Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 18 June 2021

Dear Families

It's been an eventful week from Nursery to S4, with change of timetables, an outdoor plant stall, tennis tournaments, afternoon teas, practising speeches, filming for Prize Giving and celebrations of success. Today we have P7 in school in their pyjamas and are hoping that the sun will still be shining for their picnic this afternoon. Although we have not been able to do all the transition and end of term events that we would normally plan, we have managed to find fun and creative ways of marking the end of our year. Many thanks to the staff for making this possible. We've had two online parental information evenings for P1 and S1 respectively. These were well attended and the feedback from parents has been positive. We are all so much more comfortable with technology and it's allowing us to come together safely under our current circumstances.

Next week we have our PE Superhero fun runs on Monday and Thursday, celebrations of success in classes and year groups and we also have our annual Prize Giving event. This will, once again, be virtual and will be held on Tuesday 22 June at 2.30pm when our YouTube channel will go live. Please look out on ParentPay for the email with the YouTube link and this link will also be on the school website. We were lucky to have David Barrie and Otto Sanderson on board, filming and creating the final product for us. Thank you to both of them for generously giving us their time and expertise.

Here is the news this week from The Den at Heartland Kids' Club -

Our Summer Holiday Club operates on weekdays from 8am to 6pm from Monday 28th June to Friday 16th July 2021 for children starting P1 in August to 14 years.

We have limited availability on the following days - available on a first come first served basis - your kids will absolutely love The Den experience:

Summer Holiday Club: *Monday 28th June, Thursday 1st July, Friday 2nd July and Monday 5th July.*

In-Service Days: *Half day Thursday 24th June and Tuesday 17th August.*

Kids will enjoy outdoor play, crafts, activities, den building, woodland walks, fun days… all helping to develop social skills, problem solving abilities, improve self-esteem, and nurture their emotional well-being.

Breakfast Club & After School Club

Normal service resumes on Wednesday 18th August. Book now to avoid the rush!

Available Monday to Friday from 8am to 9am, our ***Breakfast Club*** *offers a safe environment for your kids to enjoy a healthy breakfast and play before their school day starts. Charged at £3* per child.*

After School Club *runs Monday to Friday from 3.30pm to 5pm charged at £6* per child or until 6pm charged at £10* per child, where your kids can enjoy a healthy snack and safe play… we love the great outdoors!*

To make a booking for our holiday club or regular clubs, or to find out more, get in touch by emailing bookings@thedenatheartland.com. You can visit our website at www.thedenatheartland.com, find us on Facebook at 'The Den at Heartland Kids Club' or Instagram at 'theden_atheartland'.

The Den operates in line with Pitlochry High School Primary and follows all the latest Covid-19 guidelines.
*Discounts available for siblings. Annual registration fee applies. Scottish Charity Number: SC049188

Everything is planned and we are set to enjoy the last week of term. Please remember that school finishes next week on Thursday 24 June at 12pm. I will send out our newsletter earlier next week and will also be in contact with you during the last week of the summer holidays to refine our return to school plans. I imagine that we will return to school as we are currently and with all the same mitigations in place but will wait to have this confirmed by the Scottish Government and Perth and Kinross Council nearer the time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Elaine Liney