Dear Parents/Carers,

**School Lunches**

From Monday (16th January) all children will order their school lunches on the school computers. This is part of Perth and Kinross Council’s plan to increase pupil independence and it give children power over their choices. Each meal will be displayed as a picture and children will simply click on the picture of the food they want. If they make a mistake, it is easily sorted at the time. All primary 1-3 children and those entitled to a free lunch will continue to receive a lunch daily.

This new lunch system really needs parents to pay for school lunches online using Parent Pay. It is extremely difficult for schools if this does not happen. Please make every effort to start using Parent Pay. If you need help to set this up, Miss. Murray in the school office will be happy to help you.

**Family Club**

Your child has brought home a flyer about “Family Club”. This is a special opportunity for North Perth families only. The idea is for families to share in some sports, games, cooking etc. It is entirely free – including the food! Don’t worry if you missed week 1. You will be very welcome to come along with your family at 6pm on Monday 16th at Fairfield Neighbourhood Centre.

**Curriculum Afternoon**

Please come along to the curriculum afternoon on **Tuesday 17th January at 2pm in school**. It is a free session with the Espresso Consultant. Espresso is one of the best computer resources your child can have and the school has paid for it for every child and every family. It is able to give your child help with any school subject at any level. You will be really pleased to see how much help is available for your son or daughter. The session will last only 1 hour.

**Clothing and Headlice**

A lot of children are feeling the cold whilst the headlice are enjoying warm heads! Please make sure that children are warmly dressed for school and that every child brings a coat and has warm shoes/ hat/ gloves, etc on. We cannot stop headlice but we can get rid of them and make life difficult for them. Keep hair tied back, check hair regularly for eggs, use a nit comb from time to time and come to school to receive your free bottle of shampoo. I suggest that you take the bottle – just in case it happens to your child. Further information about headlice treatment is available on the school website.

**Website and Facebook**

The school is really short of money and one of our biggest bills is photocopying and texting to families. We can save some money in this area. I would like to make more use of Facebook and the website for communication. The addresses are:

* School Website: [www.balhousie.weebly.com](http://www.balhousie.weebly.com)
* Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Balhousie-Primary-School-547948598744153/ or search in the facebook search bar **“Balhousie Primary School”**.

Yours Sincerely

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