Dear Parents

It has been a fantastic start to the Spring Term, with plenty going on this week. The children (and staff) bounced back to school with huge smiles on their faces — a joy to see.

I am pleased to announce swimming lessons have now begun, and the children are enjoying having our wonderful pool back in action.

You may have noticed the stunning sculpture, which has appeared in the playground. This was made by the children, who worked alongside Cara Wassenberg design and construct this beautiful piece, with additional assistance from Madeleine Alison, a local artist. The children began working on this project during the summer term. Having studied various insects under microscopes, they drew their insects onto templates which were then cut out in copper and patterns were etched onto them to give texture. Cara was delighted to work with the children and said that “this piece is especially significant as it is one of the last school commissions I am taking on for a while. Thank you to all the children for their great ideas and creativity”. Cara will be attending an assembly on Wednesday 23rd January, to talk further to the children about the sculpture. You are welcome to join us at 8.30am.

It was great to see so many parents join our dance session on Tuesday, and our ‘Shake and Wake’ on Friday. Next week, Ruby Rose from Bedales will lead our Tuesday session — please do come and join the fun.

Thank you to all who came to our coffee morning today. I feel blessed to belong to such a fantastic community.

We are holding an Early Reading Information session for parents of all Dunannie children on Thursday 24th January at 7pm and Friday 25th at 8.35am in the library. These sessions will provide an opportunity for you to deepen your understanding of phonics. I do hope everyone will be able to attend one of these sessions.

We were lucky to receive a treat at the end of a busy week. Ben Harlan and his band came to perform for us and they accompanied a Charlie Chaplin film. Do go to this afternoon’s JAW at Dunhurst at 4.30pm to catch a second performance.

Dunhurst students in Year 7 and 8 are putting on a production of their play ‘Blood, Bread & Bones’. Performances are taking place next week in the Olivier Theatre at Bedales. Please do go along and support them.

Thursday 17th January - an evening performance commences at 7.30pm
Friday 18th January - an evening performance commences at 7.30pm
Saturday 19th January - a matinee performance commences at 11.00am

Tickets can be booked via the website: www.bedales.org.uk/event-listing

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Kindest regards

Victoria

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Nursery put on lots of warm clothes to go on a winter walk.

Reception Class Superheroes.

Year 1 Making ‘Porridgies’ in the style of Katie Morag.
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Year 3 followed each other’s footprint trails in the Orchard on Monday.

Australian visitors come to Year 2.

Year 3 were excited to explore their fabulous new sculpture this week.
NOTICES & ACHIEVEMENTS

DUNANNIE—DATE LIST—SPRING TERM 2019

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—10th December 2018—Friday 4th January 2019

Monday 7th January  Term Begins 8.30am
   Early Birds, Swallow Club and all Activities start
Friday 11th January  08.15-08.30 Shake & Wake in the Playground*
   08.30 Dunannie Coffee Morning*
Thursday 24th January  14.15 Year 3 Football & Netball v Royal Home*
   19.00-20.00 Early Reading Information Session in Library*
Friday 25th January  08.35-09.35 Early Reading Information Session in Library*
   Class Rep Meeting
Monday 28th January  Year 3 trip to Arundel Wetland Centre
Tuesday 29th January  18.00-19.00 Dunannie Year 2 & 3 Curriculum Evening at Dunhurst*
Wednesday 30th January  08.40 Reception Assembly*
Monday 11th February  Year 3 Boys & Girls Hockey v Ditcham Park (Away) 3pm*
Wednesday 13th February  LAST DAY Finish at 4.30pm

FEBRUARY HALF TERM—Thursday 14th February—Sunday 24th February

Monday 25th February  FIRST DAY back after half term
   Friday 1st March  Dunannie Coffee Morning*
Monday 11th March  14.45 Year 3 Boys & Girls Hockey v Ditcham Park (Home)
   Thursday 14th March  14.15 Year 3 Swimming gala v The Royal (Home)
   Thursday 21st March  FoDs Fundraiser*
   Friday 29th March  END OF TERM at 2pm

EASTER HOLIDAY—Saturday 30th March—Tuesday 23rd April
   Wednesday 24th April Summer Term Starts

* Parents are invited to attend.

EARLY MORNING DANCE / SHAKE & WAKE*
   Please remember that these will continue to take place every Tuesday and Friday morning next term. See you there!
Friends of Dunannie

Dear All

Happy New Year. We hope you had a wonderful holiday.

An enormous welcome to our new families Craig, Claire and Harry (Y2), Ken, Sonney and Kayahan (Rec) and James, Maya, Cassius (Rec) and Balthazar (Nurs).

Just a few things from us...

SECOND HAND UNIFORM
If you ever need anything, please email Tab (tabitha.jay@gmail.com). Everything can be bought in exchange for a voluntary donation to FoD and our two charities.

DATES
1st March FoD coffee after morning drop off
21st March FoD evening fundraiser. Details TBC
11th May 12.30-3.00 Badley Behaved Dog Show (Dunannie have been asked to make cakes and bunting)
18th May 10-2.00 Dunannie Family Lambing Day

FEEDBACK
If you have any general observations or constructive criticism, please email your class rep by 18th Jan.
Please see Victoria with anything more specific or individual.

Have a fab term

Gill and Tabitha