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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe we are only just only in week 4 as it has been a really busy start to our last term and with so many more exciting events coming up! We had a fantastic and very moving Month of the Military Child Assembly last month and a really big thank you to Mrs Hosking, Mrs Wakeford for organising it and to all of our Dandelions for sharing their experiences with us all. We had a wonderful turn out of parents and carers with us on the day, and thank everyone who joined us for their support.



Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will be on Monday 18th May at 6pm and will be an in person / online meeting for anyone who is able to join us. Our Parent Council are incredibly supportive of the work of the school and ensuring our children have additional resources to support their learning from their fantastic fundraising efforts. At our most recent meeting, some of our members who are Primary 7 parents informed us that they will be leaving our Parent Council when their children leave school this year. Our Parent Council not only represents all of our parents, but also works with the school on consultations, school improvement and interviewing for promoted posts. We are hoping some new members will join us in these exciting roles and if you would be interested in supporting the school through joining our Parent Council? We really hope so! Get in touch with the school office if you would like more information, thank you.

Sports Day – Tuesday 9th June 9.15am

Our School Houses

MacDonald	Dunbar
Anderson	Brander

We are really excited that our Sports Day will be on Tuesday 9th June at 9.15am for all classes. All of our classes have been practising hard in preparation for the competition. This year we will have two separate tracks one for P1 – 3 races and one for P4 – 7 races. Parents who have children in both

year groups will be able to sit near both tracks to see their children. We are hoping that Sports Day will be completed by 11.30 / 12pm at the latest and information about the different races will be shared with parents on the day. All children are asked to wear their PE kit to school that day and wear their house colour t-shirt. We hope you can join us for this fun and exciting sporting event!

Primary 1 Transition Dates



Thank you to all of the parents who joined us for our new Primary 1 information session recently, it was great to meet you all. Our dates for the transition visits have been confirmed and they are:

Tuesday 19th May 9.45 – 10.30am

Tuesday 26th May 9.45 – 10.30am

Tuesday 2nd June 9.45 – 10.30am Teddy Bears' Picnic

Thursday 18th June 9.45 – 10.30am Step Up Morning

Tuesday 25th June 3.15 – 3.45pm Stay and Play session to see the classroom and meet the class teachers

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our new Primary 1s to school in August and hope they enjoy their visits to the primary 1 classroom.

Primary 7 Transitions



We have been working with Lossiemouth High school to ensure that transitions for Primary 7 joining LHS after the summer are positive and supportive. Several

children have been to visit LHS and staff have been to visit both classes to meet the children in a range of different activities. The dates for Primary 7s to attend Lossiemouth High School are:

Wednesday 17th June at Lossiemouth High School

Thursday 18th June at Lossiemouth High School

Friday 19th June will be a school organised transition day with activities planned between St.Gerardine and Hythehill Primary Schools. More information will be shared closer to the time.

Primary 7 – HWB: Healthy Masculinity



We have sadly seen an increase in phrases and comments linked to the Manosphere / Toxic

Masculinity being used in our Primary 7 classes. In order to support and teach about Healthy Masculinity we are working



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with Hythehill Primary School to deliver a series of workshops across both schools on Friday 15th and Friday 22nd May. These workshops are being supported by members of our local community to support understanding, raise awareness and talk about Healthy Masculinity in a supportive environment. We are very grateful to the support of our volunteers and if any other parents / carers would like to help support these workshops, please get in touch with the school office, thank you.

Behaviour – Consultation and Working Group



As a Bronze Rights Respecting School Award holder, we are all aware of the importance of restorative conversations and supporting the wellbeing of our children at St. Gerardine Primary School. With this in mind, we want to ensure we Get it Right for all of our children and are looking to refresh our whole school Positive Relationship Policy which includes our behaviour policy and approaches. We will be working with children, teachers, support staff and our families to revisit and refresh our school's Positive Relationship Policy. A survey will be coming out later this term and it would be really helpful for as many parents as possible to complete it. We are hoping that some of our parents / carers would be keen to join us for a discussion about approaches and supports for all of our children at St. Gerardine. This will be taking place on Thursday 28th May at 2pm in school and if you would like to join us, please get in touch with the school office, thank you.

Painting Party



We are incredibly proud of our amazing school and in 2017 the school was refreshed and extended to the building that we now know. Sadly over the years, the paint work has been fading and the school is in need of a fresh lick of paint. We are hoping that some parents would be willing to join us for a painting party after school to give the main corridors a brighten up and a refresh with a new coat of paint. All supplies and refreshments will be provided by the school and if you are able to join us, we will be painting after school on Friday 22nd May 3.30pm – 4.30pm and Friday 5th June 3.30 – 4.30pm, thank you for your support.

Communication



Just a quick reminder to report any absences or queries / complaints to the school admin office email:

admin.stgerardinesp@moray-edunet.gov.uk

and please not on Class Dojo, thank you.

DIARY DATES



4th – Long weekend, no school

5th – all children back at school at 8.55am

6.30pm new P1 Induction Meeting

15th – P7 Healthy Masculinity Session 1

18th – 6pm Parent Council Meeting

19th – P1 visit 9.45 – 10.30am

22nd – P7 Healthy Masculinity Session 2

Painting Party 3.30 – 4.30pm at school

26th – P1 visit 9.45 – 10.30am

28th – Positive Relationship Policy Meeting with Parents / Carers 2pm



2nd – P1 visit 9.45 – 10.30am Teddy Bears' Picnic

5th – Painting Party 3.30 – 4.30pm

9th – Sports Day 9.15am – all classes

12th – Family Picnic followed by Summer Fair / Danceathon

16th – Back up Sports Day

17th – Primary 7s at Lossiemouth High School

18th – Primary 7s at Lossiemouth High School

P1 visit 9.45 – 10.30am Step Up Morning

19th – DDD Father's Day Shop

Primary 7 activity day

22nd – Health Week

25th – P1 visit 3.15 – 3.45pm Stay and Play session

26th – School Reports Home

If any parents / carers are able to help out at our fundraising events, please do contact the school office and any help would be greatly appreciated. We hope you can join us for lots of our exciting events in our last term of this academic year and I think we all hope that the sunshine comes back for the rest of this term!

Best wishes,

Mrs Wolford, Head Teacher.