



Children in Need Friday 17th November 2017

We will be taking part in this year's SPOTACULAR fundraising event! There are rumours of a Pudsey visit that week and we will be having a Spotty Themed Non Uniform Day on Friday 17th November. There will be lots of fun activities for pupils to take part in to raise funds for Children in Need.

Sports News—

Skiing: Well done to everyone who attended the Scottish Schools Autumn Dual Slalom Qualifier races at Bearsden Ski Club on Monday 23rd October. The children were fabulous and raced their socks off! 4 of our pupils (Isabel Soyinka; Lilian Smith; Nina Padmanabhan and Matthew Hammersley) went through to the next stage at Snowfactor, Braehead on Wednesday 25th. They came third in their pool and were only 1 race away from the semi finals. Competition standard was very high for a novice event but they did themselves proud and were a credit to the school.

All pupils who took part in both events had a fantastic time and displayed outstanding sportsmanship and a positive attitude. Well done!

Cross Country Races: Cross Country Race Information Dates for your diary. Races are open to all children in Primary 5, 6 and 7.

Sunday 12th November at Woodhead Park (Springburn Harriers)

Saturday 18th November at Maryhill Park (Garscube Harriers)

Sunday 28th January at Woodhead Park (Springburn Harriers)

Sunday 18th February at Maryhill Park (Garscube Harriers)



Head Lice

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 0141-201-0924



Halloween Discos

The House Captains and Vice Captains are organising the Halloween Discos for all pupils on Thursday 2nd November . The P1—3 Disco will be from 6pm - 6.45pm, the P4 & 5 disco from 7pm - 8pm and the P6 & 7 disco from 8.15pm - 9.15pm. Tickets are now on sale.

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Parents' Evenings

Our parents' evenings will be held on 22nd November from 3.30pm—6.30pm and 23rd November from 5.30pm—8.30pm. We are using a new system this year for booking appointments. This is an online system where you can pick your own appointments. A letter with details of the new system was issued to all pupils last Friday.

Staff News

Mrs McGonagle gave birth to a baby boy on Monday, no name as yet. All are well. Best wishes to the family.



Parent Council News

The next Parent Council meeting will be held in Bearsden Primary on Thursday 30th November @ 7pm.



Visits and Visitors

P6 Room 19 are cycling on Monday 6th November. Primary 2 will be having a visit from the Police on 8th November and a visit from the Fire Service on Wednesday 22nd November as part of their topic .

P7 Room 15 are cycling on Thursday 9th November.

P7 Room 14 are cycling on Wednesday 15th November.

P5 Room 12 are going to Green Aspirations on Wednesday 15th November as part of their topic.





Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch is on Friday 8th December at a cost of £2.25. There is a choice of turkey and all the trimmings or a vegetarian option of tomato pasta.



Christmas Parties have been arranged as follows:

P1 20th December	P4 19th December
P2 20th December	P5 18th December
P3 19th December	P6 18th December

Primary 7 Christmas Dance

This will take place on **Thursday 21st December**, from 7pm until 9pm. John Carmichael will provide Scottish Country Dance music for the pupils. Further details to follow.

School Improvement Plan Updates

As you will be aware we have a School Improvement Plan (full plan is on school website). The Parent Council are updated at each meeting on progress and the plan and minutes from this are available on the website but we thought it may be an idea to share in newsletters a short update on one of the areas. Our areas this session are: **Attainment** - Play, Literacy; **Assessment** - profiling as part of children's work, Staged Intervention paperwork ; **HWB** - resilience/PATHs, Rights Respecting School, leadership - children; **Cluster work**- SEALs training in numeracy, Growth mindset in numeracy.

In attainment we have been working closely with the Fundraising Group to improve our school library. We have bought books for all levels of reading ability and the parents have worked really hard to get the library refreshed and ready for the children. We are now about to start lending books out from this. We have also been looking at books for the children to use in classes, again funded by the Fundraising Group. All teaching staff have had reading development training and we have had some of the support staff being trained by the authority.

In play we are building on the very good work that was done in P1 last session alongside our Quality Improvement Officer - Anne Dalziel, Educational Psychology, Strathclyde University and Education Scotland. We are adapting this to develop the P2 curriculum. Although we are implementing play, this is very carefully planned by the teachers to ensure that the children are using play to apply their skills in the curriculum. All staff working in the lower stages have attended training run by East Dunbartonshire Council and are working with partners to share good practice and moderate standards of attainment in professional learning groups across the authority.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 2nd November	Halloween Discos
Wednesday 15th November	F/Group meeting
Thursday 16th November	Flu Immunisation day
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Non Uniform Day
Wednesday 22nd November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 23rd November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 30th November	Parent Council meeting

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