

## Dates for diary - Advance Notice

Please note that the school will be closed on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May** for voting in the Scottish Parliament Elections and on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** for the EU Referendum.

## Dates for your Diary - School

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April

## Dates for your Diary - Nursery

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April

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

Yours truly,

Sharon Hunter. Head Teacher

P6 to Bibleworld, 11am

P6/7 to Bibleworld, 1.30pm

Parent Focus Group, 6pm

P2 Assembly 9.30am, parents welcome

P7 to Bibleworld

STEM week begins

P1&P2 choir to Glasgow Music Festival

P4-P7 Music Group to Music Festival

Parent Council Meeting, WWHS 6.30pm

Superhero Sports Day

Scottish Opera Performance, 2.15pm

All P6, P6/7 and P7 parents welcome

ERC Dance Championships

P3 Assembly, 9.30am. Parents welcome

School closed, Good Friday

School closed, Easter Monday

Spring Service, Busby Parish Church

**School closes 2.30pm**

School Reopens 9am

P7 Transition Sports Day, WWHS

Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm

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Book Day Celebration

'EcoDrama'

Superhero Sports Day

Nursery closed, Good Friday

Nursery closed, Easter Monday

Daffodil Tea, 11am & 2pm

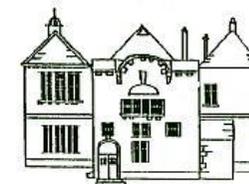
**Nursery closes 2.30pm**

Nursery Reopens 8.50am and 12.50pm

Parents Evening 4.00-6.30pm

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# Busby Primary School and Nursery Class Newsletter March 2016



Dear Parent/Carer,

Spring is just around the corner and for us at Busby Primary that can only mean one thing - Yes! It's STEM week time. A special STEM newsletter will be issued next week.

I hope that many of you are able to attend the Parent Focus Group on the School Improvement Plan on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 6-7pm. If you are unable to attend please fill out the Parent Questionnaire which will be issued in due course.

Primary 1 will lead our Spring Service on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 9.45am at Busby Parish Church**. As always, we invite all parents, carers and friends of Busby Primary to join us.

## Nursery News

Thank you to all parents and friends who have joined us for our very entertaining Bookbug sessions and the informative workshop on using Hanen strategies to get the most out of reading with your children. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive and I appreciate parents taking the time to complete the evaluation forms. The staff love having parents working with us and would welcome suggestions for further collaboration.

## Brushathon

Local Smile Month has encouraged us all to make sure we are brushing our teeth regularly and have lots to smile about. The Busby Big Brushathon on 1<sup>st</sup> March was well attended and was great fun for all who participated. Thank you to those parents, grandparents and friends who joined us.

## Lunchtime Wrap

If your child comes for lunchtime wrap, can we ask parents to sign children out on the register sheet which is kept by Mrs Small (Red Group). This helps us keep all the children safe.

## Learning Focus - STEM

We have a variety of exciting experiences planned for our Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths week (14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March). We are thrilled that parents have offered to support our events - it's still not too late to join in! We have a Science show based on 'Our Body' and a 'Super Hero Sports Day' reinforcing how to keep our bodies healthy and focusing on our school values. A day of Science with P1 children is planned to share learning across Early Level. A visit from 'EcoDrama' will encourage us to consider recycling in a fun context. We would ask that children bring in a small plastic bottle and old newspapers to support this aspect of learning.

## **World Book Day**

We are continuing our focus on literacy with a celebration of World Book Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. Children can come to Nursery dressed in pyjamas and cosy treats will be on offer during the session. We have a special visit from Bookbug who will help Mrs Grey with her session. Our message is simple - books are fun!

## **School News**

### **Parent Council News**

The next Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm at Williamwood High School. Items on the agenda for discussion include the Parent Council calendar, P7 Leavers events, the PVG scheme and the Summer Fayre. All parents are welcome to attend.

### **Parents Night - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Parent Night appointment letters will be issued next week.

### **Finance**

We are now coming to the end of the financial year and the school has purchased a number of Learning and Teaching resources focusing on planning assessment, growth mindset, effective questioning and higher order thinking skills.

### **Family Centred Audit**

As part of our work towards gaining 'Family Centred' accreditation for the school, we recently completed an audit on what we could do to make the school more welcoming for parents and visitors.

**You said** - the entrance to the school could be more attractive and sign in desk could be better located as new visitors to the school often miss it.

**We did** - You may have noticed the colourful and inspiring enhancements to the stairs in the main building. We have also updated the link corridor windows with beautiful pictures of our pupils. The sign in desk for visitors has been moved to a more central position. Please let us know what you think of our improvements.

### **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 and learning can be adversely affected by a poor attendance record so we urge you not to take your children out of school during term time. The school target for attendance has been set at 96.8%. In future, we will send out a kind reminder if your child's attendance slips below 97%.

### **Music Festival**

Miss Cairnie and Mrs McLean are taking choirs to compete in the Glasgow Music Festival later this month. On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Miss Cairnie's P1 and P2 choir will sing in the Royal Concert Hall. Their class begins at 11.45am. Mrs McLean's Music Making Group will perform on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. Parents are welcome to attend the performances. Tickets are available from the Concert Hall and cost £5 for an adult and £3 for children.

## **Second Level Show - Busby Roars**

Auditions for the Second Level show - "Busby Roars" are now complete and the cast list has been posted on the Show display board. Rehearsals will begin from next week for the main cast. Class parts will be given out after the Spring break. The show will be performed at Eastwood Theatre on the evening of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

If you think you could be of some assistance during the show, for example to help with costumes, make-up or props, please contact the school office and they will pass your details on to Miss Harris.

### **Guide Dog Take-over Day**

All pupils spent a very interesting and informative day learning about Guide Dogs and creating crafts which will be sold at a coffee morning later in March. Pupils particularly enjoyed meeting the puppies and experiencing the sensory unit. We managed to raise £230 from donations for this very worthy cause. I am delighted that Fran, Louisa, Eilidh and Sophie organised the day for us. They are very caring girls and a real credit to the school.

### **Virgin Money**

A huge thank you goes to all our parents for supporting the Primary 7s with their Virgin Money challenge. We had 7 teams, 9 weeks and 1 challenge ... to make their £5 grow and it sure grew! All groups made a profit with the winners, Ellie and Niamh, raising over £130 and the runner ups raising over £120; Eilidh, Louisa, Fran, Sophie, Maddy, Hope, Aimee. After giving back the initial £5 profit the Primary 7s have raised £461.97. This, as always, will all go back to the Primary 7 pupils and they are now busy planning a year group trip.

### **Message from the Junior Road Safety Officers**

"It has come to our attention that there have been issues of people parking on the zigzag yellow lines when dropping off and picking up their children from school. This is just a kind reminder to keep the yellow zigzag lines clear at all times. We would also like to ask if you could be a courteous driver, slow down when driving near the school and if possible if you could park further away from the school and walk instead of parking near the school gate. The community policeman has already expressed concerns and if this doesn't improve a warning may be issued and we will have to ask you to move your car and issue parking tickets. If everyone could adhere to these rules it would be very much appreciated."

### **P7 Trip Session 2016/17**

Due to the very successful and enjoyable residential visit our current P7 year group enjoyed earlier in the session, we have booked Lochgoilhead Outdoor Activity Centre for 5 days in September for next year's P7 class.

### **Transition**

I hope all parents found the transition booklet sent home last week helpful and informative. Our P7 pupils will be participating in a Cluster sports event as part of their high school transition programme at Williamwood on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.