

SCHOOL NEWS

January 2018

New Head Teacher

Mr. McIntyre's last day as Head Teacher of St. Columba's RC Primary and Brydekirk Primary will be Friday 2nd February. He will take up his new post as Head Teacher of Locharbriggs Primary School on Monday 5th February 2018. The post of Acting Head Teacher for both schools is currently advertised.

Principal Teacher

Miss Primrose will oversee the management of the school until such time that an acting head teacher is in place. Miss Primrose has an overview of the school calendar until the end of this current session.

Morning Snack

As part of Dumfries and Galloway Council's Anti-Poverty Strategy, your child will receive free milk, fruit and/or vegetables. The aim of this initiative is to provide nutritious snacks that are quick and easy for all.

Cartons of semi-skimmed milk and a selection of fruit and/or vegetables will be available daily. This new initiative will begin 22nd January 2018 and lasts until the end of March.



Farewell message from Mr. Mac

My time at Brydekirk Primary has been rewarding and special to me. It is with some sadness that I say goodbye to the children, families and of course the wonderful team who give so much to make the

school successful. The challenges ahead for me will bring new learning and excitement. It is the support of colleagues and stakeholders that helps any Head Teacher fulfil potential and be effective. I must express sincere gratitude to the many people who gave me this support.

During the months ahead, Brydekirk will enter a period of transition and it is important that staff and parents support each other. The Parent Council will be updated with information regarding the recruitment of a new Head Teacher and Miss Primrose and Mrs Robson have an overview of the school calendar up until the end of this school session. The Education Officer assigned to Brydekirk is Mrs Leona Waugh and staff can call upon her advice and counsel.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all our children, current and past pupils, the very best for the future. May each and every one of you find success and happiness. Fare thee well from Mr Mac.





Primary 7 Challenge

On Monday 15th January the pupils in Primary 7 will head to Mabie Forest outside Dumfries for a day of orienteering. This forms part of the Primary 7 Challenge and is about team work and resilience.

Mr. McIntyre will drive the ATI Bus and collect children at 9am St.Columba's and 9.10am Brydekirk. Mr Fitzgerald will accompany the group travelling by bus and Mr Archibald will follow on with his car.

The group will be led by staff from the Authority's Outdoor Education Team. The cost for this instruction is £10 per child. Transport costs will be covered by Parent Council or School Fund.

The children have already received a kit list and a packed lunch is required. The children should be back at school for the usual dismissal time.

Dates for your Diary

15th January	P7s orienteering at Mabie Forest
17th January	Parent Council meeting
22nd January	Morning Snack Initiative begins
22nd January	Swimming Club resumes
25th January	Infant Enrolment
26th January	Infant Enrolment
27th January	Football Tournament 5-a-side at Sands Centre Carlisle 9am to 2pm
31st January	Curling coaching at Lockerbie Ice Rink for upper school pupils
31st January	PFA Meeting 3.15pm
1st February	4pm - 6pm Learn and Play Outside Training open to parents
2nd February	Mr. McIntyre's last day at Brydekirk
3rd February	Football Competition for Girls' Team 9am to 2pm Sands Centre
7th February	Curling coaching at Lockerbie Ice Rink for upper school pupils
12th February	School Closed
13&14 February	In service Training for Teachers
15th February	Scots Language Cluster Contest 1.30pm hosted at St. Columba's
8th March	Rotary Club Quiz 4pm at Elmvale
16th March	P7 Challenge, The Criffel Climb
29th March	Last day of term
16th April	Back to school
18th April	P7 Challenge, Mountain Biking

