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Primary 3,4,5 & Mrs Devlin

Term 1 Newsletter

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Primary Blog – Sharing Information:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/dalryprimary/>

Check regularly for up to date information and photos about what we've been up to! Please feel free to comment on our Blog Posts, we'd love to hear what you think.

Welcome back everyone! It's so lovely to see so many cheery pupils ready to face the challenges of a new school year...it's going to be a busy one! I very much look forward to working in partnership with you and your child(ren) this year.

Don't Forget...

PE Days: Tuesdays and Fridays

Homework:

- **Spelling** – Out on a Monday, returned on Friday.
- **Guided Reading Homework:** Prepare for the following day, unless stated in diary. Please sign your child's diary after homework has been completed.
- **Library Time:** Tuesdays. Please bring books back to renew/swap every Tuesday.
- **Maths homework** – out on Thursday and returned the following Tuesday for marking and discussion.
- **Big Talk** – Out on Monday to prepare for Wednesday's Big Write "If a child can say it, they can write it."
- **School jumpers** – as you can imagine it is a lengthy task to match up children with school jumpers at the end of the day. Please ensure ALL your child's clothing is marked with their name or initials. We have 'lost' jumpers already!
- **School Diaries** – please use these as a tool for home/school correspondence. Let your child know if there is a note for the class

Important Info:

- **PE Kit:** a t-shirt, shorts/jogging bottoms, trainers or plimsolls. A change of footwear for PE **must** be provided. A full kit enables your child to participate fully in the learning experiences offered in PE.
- Please **supervise** your child as they complete their **homework**.
- Please provide a **water bottle** marked with your child's name. This will be kept in class in the Water Bottle Tray and returned home on a Friday to wash.
- **Outdoor Learning** – please provide your child with a **waterproof coat and wellie boots** for outdoor activities on a Monday for the week ahead. We will be utilising our great outdoors during all weathers. Wellies can be returned home on a Friday if required.
- **Letters from home** – In order to develop the P3, 4 & 5 pupils' independence, all pupils are required to bring into class returned slips and letters from home. School bags and book bags will not be checked by the class teacher. Please encourage and help your child to be organised when coming into class in the morning by letting them know if there are letters in their bags that need to be read.



- **FoDSFest 2k16 – Saturday 3rd September.** Tickets on sale now from the School Office for Dalry's very first Music and Arts Festival. Check out the posters or FoDSFest's Facebook Page www.facebook.com/fodsfest for much more info!

placed into in the morning.

Events/Activities/News

This term's learning:

- **Maths** – Number and number processes. Mental maths strategies. Individual and group work. Outdoor Learning.
- **Literacy** – Spelling patterns and strategies. Big Writing. Big Talk. Improving Listening and Talking skills. Guided Reading. Accelerated Reading (P4 upwards). Developing letter formation and joins. Library Time. Everyone Reading in Class (ERIC).
- **Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)** – Whole School Mini Topic 'The Olympics', IDL – Bright Sparks; Magnets and making circuits.
- **Health and Wellbeing (HWB)** – 2 hours of PE/week. Outdoor Learning. The Daily Mile – Road to Rio. Morning Meetings. Feelings Board Self Registration. My Happiness - Shanarri Indicators. Star of the Week. Chance Cards.
- **Widening Experiences** – Friday Fun Time. Weekly French. Assemblies. Whole School Celebration Days. After School Clubs: TBC

Positive behaviour and pupil well-being:

- **Star of the Week** – Mrs Devlin will choose a pupil to receive the 'Star of the Week' badge and Star Prize every Friday. The pupil chosen will have 'shone' for a particular reason and will have demonstrated one or more of our school's core values; hard work, respect, responsibility, honesty and equality. If you see a pupil proudly wearing the badge, please ask them why.
- **Chance cards** – Pupils demonstrating the above core values will be awarded a 'Chance Card'. When awarded, the pupil will write their name on the back of the card and post it into the Chance Card Box. Every Friday a Chance Card will be chosen from the box, the pupil chosen will then select a reward of their choice. Mrs Devlin, Pupils and any staff member may award Chance Cards. However pupils must be able to tell Mrs Devlin why they have awarded the card, this is to ensure that pupils are not being overly generous to their best friends!

WE NEED YOU!

Do you have a talent or skill that you would like to share with a small, supervised group of pupils? Do you have free time between 2.30-3.25pm on a Friday? We would love to have your support and help to ensure that our Friday Fun Time opportunities are enriching and exciting for our pupils. Please get in touch with the School Office if you would like to help.

Working in Partnership with our families:

Please contact the School Office for a face to face or telephone appointment if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Devlin

