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**Date:**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

There are only 2 weeks left before the Spring Break so I thought it was time to bring you up-to-date with what's happening.

### **Spring Holiday**

The school closes on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 and opens again on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Exam Leave for S4, 5 and 6**

Study leave for S4 pupils will begin on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April so their last teaching day is Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup>. S5 and S6 begin their study leave on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May which makes their final teaching day Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>. Some exams begin before these dates but we are trying to extend the contact with teachers for as long as possible. Many departments offer supported study after school and at lunchtime so please encourage your child to take advantage of the help on offer. S4, 5 and 6 pupils were issued with Study Planners before the prelims. There are extra copies available if required. Please ask to see your child's Study Planner!

I wish all pupils sitting exams and their parents the best of luck throughout the exam period.

### **Weather**

Unfortunately on Monday last, the weather was very poor and the bus company was unable to get many pupils to school although we managed to stay open until lunchtime. I am sorry I was unable to give you more warning about the conditions. I was stuck in traffic, the bus company were unable to inform us in time and the SEEMiS system used for contacting parents was down. Everything conspired against us that day!

### **Traffic**

You may have seen Police and SPT checking our school transport on Tuesday morning. This was part of their operation to check all school transport across South Lanarkshire and Tuesday was our turn. As far as I know, they were satisfied with the condition of the buses and taxis which bring our young people to and from school.

### **Medical Alerts**

A letter from the Health Board about tonsillitis was sent out last week. We have had an unusual amount of cases within the school and indeed some cases are still being reported. If you did not receive a letter and wish to know the details of symptoms, please ask your child to collect a letter from the school office. If you suspect your child has tonsillitis, contact your doctor as all confirmed cases are being monitored at present.

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### **Behaviour on the Buses**

Unfortunately, we have had a number of complaints about the behaviour of a small group of pupils on some of the school buses. Continued poor behaviour can result in the bus company refusing to allow pupils to travel on the bus. Please discuss this with your child and ensure that the message about good behaviour gets across.

### **Photographs**

We have arranged with Wilson's Photography of Bellshill to have pupils' photographs taken before Easter. Details about how to buy them will be sent along with the photographs themselves. The dates are Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> for S1, 2, 3 and 4 and Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March for S5 and 6 and a catch-up. We shall remind pupils in advance so that they are looking their best.

### **South Lanarkshire Instrumental Music Service Showcase**

This Showcase forms part of 'Celebrating Lanarkshire 2013' and offers an evening of the very highest musical calibre. The event will showcase the musical achievements, creativity and diversity of young people who benefit from instrumental music instruction within South Lanarkshire Schools. Our Young Musician of the Year, Sophie Allan, is playing saxophone at the event and is also a member of the SLC Schools Big Band. The Lesmahagow Transition Band will also play at the event.

The Showcase takes place on the evening of 18<sup>th</sup> April and will commence at 7.00pm prompt in the **Hamilton Town House**, Cadzow St, Hamilton. If you would like to attend the Showcase, tickets will be available from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, priced at £6.50. Tickets can be purchased by telephone or in person from the Hamilton Town House Box Office, telephone 01698 452299. **Parents are advised that tickets are expected to sell out quickly for this event.**

### **Easter Service**

The Easter Service will be held in Abbeygreen Church on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 12.15. Pupils will be dismissed for lunch from the church. A collection for charity will be taken at the service so please remind you child to keep some of their money for this.

### **Comic Relief**

As we go to press, the Charity Committee has organised numerous fund-raising events in aid of Comic Relief. So far the baby photographs of staff are causing a lot of amusement and discussion amongst pupils and the date of the teddy bear's birthday is as yet unknown. The cupcakes sold out in about 20 minutes and I would like to thank Cake Stuff, a local company, for donating the ingredients. I shall let you know the total amount raised in my next newsletter.

As always, if you can think of any way to improve the school or have any comment about anything within these newsletters, please let me know. My email address is [headteacher@lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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