

RIVERSIDE PRIMARY – BUN SGOIL TAOBH NA H-AIBHNE

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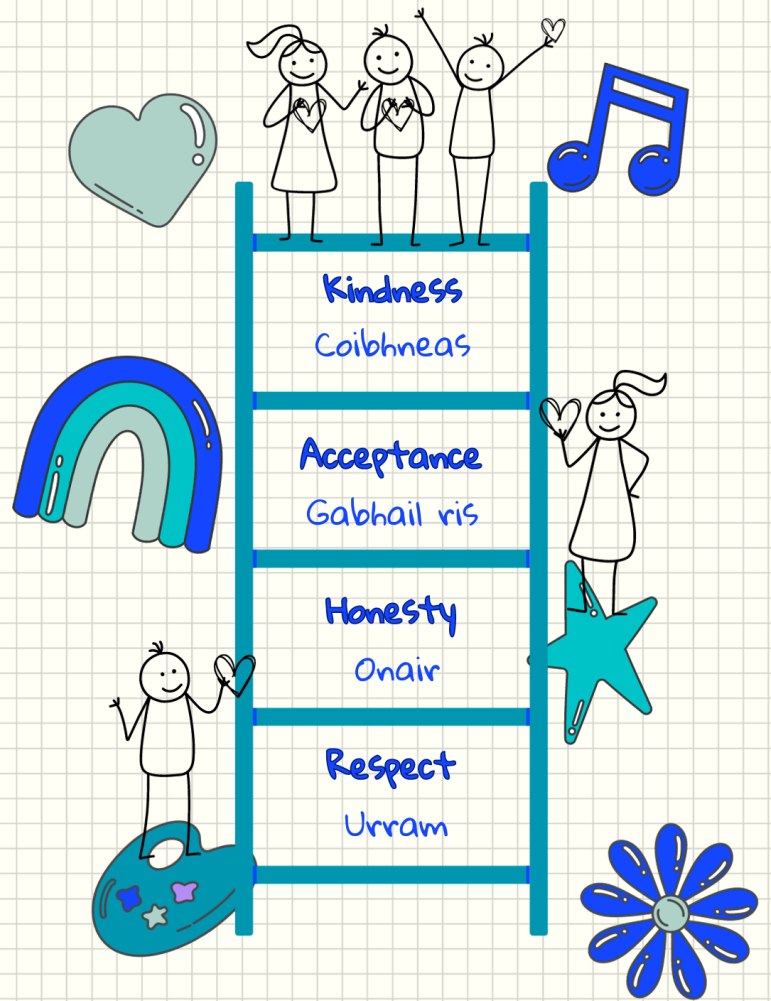
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WELCOME FÀILTE

I hope you and your family are well. We are very much looking forward to Christmas countdown celebrations in school over the next few weeks. We are looking forward to having some exciting celebrations and lots of fun and learning in school in the weeks to come. Many thanks in advance for your continued support.

Mrs MacPhee

CHILDREN IN NEED 2024

We supported Children in Need in school on Friday 15th November. Children came to school in non school uniform and we hosted a bake sale. We are delighted to share that as a result of all the generous donations, we raised a huge £635! Thank you as always for your support and generosity.



SCHOOL INFORMATION

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Start time

Arrival at school is for a 09.00am start time. Children should arrive promptly and will be welcomed by a member of SLT at their allocated door at 9.00 am. Children will then make their way to their classroom to be met by their class teacher. Children will be dismissed by their class teacher at the end of the school day.



P.E. days

Children should wear their P.E. Kit on their class P.E. day consisting of a white polo shirt/plain white t-shirt, school sweater or school hoodie and shorts/leggings/joggers. We must highlight the importance of this for this session and ask for your support.

Safety Travelling to and from School

Please can we ask for your support in discussing with your child the importance of safe conduct when travelling to and from school. Can we also ask that all children and adults dismount when entering the school grounds.



Free School Meals/Footwear/Clothing Grant

The 2024/25 application form for Free School Meals and the Footwear and Clothing Grant is available on the Stirling Council Website. Follow the link below for application details.

<https://stirling.gov.uk/learning-education/schools/school-meals-uniforms/footwear-clothing-grant-school-meals/>

Even if your child is in P1-P5 and receives free school meals there are still benefits for applying if you are eligible and we would encourage you to do so.



School Holiday Dates

School Holiday Dates for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 are available on the Stirling Council website.

<https://stirling.gov.uk/learning-education/schools/school-holidays/>

P1 Enrolment for session 2025-26

As you may know, it is now time to enroll your child for Primary One. Parents/carers should complete and submit an online enrolment form available on the Stirling Council website (www.stirling.gov.uk). The online enrolment form should be completed **no later than Wednesday 15 January 2025.**



SEASONAL INFORMATION

P1-3 Christmas Concert

Our P1-3 Christmas Concert in school this year. Our Primary 1 and 2 children will entertain the audience with a couple of Christmas songs followed by all our P3 children presenting their nativity play, 'Prickly Hay'. We will then be able to have some of the nativity songs at our Church Service nearer Christmas.

Forthcoming Festive Events:

Monday 2 December -

- Christmas Post starts - children are welcome to bring in cards to 'post' to other children in our school. Envelopes must be addressed with the recipient's name and class. P4 Children will have the responsibility of sorting and delivering the post throughout the school.

