



Glenurquhart Primary School
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February Newsletter



Mid Term Holiday – A reminder that schools will be closed for the mid-term holiday on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th February and for In- Service Training for Staff on the 17th. Pupils return to school on Thursday 18th February.

Class Photographs – Tempest Photographer will be in school on Wednesday 24th February for class photographs. It would be appreciated if parents and carers would please ensure that all children wear school uniform on that day.

School Dinner Money – There are still issues arising regarding the payment of school meals. Unfortunately on-line payments are not available for our school at present. Therefore payments will need to be made in cash or by cheque and sent in envelopes. The envelopes should be clearly marked with Pupil's name, class and the date and days school lunches are required.

Behaviour – The behaviour of a small number of children causes concern from time to time. School staff are aware that parents have raised concerns regarding issues of bullying in the school in the past. Parents and carers can be assured that all incidents reported to staff or observed by staff are thoroughly investigated and addressed in line with Highland Council Policy. School procedures are continually evaluated, reviewed and amended. A recent review resulted in an agreement that in order to keep parents informed about their children's behaviour, any inappropriate behaviour will be reported to parents immediately. A blue "Behaviour Report Incident" outlining the incident and the action taken will be sent to parents with a request that they acknowledge receipt of the letter and discuss the incident with their child. It would be helpful if parents would also discuss the Golden Rules and what constitutes acceptable behaviour. It should be noted that not all incidents of inappropriate behaviour is considered "bullying". The term "bullying" is often misunderstood and this is to be addressed at whole school level in order that there is a common understanding and recognition of the types of behaviours that are considered bullying behaviour.

Golden Rules

Do be gentle	Do not hurt anybody
Do be kind and helpful	Do not hurt people's feelings
Do work hard	Do not waste your or other people's time
Do look after property	Do not waste or damage things
Do listen to people	Do not interrupt
Do be honest	Do not cover up the truth

Social Media – In line with the current media attention and advertising campaign parents are reminded that the use of social media- i.e. Facebook, Instagram etc. **should not be accessed by children under 13 years of age.** Staff are aware that a number of pupils have regular access to this media and its' use is often the cause of inappropriate behaviour that continues into school. Parents are also reminded that computer games, films and DVDs which are certified 12 or over are deemed unsuitable for primary school age children. These guidelines are there for a reason and access to these activities has a negative impact on children's behaviour and development. Staff continue to raise awareness of internet safety and the dangers associated with cyber-bullying to pupils. Support from parents in highlighting these issues would be appreciated.