Dear Parent/Carer

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Happy New Year from all at High Mill. We have returned refreshed and are looking forward to 2016 with optimism and high expectations. The staff and children would like to thank everyone for their many kindnesses, gifts and cards received during December and hope that you all had a happy holiday.

Vision, Values and Aims
It is important to start the new year with everyone having a fresh start. We have renewed energy and will work together to keep High Mill a safe, happy, ambitious school. All classes will start the year with age appropriate discussions on the shared vision, values and aims of our school.

Our Vision
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High Mill is a school that works to give children best learning opportunities now and builds for the future.

Our Values
Helpfulness  Hard Work  Honesty  Respect  Kindness

Our Aims
❖ To have children believe in themselves
❖ To give challenge and choice
❖ To be respectful, fair and honest and care for each other
❖ To have a school where we can all learn at our best pace.

Home, school and all who work with us work towards our vision. Our values are becoming more embedded in the language, attitudes and actions of all in our school. Staff and parents are the positive role models for children.

Our values, class charters based on Rights Based Learning and Going for Green behaviour system work in combination to promote the best learning opportunities for all. Children need to understand what is expected of them and if they are moved from Green why this has happened and how they can improve.

Teaching and Learning
This is our core business and this will be a hardworking term for all. Homework will be started in full from week two, but children may already have some work to do.
Homework this month will include learning a Scottish poem for our recitation competition and some classes may also have research tasks on a Scottish theme.
All classes will be involved in Numeracy, Literacy and Health and Wellbeing lessons
They will also be learning more Spanish and be working on Music and Art.

All classes will be involved in "Scotland" topics based mainly on mapping skills, famous landmarks, Scottish Parliament (P6/7) Edinburgh (5/6) and literacy work. We hope to have a Scottish showcase on Friday 5th Feb 2016. All parents/carers and friends welcome. (1.40pm start).

Interdisciplinary Learning for classes will see P6/7 study World War 1, P5/6 Jacobites, P3/4 The Vikings, P2/3 Weather and P1 The Farm. P3 will be involved with The Clyde in the Classroom Project.

P3 and P4 will be having taster sessions on rugby during their P.E times on Tues 12th January. If this proves popular an afterschool club might be organised. This would cost £20 a week. School funds would support this for 3 sessions. We would then gauge interest and if we have sufficient numbers, this activity could continue with a cost of one pound per pupil for each session.

Going For Green
We will be holding our Going for Green assembly on Friday 22nd of January 1.40pm start. All parents/carers and friends welcome. Children who have remained on Green since the start of the session in August will receive a GOLD certificate. Those who have been off Green up to and including 5 times will receive SILVER and those who have been off green 6 or 7 times BRONZE. Children who have been off Green more than this have the opportunity to receive a GREEN certificate for the month of January by remaining on Green from our return to school till the 22nd January. For all children receiving an award well done.

Credit Shop
We will take a break from Going for Green for two weeks. During this time pupils will still have to maintain the same standards of behaviour and uphold school values, but will receive credits instead. They can save these credits and exchange them for small gifts from the credit shop. These gifts will be purchased from School Funds. This credits system will run from Monday 25th January till Friday 5th February.

Going for Green will start from Monday 8th February and run till the end of the session.

Grand Raffle
The Adult and Children's Raffle will be drawn on the 22nd January. This will happen at the Going for Green Assembly after the children have had their certificates awarded. The draw will happen in view of the assembly and tickets will be drawn by pupils. Tickets are still available from the Main Office.

Thank you to all who have bought tickets, to the office staff for dealing with customers and monies, to all who donated prizes and to Mr McInnes for setting this up.

Attendance: Lateness
All children should be present and attending school on time unless authorised ill or intimating to school in advance about why a child may be late. There are a few children who are repeatedly late. We would ask that families ensure they give their children ample time to get to school. We have an 8.55am start. From week two the Head Teacher will contact some parents/carers in person about any concerns.
Intake for August 2016
Children due to start school in August 2016 should register their child for education at their catchment school week beginning 11th JANUARY. Parents should bring two proofs of address and FULL birth certificate. At High Mill, we will be registering throughout the week but would hope most people could come Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9.30am-11.30am and 1.30pm-2.30pm. If you have any inquiries or difficulties please ring us (772580).

As a point of interest currently our school roll is 113. We have 5 classes and at the summer will see 10 pupils leave us for Carluke High. There has been an upward trend in our roll over the last three years.

Clothing
Please ensure your child has indoor shoes to be left in school. P.E is back to its regular timetable of Mondays and Tuesdays and children should bring P.E. kit on those days. Please ensure all jackets and jumpers etc. and indoor shoes have names on them. An order of school ties should be with us within the next few weeks. (£5)

Breakfast Club
Breakfast Club has started. It begins at 8.15am and children are dismissed to the playground at 8.45am.

This is a Breakfast Club and open only to pupils buying Breakfast.

Breakfast costs 60p and to children who receive free meals based on benefits, the cost is 30p.

Residential Trip
All pupils who are going to Wiston Lodge Residential Outing can bring payments in on Wednesday mornings. This should be paid in full by the end of February.

Credit Union
Our Credit Union is open every Wednesday morning. Children can save regularly and as little or much as they wish. Application forms for new savers are available from the School Office.

Healthy Eating
After the treats of the holidays now is the time we all tend to think about eating healthily. We would encourage children to bring a water bottle to school. We would also ask that they think about having a small, healthy snack if they need one at break time. The Fruit Basket sells fresh fruit and fruit juice each day, 30p an item, and no snacks are required at lunchtime as everyone has a full school lunch or packed lunch from home.

Head Lice
Please check your child’s head regularly. If you need advice please contact the school or Health Centre.

It is very distressful for families and children if they repeatedly have to deal with this issue and would ask everyone to be vigilant.
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<td>Wear Tartan if you can.  Scottish Showcase 1.40pm - all parents and friends welcome Last Day For Credit Shop</td>
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<td>School re-opens for pupils 8.55am</td>
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Thank you for your continued support.

Marion Girdwood - Head Teacher