

# Term 2 Update

## 22 November 2024

**Kindness Creativity Teamwork Respect Flourishing**



### **Children in Need Coffee Morning - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Well what can we say! A huge thank you to you all for your support in making this another outstanding community get together supporting BBC Children in Need and our children here at Orphir Community School.

Some extra money came in on Monday so we reached over £450 which is banked for the appeal.

### **Reporting Progress Evenings**

A reminder that our Reporting Progress Evenings are scheduled for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 here in school. The appointments went out this week and should you need to change the day/time, do get in touch with Shona at the school office. The teachers will direct you to Shona if you get in touch with them as the master lists are in the school office.

### **Christmas Cards/Tops**

We were donated a large box of Christmas cards last year and gift tags for presents. These will be available at the parent appointments next week - do help yourselves. Remember our Christmas top shop swap is also available in the foyer when you come on Wednesday and Thursday.

### **Dry floor**

We have been trialling getting the children to take their boots off at the door and putting down towels as a dry space for children to step and walk on with this snowy weather. We hope this gives the bairns a dry space to try and prevent them taking home loads of pairs of wet socks! Please do not be alarmed if you come in during a wet day and it looks a little untidy in reception - it has worked wonders in the cloakroom area keeping that area drier for the bairns. We'll try and mind and do the same on wet days when the bairns are toggled up in wellies and waterproofs.

Do remember please if the children come home with wet clothes and their spare clothes on (or school spares on them) to replace them at the school. Often the children don't like to wear our clothes and prefer their own.

### **Menus**

Ipayimpact has been in place for a few weeks now and I hope you are finding it okay to use. Please continue to place orders before Thursday at the latest. This allows us to check each child has orders placed for the next week and print off the orders for Christine in the

kitchen. If you need to change any orders for any day though, this can be done by getting touch with Shona at the school office by 10.00 am the day of the change.

### Attachments

24-25 calendar

20mph survey - open till 13<sup>th</sup> December

### Children need at school please:

Change of clothes with them in their PE bag

Welly boots

Waterproof coat (gloves/hat/scarf if they need that type of clothing)

Water bottle

### Weekly Timetable

Tuesday	PE Free Fruit	Bring PE Kit and long hair to be tied back Free Fruit for <b>all</b> P1-2 at break time - no need for snack that day
Wednesday	Fiddle Music Free Fruit	Bring fiddles!  Free Fruit for <b>all</b> P1-2 at break time - no need for snack that day
Thursday	Art Free Fruit	Art shirt if necessary Free Fruit for <b>all</b> P1-2 at break time - no need for snack that day

## Education, Leisure and Housing

### School term dates - 2024 / 2025 (all dates are inclusive)

<b>Term 1 2024</b>	Tuesday 20 August – Friday 11 October. (39 days)
October holidays	Monday 14 October – Tuesday 29 October.
<b>Term 2</b>	Wednesday 30 October – Friday 20 December. (38 days)
Christmas holidays	Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January.
<b>Term 3 2025</b>	Monday 6 January – Friday 4 April. (61 days)
Schools closed	Thursday 13 February – Tuesday 18 February.
Spring holidays	Monday 7 April – Monday 21 April (Easter Monday 21 April)
<b>Term 4</b>	Tuesday 22 April – Friday 4 July. (52 days)
Schools closed	Monday 5 May (May Day holiday).
Schools closed	Monday 2 June.
<b>Staff Only, In-service days are:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday 19 August.</li> <li>• Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 October.</li> <li>• Tuesday 18 February.</li> <li>• Monday 2 June.</li> </ul>



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**(Survey closes 13th December 2024)**