

## School Security

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's school life or progress with any member of staff, you must make an appointment through the school office. If you have arranged to meet with your child's teacher, you must sign in and inform the office on your arrival. A member of staff will escort you to the class or meeting room. When picking up from after school clubs, parents are kindly reminded to wait at the school door rather than travelling through the school.

## Dates for your Diary - School

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	P7 to Lord Provost Debate
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Nativity
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 and P2 Party 1.30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	P3 and P4 Party 1.30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	P7 Christmas Lunch 1pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Trauchle 2 - Talent Show, 9am
	P5 and P6 Party, 1.30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter Service led by P6a 9.45am (Busby Parish Church, all welcome)
	School Closes 2.30pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School Re-opens 9am

## Dates for your Diary - Nursery

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Nativity
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Parties
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Theatre Trip to "The Edibles"
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Closes, 2.30pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Nursery Re-opens 8.45am

Please ensure that children come to office for late slip if they arrive at school after 9.10am. If your child is going to be absent, you must contact the school before 9.10am.

If you have any concerns, queries or compliments please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,



**Richard Hardy,**  
Acting Head Teacher

## Busby Primary School and Nursery Class Newsletter December 2013



Dear Parent/Carer,

The Progress and Achievement folders will be sent home in the coming days and I hope you enjoy reviewing your child's progress so far this session. I'd like to inform you that an updated version of the school handbook will soon be available on the school website.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Busby/>

Christmas is fast approaching and there is an air of festive excitement permeating through the school. I am looking forward to the Winter Service led by Primary 6a on the last day of term and I hope to see you all there.

## Nursery News

### Early Years Nativity

The children have all been working very hard during the rehearsals for our upcoming production of "Oops a Daisy Angel". The songs are sounding fantastic and I am sure the boys and girls in Nursery and Primary 1 are going to put on a terrific show. There is no charge for tickets to the Nativity but donations to the Church will be very warmly received. I'd like to invite all parents and carers attending either show to join us in the Church Hall for tea, coffee and mince pies after each performance.

### Christmas Parties

The Nursery Christmas Parties take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Santa will be visiting the parties at 10.30am in the morning and again at 1.45pm in the afternoon. Parents are very welcome to join us at these times to see the children getting their gifts.

### The Edibles

Thank you to all parents who have already paid for our trip to see "The Edibles" on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. I'm sure it will be a thoroughly enjoyable experience for the children.

### Security

For the safety and security of the children in the school and Nursery, please ensure you close the gate behind you when entering and leaving the school playground.

## School News

### Parent Council News

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all parents, pupils and staff that supported the Christmas Fayre and the Ladies' Night last weekend. The Fayre raised an amazing £1090 and the Ladies' Night had a profit of £463.

### Morrisons Vouchers

Many thanks to everyone who contributed vouchers to our Morrisons 'Let's Grow' appeal. We raised a whopping 4177 vouchers and have ordered 2 raised corner planters, hand trowels and a number of small pots to plant seeds in before transferring to the planters. These items should be delivered to the school in the spring.

### Dyslexia Awareness Event

On Friday 8th November, three P7 pupils accompanied by Mrs Oswald attended a Dyslexia Awareness Raising Event in Mearns Castle High School. During the afternoon, our representatives heard presentations from pupils from Carolside Primary and from Mearns Castle High. These pupils spoke about how dyslexia impacted on their lives and how they were supported in school so that they would all reach their full potential. We also saw a film made for BBC Schools' programmes which again highlighted achievements made by young people with dyslexia including Dominic Wood from BBC's Dick and Dom. The pupils all agreed this was a really interesting and worthwhile event and returned to school with lots of ideas for raising awareness of dyslexia in Busby Primary. We plan to do this during January when the monthly focus from the wellbeing indicators will be "Included". As an inclusive school we hope all pupils, staff and parents will benefit from increasing their knowledge and understanding of Dyslexia.

### David Livingstone Centre Trip

All classes in the school will have the opportunity to visit the David Livingstone Centre in the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Further information will follow in due course.

### St Andrew's Day Celebrations

We celebrated St Andrew's Day at Busby Primary School on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. In the morning, all pupils took part in a whole school Busby Barn dance in the playground – a little damp and chilly but great fun nonetheless. In the afternoon we had a whole school assembly to showcase the children's learning on Famous Scots, with a particular focus on Scottish Scientists.

### Choir

The choir has had a busy festive period so far, with more performances to come. They performed at the Christmas Lights Switch On at The White Cart on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November and the following weekend they featured at "I Love Clarkston's" Christmas Extravaganza. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December they will visit the Townswoman's Guild and on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December they will sing for the residents of Hawthorn Court. I'd like to thank Miss Carr for all her hard work with the Choir this year and my thanks also go to the parents of children in the choir for being so supportive.

### Anti-Bullying Week

During Anti-bullying week (18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> November) a special assembly was held for all pupils to discuss the high expectations we have with regards to bullying behaviour. Pupils were reminded that bullying behaviour can be:

- Emotional being unfriendly, excluding, teasing, put down, tormenting (e.g. hiding books, threatening gestures) having belongings stolen or damaged, being ignored or left out
- Physical pushing, kicking, hitting, punching or any use of violence, being forced to do things against your will
- Verbal name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing
- Cyber All areas of internet, such as email & internet chat room misuse  
Mobile threats by text messaging & calls  
Misuse of associated technology, i.e. camera & video facilities
- Prejudice racial, body image, sectarianism, sexism and gender, homophobic, social and economic

Children were reminded it is their right not to be bullied and therefore their responsibility not to bully others. They also demonstrated their awareness of what they should do if they were being bullied or saw someone being bullied. We agreed that bullying is never acceptable- it is not a normal part of growing up. We would ask parents to support us in delivering these very important messages to your child/children.

### Christmas Parties

Christmas Parties will take place for all classes in the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>. Children may bring clothes to change into for the afternoon of their party. Dates can be found in the "Dates for your Diary" section of this newsletter.