Wednesday 4 December, Thursday 5 December & Friday 6 December - Early Lunch

- There will be an early lunch for all children on Wednesday 4 December, Thursday 5 December and Friday 6 December so that we can set up the hall for the concert. Lunchtime will be from 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm on those days.

Thursday 5 December & Friday 6 December

- P1-P3 Christmas Concert at 1.30pm in the Hub. Families will be sent a letter with details of tickets.

Thursday 5 December

- P7 Christmas Party from 7pm - 9pm in the school, letter to follow.

Thursday 12 December

- School Christmas Lunch will be a Christmas Dinner this year. Children will be issued with a letter asking if they would like to order lunch. Please do not pre-order via the ParentPay App for this day to help us with catering numbers.

Friday 13 December

- Children are welcome to join staff in our Festive Dress Down Day. They may come to school wearing either a festive/wintry jumper or something bright or seasonal, eg, a hat, tinsel. All children will take part in our Winter Snow Dash, organised by Pupil Parliament and there will be a collection for Strathcarron Hospice on this day.

Tuesday 17 December

- Theatre Visit: M and M Productions Theatre Company will visit school on Tuesday 17 December with their performance of Beauty & The Beast. This is always an exciting event for the children and time for the whole school to be together. In previous years, we have been able to fund the cost of the performance from our school fund but this year we are not in a position to do so. The cost will be £4 per child. Our preferred method of payment is by ParentPay, or alternatively a letter will come home with a tear off slip for you to send in your payment.

Wednesday 18 December

- Our Christmas Church Service will be on Wednesday 18 December at 10am in Church of Holy Rude, Stirling.

WINTER SNOW DASH

On Friday 15th December we will be hosting a whole school Health & Wellbeing event in support of Strathcarron Hospice. More detailed information will follow shortly.



CHARITIES

This session the charities we will be supporting are Start Up Stirling and Strathcarron. P3s are leading a reverse advent calendar for Start-Up Stirling, please donate if you can through your child’s class. We will also be supporting Strathcarron Hospice through our whole school Snow Dash event.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

On the day of their class party children are welcome to bring party clothes, in a bag, to change into at lunchtime or can go home at lunchtime to change. Please inform your child’s class teacher if your child is going home at lunchtime. There is no cost for the parties as we continue to pay for these events to keep costs down for families at this time of year.

Party Dates are:

- Thursday 5 December P7 Christmas Party 7.00 pm
- Monday 9 December P6 Christmas Party – after lunch
- Tuesday 10 December P5 Christmas Party – after lunch
- Thursday 12 December P2 Christmas Party – after lunch
- Friday 13 December P4 Christmas Party – after lunch
- Monday 16 December Nursery Christmas Party
- Monday 16 December P1 Christmas Party – after lunch
- Tuesday 17 December P3 Christmas Party – after lunch
- Friday 20 December Nursery Christmas Party
- AP Christmas Party – *date to follow*

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LAST DAY (20 DEC)

Term ends on Friday 20 December at 1.30pm. If your child is a home lunch they can leave at 12.30 pm and do not have to return to school in the afternoon. Children who require a school lunch will have lunch as normal at 12.30 pm in school, and can be collected by 1.30pm at the latest when school closes.

If your child is unable to attend on the last day of school please ensure that you phone or email the school to let us know. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: (MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Thursday 12 Dec
Parent Council Christmas Fair

Friday 20 Dec
School closes at 1.30pm for Winter holidays

Monday 6 Jan
School reopens at 9.00am for Spring Term.

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE FIOS COMHAIRLE PHÀRANTAN

We are looking forward to our much loved Christmas fair which has been a huge success in the past - we are looking for donations for our tombola, bottles for the bottle stall, and soft toy animals for our "adopt an animal stall". These can be handed in to the school office week beginning 25th November. Along with the above stalls we have many independent stalls selling delicious food, Christmas gifts and homemade crafts, we also have our Raffle, Santa's grotto and much more. We look forward to seeing you all there.

If you would like to volunteer at the fair please reach out to class reps or RAPPStirling@gmail.com.

We thank you very much for your continued support, it really is much appreciated

The Parent Council



WEATHER CONDITIONS AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

Just a reminder of our procedure for school closures here at Riverside. Unless there is a Stirling Council decision to close all schools, we strive to keep the school open.

Please be aware that if we have to close the school, information will be available from

- Stirling Council website at www.stirling.gov.uk
- Central FM Radio (103.1)

At a school level we try to keep you up to date through

- Apps Central School App
- School website at www.riversideprimaryschool.co.uk

If the closure is Council wide text messages may be used, however there is a possibility due to the high volume of texts being sent across the council that there may be a delay in parents receiving the message. Therefore please do check the other communication sources mentioned above.

DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS SCONALTRADH DIGITEACH



Our Weekly Digital Noticeboard, available each Friday on the School App, highlights the following week's activities/events.

Click the image to access the site and bookmark it to stay informed. The digital noticeboard is updated weekly and contains lots of helpful info in addition to dates for your diary.

We strongly encourage parents to download the School App. This is our main form of communication with you. If you would like details, or have recently changed your phone and need to reinstall the App, please contact the school office by phone or e-mail.

**School
App for
Parents**