

11 March 2010

Dear Parent

I would like to draw to your attention some routine matters and to request your support regarding a variety of issues.

End of Spring Term arrangements – Thursday, 1 April

The Junior School will close at 12noon and the Senior School will close after the Easter Service at approximately 12.15pm on **Thursday, 1 April**. There will be no school lunches and no late waiting on that day.

Balgray

Despite the unusually cold weather, good progress continues to be made with the construction of the new sports pavilion which is scheduled for completion at the end of April. Work on the second phase of the Balgray project, the refurbishment of the existing spectator stand, has already begun and it is hoped to replace the external sheeting of the stand during the Easter holidays. The work to fit individual seats in the spectator stand will follow on from the structural refurbishment and should be completed by the end of May. To date, over 200 seats have been sold and anyone interested in purchasing a named seat should contact the Development Manager, Elaine Solman, to secure one of the remaining few before the opening.

Trip to Spain

Pupils from Senior 1 and Senior 2 depart on **Thursday, 1 April** for Salou on their Spanish trip. The girls and boys will be visiting Barcelona, Tarragona and Port Aventura.

CCF

Pupils from the CCF are due to take part in a number of events over the next few weeks:

- 13 - 14 March** - Army Section APC weekend at Mugdock
- 28 March** - Army Section Seniors 36 Hour Exercise
- 29 March** - CCF Field Day, all 3 sections

Finally, the CCF cadets are off to camp at Arran during the first part of the Easter break.

'Fashion Nite' – Tuesday, 18 March

The PTA would like to invite you along to see the 6th Year pupils "strut their stuff" at the **'Fashion Nite'** on **Thursday, 18 March** at 7pm in the Gilchrist Theatre. Fliers (with booking form) have already been sent home via the children.

Spring Concert – Thursday, 25 March

The Expressive Arts Faculty is presenting a Spring Concert on **Thursday, 25 March** in the Woodside Halls, Glenfarg Street from 7pm. The concert covers groups from all ages within the school. Tickets are now on sale at a cost of £4 and can be requested from either the music department, the front reception or Mrs Bennett (Assistant Bursar).

Junior School Production – Buggy Malone

We are all looking forward to the J6 production of 'Buggy Malone' on **Tuesday, 30** and **Wednesday, 31 March** at 7.00pm.

Diphtheria, tetanus and polio (DTP) Vaccination Programme

We have been informed by Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board that the schedule for S3 pupils, due to take place by their School Nursing team, has been postponed due to the flu vaccination campaign, until next session. They are proposing to reinstate the programme in 2010-2011 when our pupils will be in S3 and S4.

Parking

Due to a few persistent transgressors, may I remind you, in the interests of the safety of our boys and girls and also out of respect for our neighbours both at Balgray and in the vicinity of the school, to please drive and park with due care and consideration.

Updating of Parental Contact Details

You should have received recently from your sons and daughters, a pro-forma which included all the contact details we hold for your family. If you have not yet returned this form we would ask you to do this as soon as possible. It would be extremely helpful if you would keep us informed of any future changes to the contact details we hold. It is especially important that our emergency contact numbers, work numbers, mobile numbers and email addresses are up to date.

The first half of this term has been a busy and productive one, especially for our seniors who were sitting prelims. The second half of this term is proving to be just as busy!

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Lesley A Douglas
Rector