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BURNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter Update

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—QUICK REMINDERS

20.10.16 Parent Council Meeting 7 pm
 27.10.16 P1's to Film Festival
 10.11.16 Parent Council Xmas Fayre
 21.11.16 Parent Council Meeting 7 pm
 28.11.16 In Service Day 2
 30.11.16 St Andrews Day Holiday
 05.01.17 Spring Term begins

21.10.16 Flu Immunisations P1-7
 31.10.16 Photographer in school (Class Groups only)
 17.11.16 Parents' Evening 6.00—8.30 pm
 23.11.16 Parents' Evening 4.00—6.30 pm
 29.11.16 In Service Day 3
 21.12.16 Finish at usual time for Christmas Holiday

SCHOOL CAR PARK - SAFE USE

As you know, a decision was taken recently to vastly restrict the use of the school car park to the following **ONLY** :

- * Staff, parent volunteers and students.
- * Contract and service vehicles (including contract taxis bringing pupils to and from school).
- * Blue badge holders (to use the accessible spaces) – badges **MUST** be displayed.
- * Other pre-arranged visitor parking, e.g. parent appointment evenings; open sessions; parents picking children up for medical appointments or due to illness; groups taking lets on school premises.

No other users should enter the car park for any reason.

These measures have been taken to ensure children and adults can access the area safely. Thank you

PUPIL ABSENCE - REMINDER

If your child is unable to attend school through illness please **telephone the school between 8.30 am and 9.30 am on each day of his/her absence. Tel 01241 803472. Or if you prefer, you could email the school with this information. burnside@burnside.angus.sch.uk. Many thanks.**

HEAD LICE

Every now and again head lice becomes an issue in school. In the past a letter was issued to all the parents of the children in the class alerting them to this. On quite clear and direct advice from our colleagues in the NHS this will no longer happen. Their advice is simply to check hair regularly. Further information on this can be obtained from your local Health Centre. They will provide you with detailed, accurate and up to date information.



We are delighted Oor Wullie has been returned to the school and are keen to make sure we build him into the fabric of our school and so are asking for your help. We intend on making a display wall in the foyer which will have Oor Wullie as a key feature and link him to our school aims. So we can keep Scots Language in the forefront of our thinking we are asking for you to help us with some Scots sayings linked to the aims - "haud yer wheesh!" and "ca canny" are certainly ones which spring to mind—but on a serious note if you can think of any sayings you grew up with, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please tear off and return the slip below.....

School Aim	Scots Words / Sayings
Respect	
Responsible	
Included	
Celebrated	
Welcomed	
Nurtured	
Active	
Achieving	



Confucius Hub

We are delighted to announce we have been successful in our bid to have a full time Mandarin Chinese teacher based (Hanban) in our school who will be able to support all our children learning Mandarin and introducing them to aspects of this World Culture. We will be having an official launch after Christmas but we are very excited at this new chapter of our learning in Burnside. Carnoustie High School have also been recently successful in their bid to have a Confucius Hub and this will of course benefit transition from primary to secondary. Further details will follow. We also intend to have Mandarin Chinese translations of our school aims to support the ongoing work with all our children learning French.

Church Collection

We are delighted to announce that your generosity resulted in us collecting £220 to donate to the Dundee Cancer Centre at Ninewells from the Harvest Festival. We would also like to thank you for supporting the work of Angus Foodbank with a huge contribution. Thank you very much for your kindness.

Nursery / P4 Parents

Thank you very much to all the parents who attended the Harvest Festival and a special thanks to the Nursery staff for all their hard work in preparing the children for their very first performance at Burnside. I am sure there will be many others to look forward to.

Resilience

At the church I gave a little story which can be viewed at https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/an/burnsideprimaryschool/?page_id=606 about Black Dot / White Sky Thinking. A simple way of looking beyond something which is upsetting you and focusing on the positive things which are happening in your life. This is an example of reframing and one which we will be talking to your children about to support them with emotional agility. Further details will follow. We hope all your children will understand this approach as part of our strategy to improve children's resilience.

