

# Eastfield Primary School & Nursery Newsletter



## November/December '15 Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Mrs Jean Quinn- Catering Manager Retiral**

After 19 years service at Eastfield Primary School and having worked with North Lanarkshire Council (formally Strathkelvin Council) since 1988, Mrs Quinn has decided to retire. Mrs Quinn is a special member of our school team and her commitment and passion in ensuring that each child within our school is given a personal service at breakfast and lunchtime has been outstanding. She will be greatly missed and we wish her a happy, relaxing and well deserved retiral .

### **'Active Literacy Open Evening' Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of November '15**

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended for the 'Active Literacy Open-Evening' on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of November '15. In response to feedback from last year, we adopted a more interactive approach and involved pupils from all stages to help present and lead the workshops. We were delighted with the confidence in which the pupils who came along to support leading this year's session displayed. Similar to last year the event was a success and the feedback that we gathered from our parents/carers, staff and pupils was very positive.

### **'Getting it Right for Every Child- Helping our Children Achieve' through Additional Support for Learning (ASfL)**

#### **'GIRFEC/ ASfL Open Evening Event' 26<sup>th</sup> November '15**

Thank you to the parents/carers who managed to join us at this event on a particularly stormy evening! The event provided parents/carers with the opportunity to hear how Additional Support for Learning is being delivered to learners across the school this session. Information on support agencies who work in partnership with the school and how Additional Support for Learning plays a crucial role in ensuring that we 'Get it Right' for every learner at Eastfield PS & NC will be shared. As part of the Children and Young Person (Scotland) Act, 2014 all children within Scotland now have a 'Named Person' appointed to support their developmental journey. If you were unable to attend the event and would like additional information on these matters, leaflets are available from the school office.

### **Extreme Weather Notification Protocol/Extreme Weather Activity Booklets**

The recent cold and windy weather reminds us that winter is here. Whilst we endeavor to keep the school open, there may be occasions when this becomes impossible to do so. Should it be necessary to close the school for whatever reason notice would be broadcast on North Lanarkshire Council's website, Twitter and through local radio stations. Should it become necessary to close the school after the day has started we would try to contact as many of you as possible either via text messaging or by telephone. If doing so we would begin with the youngest children first and work up through the school. It is therefore of vital importance that "Emergency Contacts" are kept up to date. If you require to update any emergency contact details please contact the school office.

In the event of a school closure, learning opportunities, in the form of booklets can be accessed through the school website.

### **Harvest/ Food Bank Collection & Celebrations**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest celebrations by following our tradition of collecting non-perishable food items, your support with this matter is very much appreciated. We have donated this year's collection to the Salvation Army to distribute to those in greatest need through their local food bank donation centres.

### **Smoking on School Grounds**

As a reminder that with the introduction of the Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Prohibition of Smoking in Certain Premises (Scotland) Regulations 2006, North Lanarkshire Council operates a no smoking policy across all authority's school campuses. Any person accessing the school must refrain from smoking in any of the school campus areas including within vehicles parked in the school car park. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### **Safe and Considerate Parking**

Yellow zig-zag lines are painted on the roads within the car park and immediately outside the school gates. In the interests of everyone concerned, can I please take this opportunity to remind anyone parking in or around the school to be mindful of the fact that cars should at no point be parked within these areas. Whilst I recognise that parking within the school car park is difficult at peak times it is essential that disabled parking bays are prioritised for children with disabled access entitlements. This ensures that pupils with additional support needs can continue to access the car park safely. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

### **ICT - Parent Support Handout for Glow Blog Access/Free "Maths on Track" App for iPads**

Recently a document named "Parent Support Handout for Glow Blog Access" was distributed by the school in order to support home access to our fabulous school/class blogs. We hope this will ensure that all families are now able to access this wonderful resource and keep up to date with your child(ren)'s learning in school. If you are still experiencing problems regarding Glow access, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### **School Pitch**

The recent variation of weather reminds us that we are now in winter and the likelihood of cold and wet weather awaits. To ensure that children benefit from safe outdoor play and learning during these cooler days, it is now necessary to restrict access to school pitch. We will re-open the pitch facility in springtime when the weather hopefully becomes drier, warmer and brighter! ☺

### **School Cashless Lunch System**

Our cashless system was launched on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November '15**. All children have been issued with lunch payment cards and these cards will be kept in school. Children are now able to load money onto their cards during set timeframes throughout the school day/ week. The cashless machine accepts coins from 10p upwards as well as £5, £10 and £20 notes. Can we please request that parents send pupils to school with larger notes to spread across the week. As a result this will minimize their time out of class every day to have to top up their cards. It is anticipated that parents will be able to pay for school meals via an online payment system. Information about this service will be made available to you once we have been notified of the details.

