Dear Parent/Carer

Our first term draws to a close with children and staff looking forward to a well deserved October Break. We have "Aimed High" and continue to build on "Our Vision". Well done to everyone.

**Teaching and Learning**
Firstly, a mention of our Primary 1 class. They are doing very well and I'm sure their parents and carers are very proud of them. Many of the class are still only four years old, but are learning their sounds, letters and numbers at a good pace. They are also fantastic at lining up, going to the canteen and many have their own friends. They are part of the High Mill family and thanks to all who support them, especially with Homework.

**Numeracy and Literacy**
All groups are well underway with a strong emphasis on mental agility, reading fluency and understanding and spelling strategies.

Our School Fund supports resourcing the curriculum and we have recently ordered reading resources for very early reading, books to encourage children with reading support needs and our Innovation Fund Grant will be used to buy novels and texts for all stages aimed at progressing reading strategies.

Our overall aim in these areas is to promote best pace learning and raise pupil achievement and attainment.

In the new term children will also be involved in the following:

- **P1**  Spanish; Amazing Africa  Science: Sun, Moon and Stars, ABC Music
- **P2/3**  Spanish; Amazing Africa  Science: Sun, Moon and Stars, ABC Music
- **P3/4**  Spanish; Amazing Africa  Science: Energy, ABC Music
- **P5/6**  Spanish; Amazing Africa  Science: Living Things, ABC Music
- **P6/7**  Spanish; Amazing Africa  Science: Substances of Earth, ABCMusic

**Book Fair**
Our annual Book Fair was a great success with families spending £605 on books and goods. This gave the school £300 commission. Each class was given £60 to spend on books for class prizes and their library. Thank you.

**Ham and Jam Festival**
This was another great success for all the schools involved. Our school choir performed on the afternoon of October 2nd to a packed audience. They were fabulous. Indeed they were
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!!!

Special mention goes to Christie Graham who performed solo. Great job everyone! Mrs Gray and I ran a Tombola Stall at the Ham and Jam Jamboree on Saturday held at Ramsey's Courtyard. This raised £94 for School Funds. We donated £10 to the High Mill Restoration project. Thank you to all who donated goods or bought tickets on the day.

**Library Visit**
Primary 1 enjoyed a visit to Carluke Library on Wednesday 7th October. They had a really interesting time and once again our key focus was on Literacy. We hope all classes will visit the Library over the course of the year.

**Basketball**
Primary 5, 6, and 7 had taster sessions in Basketball earlier this month. The children greatly enjoyed this opportunity.

**Lending Library**
We have a rich school library and our P3 and P4 children have made good use of it as a lending library. This happens most Thursday afternoons. We hope to extend this to P2 next term.

**Parents’ Night**
Our Parents’ Night held on September 23rd had a 96% attendance. Those unable to attend have been contacted by the class teacher. This is terrific and shows the encouragement and support embodied in Our Vision statement.

On this evening parents and carers were also invited to complete a survey looking at their views on how we were doing regarding some key aspects of our vision statement. The response was highly positive. Here are a few examples. Full results can be viewed on the Parents Notice Board and will soon be on the website.

- My child is supported if they need to be
  - Excellent 69%
  - Very Good 24%
  - Good 7%
- My child is challenged
  - Excellent 69%
  - Very Good 17%
  - Good 10%
  - Satisfactory 3%
- The HT seeks parents'/carers’ views and opinions
  - Excellent 89%
  - Very Good 7%
  - Good 3%

**Annual General Meeting Parent Council**
Our AGM for "The Friends of High Mill" was held on October 7th. Thank you to all who attended. A new committee has been formed. The office bearers for this year are:

- Chairperson: Mr Colin Mclnnes
- Secretary: Mrs Gayle Kerr
- Treasurer: Ms Doreen Young

The first meeting of the new Parents Council will be on Wednesday, 21st October from 6.30-7.30pm in the school. Any parent/carer is welcome to attend, but if you have a matter to raise this must be intimated to the council one week prior to the meeting. There is also a parents/carers information board inside the main reception area. Thank you.

