

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after our Christmas break. I have been visiting all classes and am very impressed by the positive attitude of the children who are eager to learn and display the school values in all that they do. I am busy trying to get to know all the children and they are being very helpful by telling (and re-telling!) me their names.

We work hard to do the best for your children and your input into this is important—please tell me what you think we could improve or you would like to know more about- this will help us to make changes for the better.

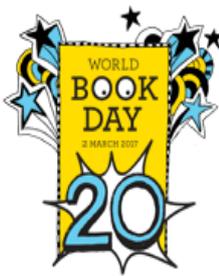
I look forward to meeting you and working with your children throughout the year.

Catriona Smith  
Headteacher



### Winter and Wet Weather Clothing Reminder!

Children in Bearsden Primary School are encouraged to play outside at break times and lunch times whenever possible. This includes times when there is light rain or drizzle. To cater for our changeable climate, it would be helpful if children came to school appropriately dressed for the weather. Please ensure that your child is suitably dressed including a warm, waterproof coat, preferably with a hood. If the weather is very wet, children will remain indoors. During wet weather, children are allowed to come into the school from 8.45am. Normally 5 bells will ring to signify *wet weather*.



### World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on **2nd March**, the Fundraising Group will be organising a sponsored Readathon. This will also be a non uniform day and pupils can dress as their favourite character from children's fiction. Sponsor forms will be available soon. World Book Day tokens will be issued to each child during February. They are valid from 27th February to 26th March.



Valentine's Discos will be held on Thursday 9th February in the gym hall. P1-3 from 6pm -7pm, P4-5 from 7.15pm—8pm and P6-7 from 8.15- 9.15pm. Tickets are now on sale priced at £3 which includes a snack.

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### Sports News

Cross Country races will be held on Sunday 19th February at Maryhill Park from 10.15am and Sunday 26th February at Kirkintilloch Sports Centre from 9.45am. Mrs Mathieson has given out forms to pupils who do cross country in school but this is open to anyone from P5-7 who is interested in taking part. Forms are available from the school office.

The school has achieved The Silver School Sport Award from Sport Scotland in recognition of our achievement in increasing the opportunities for pupils to take part in physical education through the many clubs that are run during lunch time and after school. We are aiming to go for gold this year.





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### Road Safety and Traffic Issues

As you know, Bearsden Cross can be very busy at 9am and at 3pm. The changes to parking restrictions have had an impact on what is already a challenging context. Please leave enough time when coming to school to park safely and make sure that your child crosses any main roads with the crossing patroller or at the pedestrian lights. Parents should only allow children to leave the car on the pavement side of the road. Please do not park on double yellow lines or block residents' driveways. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Fundraising Group News

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 7th February at 7.00pm** in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

We will be having our annual Family Disco on Saturday 4th March. Information will be sent out shortly.

Please remember to check your child's head regularly, at least once a week. If your child has head lice, the pharmacist will be able to give you advice on treatment options. You can contact the head lice helpline on 0141-201-4945. There is a national website for further information. Please go to [www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2003/03/16774/20133](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2003/03/16774/20133)



**Scottish Day:** Our Scottish day is on Friday 3rd February. Pupils may wear something tartan to school that day. If your child does not have anything tartan, full school uniform should be worn.

### Visits and Visitors

P7 are going to Culzean Castle on 8th February as part of their topic.

P3 are going to Vikingar on 22nd February as part of their topic.

P2 are going to Stirling Castle on 28th February as part of their topic.



### Dates for your Diary

Friday 3rd February	Scottish Day
Wednesday 8th February	P7 at Culzean Castle
Thursday 9th February	Valentine Discos
Monday 13th February	Holiday
Tuesday 14th February	Holiday
Wednesday 15th February	In- service Day
Sunday 19th February	Cross Country Event @ Maryhill Park
Wednesday 22nd February	P3 at Vikingar
Sunday 26th February	Cross Country Event @ Kirkintilloch Sports Centre
Tuesday 28th February	P3 to Stirling Castle



The office staff would like to thank everyone who very kindly gave them gifts at Christmas time.



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