



December 2008

**To Parents of Pupils in Form 2**

Dear Parents

**Reports**

Your daughter will receive two reports this academic year. The first in March will be a Short Report which gives an indication of the level of Effort and Attainment reached in each subject with an additional comment given by the teacher if deemed necessary. A full report with marks and a teacher comment for each subject will be issued after the summer examinations in June. There will also be a Form 2 parents' consultation afternoon from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm on Thursday 26 March 2009 at which time you will have the opportunity to discuss your daughter's progress with her subject teachers.

Recently Form tutors have been reviewing the progress of all the pupils in their Form class. Head of Year, Mrs A McCracken, will be in contact with parents of a small number of pupils about whose progress to date we have some concerns. Pupils will also be engaged in a process of self evaluation of their own progress over this first term. If you have any concerns please do contact your daughter's Form tutor through reception in the normal way.

The Department of Education has asked us to distribute a leaflet entitled '*The Revised Curriculum – How we will assess your child and report to you*' which gives some information about possible future developments. A copy should accompany this letter.

**Governors' Annual Report**

The Governors' Annual Report is now available for all our parents. A copy can be viewed or downloaded from the School website [www.strathearn.org.uk](http://www.strathearn.org.uk) under the link 'About Strathearn' 'Board of Governors' or by contacting the School Reception.

**Parents' Association**

The Parents' Association have again much planned for the coming year and thank you to all who support their great work and who have contributed to their funds. Their dedication and your co-operation led to a cheque for an outstanding sum of £6,000 being given into Strathearn School funds and with this money, we are able to extend our wireless computer network across the school. Please do continue to help the school by supporting the Parents' Association.

**Access to School**

Thank you to parents who have been adhering to our request earlier this year, not to leave pupils off inside the school grounds in the morning or to park on the double yellow lines around the school gates. Please may I remind you that pupils who need special access arrangements should inform Mrs Graham.

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### **Miskelly Hall (after school use)**

For your information, pupils who wish to remain for a time after school may wait for transport home on school premises (Miskelly Hall). However, I would like to emphasise that pupils who choose to use this facility will be unsupervised and in the interests of safety it is advisable that all pupils are collected in the evening by 5.00 pm at the latest. The Library is also open after school Monday to Thursday until 4.30pm.

### **Lost Property**

A large number of items are currently accumulating in the Lost Property store (many without names) and I would therefore ask you to check with your daughter about any missing items of uniform, etc. For the girls' convenience, the Lost Property store is open each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at break-time.

### **Term Dates 2009-2010**

A detailed list of the term dates are available from the School website [www.strathearn.org.uk](http://www.strathearn.org.uk) under the link 'Parental Information' 'School Holidays'. In summary these are:

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| Term 1 | Tuesday 1 September 2009 – 18 December 2009<br>Half term break 26 – 30 October 2009 |
| Term 2 | Monday 4 January 2010 – 6 March 2010<br>Half term break 15 – 17 February 2010       |
| Term 3 | Monday 12 April 2010 – Wednesday 30 June 2010<br>May Holidays 3 & 31 May 2010       |

### **Important Dates**

- School Carol Service at Stormont Presbyterian Church - Tuesday 16 December 2008 at 7.30pm.
- Term finishes on Monday 22 December at 12 noon 2008.
- Next term begins on Monday 5 January 2009 at 8.45 am.
- Friday 23 January - all pupils will finish school at 12.50 pm in preparation for Open Day on Saturday 24 January 2009.
- Exceptional closure – Thursday 12 February 2009.
- Half term break is Friday 13 to Tuesday 17 February 2009.

Lastly, may I take this opportunity on behalf of the Staff and Governors to wish you and your family a happy Christmas and a peaceful and safe new year.

Yours sincerely

D Manning  
Principal