**Attendance and Lateness**
Attendance and lateness of pupils is something that is recorded daily and monitored very carefully. At the end of each month the HT considers attendance data. As a matter of course families who have a child with fewer than 85% attendance will be lettered.

If you do not inform the school about absences and we cannot contact you, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. We understand children may be ill or have family circumstances which affect their attendance at school and the hope would be that we would see their attendance rise
after these events are over. However where this is not the case or indeed in more concerning levels of absence the Attendance Officer may be involved. All of these measures are aimed at helping children and families and ensuring children are given the best learning opportunities.

**Lost Property**
We have a number of unclaimed jumpers and cardigans which have no names on them. If you wish to see if they belong to your child please ask at the office. Some children have also “lost” their ties or other items. Please check your child has the clothing that belongs to them and return any mistaken items. **PLEASE WRITE CHILDREN’S NAMES ON ALL CLOTHING.**

**Pupil Roles of Responsibility**
Our RotaKids are up and running and beginning to raise awareness and funds for this year’s Global Citizenship Project “Steadfast Project. The children are trying to raise £200 to support work being done in Kenya by Livingston Boys Brigade.

Other pupil groups:

- **Eco Committee**: Samantha Murray, Yvie Kerr, Amyleigh Sadler and Andei Moldovan
- **Pupil Council**: Ailidh Kerr, Tammi Stevenson, Danielle Graham, Alana Scott, Jamie Miller, Jamie Leigh Murray, Adam Halliday
- **Buddies**: Emily Searle, Tammi Stevenson, Adele Balanda, Jamie Leigh Murray, John Bordon
- **Rights Based Learning**: Taylor Browning-Walker, Emily Searle, Finlay MacKenzie, Tia Sutherland, Kayleigh Park, Kheya Aitken
- **House Leaders**:
  - Mosspark: Tammi Stevenson
  - Market: Aaron Rieley, Christie Graham
  - Moorside: Charlye Love, Ben Skelton

**House News**
The children receive points both in and outwith class for demonstrating our VALUES of HELPFULNESS, RESPECT, HONESTY, KINDNESS and HARD WORK. As we go to print this is the current points scores for Houses.

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The **INTERHOUSE TALENT SHOW** will take place on October 30th 1.45pm. Parents and families are welcome to attend.

Coming soon......World War II Sewing Project - P6/7......Interhouse Talent Show..... Remembrance Assembly.........Parents’ Spanish class........ Royal Scottish Orchestra - P5/6/7...........Aladdin whole school ..........School show - "Cinderella Rockafella".......... school parties.

**Credit Union**
Our Credit Union has been running for a couple of years now and has been very successful in teaching children to save their money. We would like to encourage this great way of saving for pupils. Any interested pupils, please come to the school office and you can collect an application form. Money is collected on a Wednesday morning and is run by some of our older pupils and supervised by a member of staff.

**Wellie Walk**
All Wellie Walk money to be sent in to school by the end of October, please. Many thanks.
Flora Tubs for Tokens Collection
We have registered for ‘Tubs for Tokens’ for Flora Margarine. Please send in to the school.

We are a hardworking, busy school and we aim to ensure our children have rich, engaging learning and social experiences. This is at the heart of what we do and very much part of our Vision, Values and Aims. Your support and encouragement as parents and carers are of great importance.

Thank you and have a happy October Break.

Marion Girdwood
Head Teacher

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Please note that the new Winter Lunch Menu will commence on 26th October and a copy of the Classroom Menu Guide is attached.
BONFIRE THEME DAY MENU

Thursday 5th November 2016

Please choose from Menu below:-

**Starter**

Mini Corn on the cob (v)

**Main Course**

Savoury Sausage Puff

BBQ Chicken Casserole

**Vegetables**

Beans

Peas

Side Salad

**Dessert**

Caramel Cake

Vegetarian Option available when pre-ordered

BONFIRE THEME DAY MENU

Pupil's Name: ......................................................................................................

Class: .................................................................................................

Choice:  

Starter: ........................................................................................................

Main: ........................................................................................................

Desert: ....................................................................................................... 

Parent/Carer's Signature: ...............................................................................

Date: ........................................................................................................