

Meet The Staff Evening

All parents are invited to our "Meet the Staff" evening on Wednesday 3rd September, at 6.30pm. This will be an opportunity to informally meet with your child's class teacher to find out about class routines and the exciting learning experiences that are planned.

Teacher	Class
Miss Cairnie	P1a
Mrs McNee	P1b
Miss Harris	P2
Miss O'Brien/Mrs Oswald	P2/3
Miss Doris	P3
Mr Redmond/Mr Viola	P4a
Miss Carr	P4b
Mrs Nilsen-Nygaard/Mrs Dallas	P5
Mrs Guy/Miss Anderson	P6
Miss Taylor	P6/7
Mrs Farrant/Mrs Kerr	P7
Mrs Curran/Mrs Halliday	Science

Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd August	Photographer visiting school P1-P7 class photos P7 to Safety in the Park Leadership Assembly, 1.45pm
Monday 25 th August	P7 to Lockerbie Manor
Tuesday 26 th August	P1-P6 Trip to Edinburgh Book Festival
Monday 1 st September	Royal Rockstars teaching sessions begin
Wednesday 3 rd September	Meet the Staff Evening
Tuesday 9 th September	Royal Rockstars Concert, Greenbank Church 6.30pm
Thursday 18 th September	School & Nursery Closed for Referendum voting
Friday 26 th September	School & Nursery Closed, September Weekend holiday
Monday 29 th September	School & Nursery Closed, September Weekend holiday

E-Mail - We are encouraging newsletters etc be sent via e-mail. Please contact the school office if you would be interested in this, if you have not already done so. schoolmail@busby.e-renfrew.sch.uk or telephone 0141 570 7040.

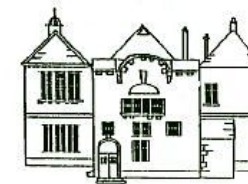
If you have any concerns, queries or compliments please do not hesitate in contacting me at the school.

Yours truly,



Sharon Hunter. Head Teacher

Busby Primary School and Nursery Class Newsletter August 2014



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope all pupils and parents had a wonderful and relaxing summer break. I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new pupils and parents. I have been scooting in and around the classes on the ground floor and I am delighted to see all the children looking so smart in their uniforms. I am really looking forward to the exciting events we have planned for the new school session.

Nursery News

Nursery Hours/Security

Nursery Sessions are from **8.45am to 11.55am** and from **12.25pm-3.35pm**.

Staff will supervise the door from 8.45am until 9.00am and again from 12.25pm until 12.40pm. After 9am and 12.40pm the Nursery door will be closed. Any parents arriving after these times will have to register in the main school office and then take their child through the school to Nursery where your child should be signed in as usual. The door will open at 11.45am during the morning session and at 3.25pm during the afternoon session to allow children to be signed out, shoes changed etc by the end of the session. If for any reason you have to collect your child early from Nursery, please do so through the main school building.

Security is paramount at Busby Nursery and I would ask parents to ensure they close the school gates behind them when dropping off and collecting their child.

Toy Fund

The Nursery Toy Fund donations of £2 are collected every Monday morning by a member of staff. The money raised by the toy fund makes a huge difference to life in the Nursery and we would like to thank all parents who continue to support the Nursery Class in this way.

New Staff

I would like to welcome two new Child Development Officers in the Nursery this session, Miss McNair and Mrs MacLeod.

Nursery Uniform

Order forms for Nursery uniform are available from the school office. Please provide a pair of soft sole shoes/sandshoes for changing into on arrival at Nursery. As outdoor learning is promoted within Busby Nursery, we would ask that your child has a pair of wellies to allow them to participate fully.

School News

Reminders

Please remember to contact the school **before** 9.15am if your child is going to be absent. If your child arrives after 9.10am, they should go to the school office before going to their classroom. Parents should not accompany their child to the classroom for security reasons.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please make an appointment through the office. Teachers should not be interrupted during school hours.

Attendance

Parents are reminded that any holidays or trips taken during the school term will be marked as an unauthorised absence. We know that pupils' development can be adversely affected by a poor attendance record so we urge you not to take your children out of school during term time.

Photographer

A photographer will be visiting the school on Friday 22nd August to take P1-P7 class photographs. Please ensure all pupils are dressed in shirt, tie and black shoes on this day.

Events

Edinburgh International Book Festival

All pupils in Primaries 1 to 6 are travelling to Edinburgh on Tuesday 26th August to take part in the RBS Schools Gala Day which is part of the Edinburgh International Book Festival. Each class will have the opportunity to participate in an author/illustrator led event and enjoy the atmosphere in Charlotte Park Gardens.

Lockerbie Manor

Pupils in Primary 7 are looking forward to their upcoming residential trip to Lockerbie Manor. The children leave on Monday 25th August and I am sure they will have a fabulous time!

Royal Rockstars

'Royal Rockstars' is a similar concept and format to 'Pop Connections' which you may recall was a great hit with pupils and parents in previous years. The concert will be staged in Greenbank Church. The children will have 4 teaching sessions in the week prior to the concert, delivered by specialist staff from Royal Rockstars. Further details to follow.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Last year a number of parents were involved in leading highly successful extra-curricular activities after school or at lunchtimes in various disciplines including guitar, tennis, art, chess, football and running clubs. If you would like to be involved in our extra-curricular programme please contact the school office with your details.

Flu Vaccinations - Advance Notice

As you may be aware, all children aged 5-11 in Scotland will be offered a flu vaccination this winter. Busby pupils will be vaccinated on the 29th October. Further information to follow.

Uniform & Equipment

Thank you to all parents for continuing to support our uniform policy. The children look very smart in their shirts and ties. I'd like to give a huge thank you to Cartsbridge Church as they once again purchased new blazers for all our P7 pupils. As you know, we participate in outdoor learning and we would ask that all pupils are sent to school with weather appropriate clothing.

Badges and clip on ties are available to purchase at the school office. Badges are £5 and clip on ties cost £3.50.

I'd like to remind you of the uniform recycling scheme which is led by a group of parents. You can leave any shirts, jumpers, blazers, trousers or skirts that your child has outgrown in the box outside the janitor's office. I'd like to thank Ms Nuala Ashe and her committee for organising this initiative.

PE

The PE uniform is a white T shirt and black shorts. At Busby we have 3 P.E. sessions a week. This year, all classes will have at least one P.E. lesson per week outdoors. Please ensure that your child keeps black joggers, white t-shirt / polo shirt and a lightweight cagoule in school.

Classroom Equipment

It is important that your child come to school equipped with pencils, a rubber and sharpener. You should also supply your child with a water bottle to ensure they remain hydrated throughout the day.

Pupil Leadership

Our Primary 7 pupils are currently preparing for the elections for House Captains, Head Boy and Girl, and Prefects. Primary 7 pupils will also have the opportunity to be elected the Chair and Vice Chair of the Pupil Council and Eco Council, Junior Nursery Teachers, Golden Time Helpers and Digital Leaders.

Throughout the school, classes will be nominating representatives for both the Pupil Council and the Eco Committee. There will be additional leadership opportunities for pupils throughout the school later in the term.

I look forward to working with this year's young leaders. There will be an assembly celebrating achievement on the afternoon of Friday 22nd August. Parents of pupils elected as young leaders will be invited to attend.

New Staff

We are welcoming a number of new staff to the school this session. Miss O'Brien will be teaching Primary 2/3 and Mr Redmond will be our new Primary 4a teacher.