



Bearsden Primary School
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Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are now underway with our new school term, I thought it would be a good idea to give you as many dates as possible for the year ahead. Obviously other things will arise as the year goes on and we will let you know about these as they arise. We will also update through the website and Twitter page.

TWITTER - @BearsdenPrimary

WEBSITE-<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ed/bearsdenprimary/>

Planned trips

Classes organise trips to enhance the children's learning throughout the year. We have some trips already organised and we will issue permission slips and more information about each trip nearer the time. Here are the trips that are currently organised:

| Date | Class | Trip |
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| 22/02/17 | P3 | Vikingar |
| 28/02/17 | P2 | Stirling Castle |
| 08/03/17 | P5 | Bannockburn |
| 16/03/17 | P1 | Sea Life Centre |
| 17/03/17 | P6a Rm 19 | City Chambers |
| 24/04/17 | P7 | Scottish Parliament |

We also have some cycling trips organised. These will be led by Sustrans leaders with school staff.

| Date | Class |
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| 21/02/17 | P5a Mrs Mathieson/ Mrs Macpherson |
| 28/02/17 | P6a Mrs Bell/ Mrs McGonagle |
| 07/03/17 | P6 Mr Prunty |
| 08/03/17 | P4 Mrs Templeton |
| 09/03/17 | P4a Miss Gray |
| 17/03/17 | P6b Miss Mullen |
| 21/03/17 | P5 Miss Mackenzie |
| 22/03/17 | P7a Mrs Crossey |

Dates for Your Diary

School Holidays 2016-2017

- ☺ February break 13 and 14 February 2017
- ☺ In-service 15 February 2017
- ☺ Pupils return 16 February 2017
- ☺ Easter break* 3 April to 14 April 2017 (inclusive)
- ☺ Easter Monday 17 April 2017
- ☺ Return to school 18 April 2017
- ☺ May Day Holiday 1 May 2017
- ☺ In-service Day 25 May 2017
- ☺ May Weekend 26 May & 29 May 2017
- ☺ Pupils return Tuesday 30 May 2017
- ☺ School closes** 28 June 2017

** Please note that schools will close at 2:30pm on the last school day before the holiday*

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Please note that in-service days are subject to change or addition throughout the year.

Parents Evenings

We have our next formal session for parents to attend to discuss progress. The date for this is:

**Wednesday 22nd
March 3-9pm**

Children are encouraged to come along to the meeting to discuss their learning and progress.

There will be slips sent out nearer the time to request a preferred time slot (early/late) and individual times will then be issued.

Due to some classes being very large we may have to start some appointments from 2:45pm. We will ensure that your child is available to attend the appointment with you.

Parent Council

The Parent Council at Bearsden Primary is very active and supports the work of the school. There are meetings held roughly every term and new members are always welcome. At the meeting we discuss items such as what is happening in the school, progress on the School Improvement Plan and staffing. Input from parents is welcomed and helps steer our future improvements. The next meeting is on Thursday 16th March at 7pm in the staff room.

Dates for diary

Below are a list of dates that we currently know about. Permission slips etc will follow closer to the time .

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| 20-25 February | Eco Week in school |
| 21 February | Bearsden Academy Induction project– P7 3:30-4:30 |
| 22 February | P3 Vikingar trip |
| 26 February | Cross Country race– Kirkintilloch |
| 27 Feb– 10 March | Fairtrade fortnight in school |
| 28 February | Bearsden Academy Induction project– P7 3:30-4:30 |
| 2 March | World Book Day—Readathon and Non-uniform (book characters) |
| 3 March | SSPCA Visits to P1-7 |
| 4 March | Family Disco (Fundraising group) |
| 7 March | Bearsden Academy Induction project– P7 3:30-4:30 |
| 8 March | P5 Bannockburn trip |
| 14 March | Bearsden Academy Induction project– P7 3:30-4:30 |
| 16 March | P1 Sealife Centre trip |
| 16 March | Parent Council |
| 17 March | P6a Visiting City Chambers |
| 22 March | Parents Evening |
| 24 March | Red Nose Day – Non Uniform |
| 27 March | Netball festival |
| 30 March | Open Afternoon and Poetry Launch |
| 31 March | Easter Assembly– Bearsden Cross Church |
| 31 March | Finish at 2:30pm for holidays |
| 21 April | Primary Orchestra Training Weekend |
| 24 April | P7 Scottish parliament trip |
| 25 April | Primary School Rotary Quiz– Craigdhu Primary |
| 26 April | P7 Leavers photos |
| 28 April | Rag Bag Collection Day |

School Improvement Plan

As you will be aware the school has an Improvement Plan that was devised through consultation with the children, staff and parents for the session 2016-2017. We are continuing to work on this and are about to commence our work on evaluating where we are now and what we would like our next priorities to be. The staff are beginning this work on the In-service day and within the next few weeks we will be asking for parents thoughts on this. The Parent Council have already begun to think about an area they would like the school to work on. We would really appreciate your opinions on this and will use these, along with the children's and staff views, to help shape our next Improvement Plan.

“Be yourself, everyone else is already taken” - Oscar Wilde