*\*Please remember that payment will not be required for primary 1-3 Christmas lunch.*



### **Lunch Money**

In the event that your child(ren) requires to borrow money from the school office to purchase their lunch, a receipt will be issued to parents/carers detailing the amount of money borrowed. Unfortunately the school does not have the facility or funds to lend money to pupils on a regular basis, therefore we request that borrowed money is returned to the school office the next day. Should parents/carers wish to discuss support that may be available to them in relation to free school meal grants then please do not hesitate to contact the office.

### **Absence notes**

Please ensure that a separate note (not contained within school diary) is sent into school with your child following all absences to ensure our records are accurately kept up to date.

### **Primary Seven Transition Programme-Greenfaulds High School Session 2015/16**

Primary Seven transfer arrangements to secondary school will be issued shortly. Please complete these forms and return to the school office as soon as possible to ensure effective transition.

### **Monthly Newsletter Comments Slip**

Attached to this newsletter is a blank monthly comments slip that can be used to record ideas or suggestions for further school improvement.

Your views and feedback play an essential part in shaping our school improvement agenda and improving the service that we provide to our pupils, parents/carers and wider community.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Last day!**

Eastfield Primary School will close at 2.30pm on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> December and we are looking forward to getting into the holiday spirit by welcoming our visiting Pantomime! We also plan to have a dress down day to mark the occasion.



### Dates for your Diary (so far!)

1st December '15	Continuous Improvement Officer (CIO) Visit	
4th December '15	Primary 7b Class Assembly @9.30am	
10th December '15	Christmas Lunch/Wear a "Christmas Jumper Day"	-See promotional flyers
11th December '15	Primary 3 Christmas party (pm)	
14th December '15	Primary 2 Christmas party (pm)	
15th December '15	Primary 4 Christmas party (pm)	
15th December '15	Parent Council Christmas Disco (Evening 1 of 2)	-See PC letter for details
16th December '15	Primary 5 Christmas party (pm)	
16th December '15	Parent Council Christmas Disco (Evening 2 of 2)	-See PC letter for details
17th December '15	Nativity Dress Rehearsal	
18th December '15	Nativity (am only)	
18th December '15	Primary 1 Christmas party (pm)	
21st December '15	Nativity (am and pm)	
21st December '15	Primary 6/7 Christmas party (pm)	
22nd December '15	Pantomime in school/Dress-Down Day/early closure (2.30pm)	-See promotional flyers
6th January '16	School reopens at 9.00am for staff and pupils	
11th January '16	P6b newsletter distributed to parents/carers	
22nd January '16	P5a newsletter distributed to parents/carers	
26th January '16	Parent Council Meeting - All Welcome	
29th January '16	"Come Play & Learn With Me!" (Nursery, P1, P2, P3)	-See promotional flyers

*\*Primary 1 induction dates (January) - awaiting confirmation from NLC.*

*Please Note- Dates are confirmed at the time of printing and may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Should this occur and if it is deemed necessary then further notification of amended dates and times will be provided. Parents/Carers can also access electronic copies of newsletters via the school website. For further information relating to events planned throughout the year parents/carers can refer to the annual calendar that was distributed to parents/carers in August '15.*

Once again thank you for your continued support and I hope you and your family have a wonderful and restful holiday!

Yours sincerely,

Lesley McPhee

Mrs Lesley McPhee  
Depute Head Teacher





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# Parent/Carer Comment Slip

Please use this slip to provide us with your views and comments. Your views are valued and appreciated. To find out how your feedback is used to support and inform school improvement, then please review the 'You Said, We Did' display within our school reception and also our comments/ feedback folders.

Name of Parent/Carer  
Name of Pupil

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Please return completed forms to the school office.  
Thank you for your continued support.