

## Lost Property

Please check lost property on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January if your child lost an item of clothing last term. All items not collected will be uplifted and recycled later in the week.

## Parking

A number of parents have raised concerns about road safety at 3pm. Please remember that you should not park on corners or the zig-zag lines outside the school gates.

## School Security

**Please do not leave the school gate open at any time when dropping off or collecting your child from the Nursery or school.**

## 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.

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Visit from Kirsten Oswald, MP
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent Council Meeting, WWHS 7pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	BNCPG Meeting, 11am MACS Room
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Scottish Literature Celebration Assembly
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	School/Nursery closed, In Service Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School/Nursery closed, mid-term holiday
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	School/Nursery closed, mid-term holiday

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 January 2016



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to 2016 - I hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing Christmas and New Year holiday. Pupils and staff alike have come back to school/Nursery refreshed and we are all looking forward to another exciting term at Busby Primary. My Head Teacher "Drop-In" sessions will continue this term on Friday mornings at 9.30am so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you wish to discuss anything concerning your child.

## Nursery News

The children have clearly enjoyed their break and benefited from a fun time at home - many have grown considerably taller during the holidays!

We understand that sometimes children are going to other friends or activities before or after Nursery and need to bring a packed lunch or medication into the cloakroom. For the safety of all, if your child needs to bring in food or medicine please ensure it is stored in the shelved area in the Sunshine Room and tell your child's key worker.

## Skills Academy

Our Skills Academy programme has sprung back into action with all Early Level pupils following innovative modules on Creativity, Community, Food Technology and Design. Ask your child what they get up to on a Thursday!

For our Skills Academy and our Outdoor Learning we would appreciate if all children could bring wellies with names clearly labelled.

## Busby Nursery Class Parent Support Group

The next meeting is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 11am in the MACS room. We welcome all parents to join us to share ideas and information.

## STEM week

Later in the term we will be enjoying activities related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. STEM week takes place from 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March and we would love to hear from any parents or friends who have jobs or interests in any of these areas. Please let your child's key worker know of any contact details or suggestions. STEM week is always a very vibrant celebration of learning and we value the strong support we receive from our parent community.

## Partnership

Thank you to all the grandparents who have been regularly coming to read stories to the children. We really look forward to your visits.

If you have free time on Mondays or Wednesdays, please feel free to brace the elements to join us for our outdoor learning.

## Early Years Workshop

Following the successful Literacy Workshop in November, a further workshop has been planned for February 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 in Cart Mill Family Centre – please join us if you can.

## P1 Registration

If your child is aged 5 between **1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 and end of February 2017**, you should register your child at your catchment school during the week of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 **between 1.45pm - 3.30pm**. You will need to bring the following documents:

- your child's birth certificate
- current council tax notice
- a copy of a child benefit letter (or bank statement showing payments)
- mortgage statement or rental agreement showing the same address as on the child benefit letter

## School News

### Parent Council News

The next meeting of the Parent Council is at Williamwood High School on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

### Scottish Literature Celebration

Throughout January, we will be celebrating Scottish Literature and culture, culminating in our Scottish Literature Celebration Assembly on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January. All pupils will be asked to prepare a Scottish poem, verse or song. I would ask that you help your child learn their piece at home. All children will perform their pieces to their class and the chosen finalists will participate in the Assembly on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Parents of the finalists will be invited to join us for the Assemblies. The Assembly for pupils in P4 - P7 begins at 9.30am and the Assembly for P1-P3 begins at 1.30pm.

### Fairtrade Bake Sale

Thank you to all pupils and parents who took part in the Fairtrade Bake Sale in December. The sale raised £200, £100 of which will be donated to the Fairtrade Foundation and the remainder will go towards the school's Sustainability fund. Thank you again.

## STEM week 2016

Our annual STEM week will be taking place in March and I am delighted to inform you that the P5-P7 pupils will be working with Scottish Opera on a production called Fever!

We would like to invite you to help plan our STEM week programme. If you, or someone you know, has a job or hobby involving any aspect of Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths we would love to hear from you. The input from parents and friends help to make our STEM week an outstanding experience for our pupils. If you have any ideas or experience you would like to share, please contact the school office.

## Extra Curricular Clubs

Please see below for the start dates of the clubs this term.

Club	Day	Age Group	Start Date	Spaces	Cost
Young Leaders	Monday	P7	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Yes	£1/week
Choir	Monday	P4-P7	18 <sup>th</sup> January	Yes	Free
Supported Study	Monday	P3, P5, P7	11 <sup>th</sup> January	Yes	Free
Art	Tuesday	P1 & P2	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	No	Free
Dance	Tuesday	P5-P7	19 <sup>th</sup> January	Yes	Free
Euro Quiz	Tuesday	P6	12 <sup>th</sup> January	Yes	Free
Guitar	Wednesday	P6-7	20 <sup>th</sup> January	No	Free
Technologies	Thursday	P7	14 <sup>th</sup> January	No	Free
Running	Thursday	P5-P7	14 <sup>th</sup> January	Limited	Free
Football	Thursday	P1	25 <sup>th</sup> February	Yes	Free
Scripture Union	Thursday	P5-P7	21 <sup>st</sup> January	No	Free
Tennis	Thursday	P2-P7	14 <sup>th</sup> January	Yes	£2/week
Netball	Friday	P5-P7	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Yes	Free

In addition to the clubs above, Miss Cairnie will be forming a P1 & P2 choir that will compete at the Glasgow Music Festival in March. Further details will be issued in due course. Mrs Kerr is working with Active Schools and if there is a coach available we hope to have an active club for P3/4 later in the term.

Letters will be issued over the next few weeks for the Dance club, Young Leaders and P1 Football.

We would welcome any parent or carer who would like to volunteer time to help with our extra curricular programme, either helping with an existing club or setting up a new one.