:**

Individual and family photos will be taken on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October (before they put their Hallowe'en make-up on). These will be done in class order however family groups with younger siblings not yet in school will be happening from 9am.

### **Hallowe'en**

The New Pitsligo School Hallowe'en Party will be on Thursday 31st October.

P1-3 6.15pm – 7.15pm

P4-7 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Please come in fancy dress. Entry is £1 and pupils can bring money for a tuck shop. Children can bring a turnip or pumpkin lantern and there will be prizes for best costume and best lantern. *All pupils must be collected after the event by an adult as it will be dark.*

### **Children in Need:**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need day. All donations to the charity will be gratefully received. This year we will be wearing our favourite fancy dress costumes. Anything goes, but remember there's no need to buy something new as we also have loads of costumes in school.

### **Flu Vaccinations:**

Vaccinations will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> November. This is a nasal spray and so not an unpleasant experience for the children.

### **Willows Nativity:**

We are very excited to be returning to The Willows to perform a short Nativity for their open day. We will be gathering volunteers after the holidays and further information will be sent home with them. The actual performance is on is Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November. Actors should arrive at The Willows at 1pm for a 1.30 performance

Kind Regards,



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