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30 March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of term, I thought it might be helpful to put together a few key points and help us prepare for the new term 4.

Non-uniform – Friday 1 April 2022

As a <u>UNICEF Rights Respecting School</u>, we will use our end of term 3 non-uniform day to help raise funds for <u>UNICEF's work with children in Ukraine</u>. Donations of any amount can be made via our school's online payment system <u>ParentPay</u>. Alternatively, members of our pupil leadership team will be moving through the school on Friday morning with collection buckets.

School Holidays

Just a reminder that the Easter school holidays start on Monday 4 April and end on Friday 15 April. School resumes for all pupils and staff on Monday 18 April. Other holidays/school closures coming up in term 4 are:

- Monday 2 May 2022 May Day school holiday
- Thursday 5 May 2022 Inservice day 5 (staff only)
- Thursday 2 June Exceptional school holiday
- Friday 3 June Victoria Day school holiday
- Thursday 30 June end of term, school closes at 12pm (noon)

2022 SQA Exams, Study Leave and Easter Study School

A comprehensive letter covering all aspects and arrangements for the 2022 SQA examination period and study leave will be issued to all senior phase families very shortly. Final details for our Easter study school will also be shared. Please watch out for this. Copies will also be posted on our website and school twitter feeds.

COVID-19

The Scottish Government are currently updating national restrictions. I am looking forward to the many exciting opportunities and experiences that we can bring back into school and learning at Baldragon Academy when restrictions finally end. All updates and information on COVID and its impact on Dundee schools can be found here: <u>https://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/services/covid-19</u>.

Baldragon Academy Tattie Challenge

This Spring, we are giving away seed potatoes to grow at home as part of our <u>ECO schools work</u> and our schools involvement in the national <u>Dandelion project</u>. All we ask is that you share with us the progress of your home growing and what you do with your final harvest on twitter:

- Please tag our school twitter accounts @BaldragonAcad and @Baldragon_HT
- Please also tag in @DandelionScot and @KSBScotland
- Don't forget to use our unique project hashtag #BaldragonGrows

Immediately after the school holidays, parents can collect their seed potatoes from our school reception at any time during the school day or pupils can collect them from Mr Fred Mollison during break or lunch times from the Support for Pupils base.

Have a very safe and happy Easter holiday.

H McAninch Headteacher