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Dear Parents / Carers.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday March 7th with whole school reading sessions and an exciting menu of activities in class. Children can choose to dress up as favourite book characters or they can wear clothing with words on. We will be celebrating all things to do with the written word!

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is in school from 4th-11th March. Each class will get to view the books in Room 14 and if the children wish to buy a book, they will fill out a "wish-list" to bring home. All children have been issued with a letter today regarding the book fair.

P7 Snowsports

Some parents may have read the update from Cairngorm Mountain, where the decision has been made to close the slopes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays due to lack of snow. This does not affect the P7 snowsports programme, which, weather permitting, will continue to run for the next couple of weeks.

P7 Burns Supper

We would like to congratulate the P7 children for hosting a Burns Supper for their parents last Friday. They did a great job, sharing Scottish language and music, everyone had a great time. We are very proud of them.

Out of School Club Bookings

All bookings for OOSC should be made well in advance to ensure we have accurate lists of children attending. Please avoid booking last minute and make sure your child is fully aware that they are in OOSC.

Parent Evenings

We will be holding Parent Evenings in the final week of term on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th, invitations and further details will be issued next week.

Spin Project Reminder

The SPIN Project is a grant-funded project working to make cycling accessible for everyone in Strathspey. Ahead of the Bikeability programme in the summer term, the Spin Team will be visiting Grantown Primary on Thursday 14th March. Parents can bring their child's bike to the school playground and the SPIN Team will provide a free bike check- up, checking that it's safe and working, as well as making any minor adjustments needed to improve performance.

Comic Relief

It is Comic Relief Day on March 15th. We will be marking this event by having a dress down day where children can opt to wear something red. Any donations will be collected at the school office. Please note we will not be selling red noses this year.

P1 Circus Skills

The children in P1 have an amazing opportunity to participate in four circus skills workshops, provided by the Super Fan Theatre Company, who are commissioned by EIC Festival. They will be creating a new

circus show for the Edinburgh Festival. The workshops will culminate in a performance at Boat of Garten Community Hall on June 14th.

P6 Academy9 Workshop

The next Academy9 event in the calendar is the rescheduled P6 Roadshow from September last year, to take place on **Wednesday 6th March** at Grantown Primary These lessons give pupils the opportunity to learn new information about the A9 Dualling programme to raise awareness of its size and scale. Pupils are also taken on a journey of exploration and discovery while they research the wide variety of animals that must be considered when designing and developing a large-scale infrastructure project.

Canteen Menu

Please note there is a delay to the issue of the new summer menu. To allow time for the Highland Council's new financial and ordering system to bed in properly, the current menu will continue for another cycle after the Easter holidays. The additional weeks will be as follows:

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w/c 15<sup>th</sup> April – week 1 on current menu w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> April – week 2 on current menu w/c 29<sup>th</sup> April – week 3 on current menu
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The new menu will start after the Bank Holiday weekend on Tuesday 7th May.

End of term arrangements

School and Nursery finish at the regular time of 2.45pm for P1-P3 and 3pm for P4-P7 on Thursday 28th March. Please note there will be no After School Club on the final day of term. School and nursery reopen Monday 15th April.