

Westfield Primary School Newsletter



Westfield Primary is a Nut Free Zone - no products containing nuts or traces of nuts should be brought to school. Kinder products and Nutella are not permitted. Please check labels carefully. Thank you.

Holiday Dates

School closed: Monday 7 May 2018

School re-opens: Wednesday 9 May 2018

Teachers' In-service Day: Tuesday 8 May 2018

School closed: Friday 25 May 2018

School re-opens: Tuesday 29 May 2018

School closes at **1.00pm** on Thursday 28 June 2018

School re-opens for pupils on Thursday 16 August 2018

Congratulations to Mrs. Goodwin and her family on the birth of her daughter, Emma on the 20th of April - a little sister for Noah.

Mrs Logan will be taking P4/3 for the remainder of the school session.

Kilbowie - August 2018

I would be grateful if parents and carers of P6 pupils could provide a deposit of £10 to secure a place for their child at Kilbowie as soon as possible. Once the deposit has been received, Miss Dougall will issue a payment card which will be filled in at school after each payment is made. Thank you.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available Monday to Friday, from 8.30am till 8.55am. Children should not come to school **earlier than 8.30am** as there is no-one available to ensure their health and safety should they, for example, fall in the playground, be approached by a stranger or if it starts to rain.

Uniform Orders

Uniform order forms will be sent home with every child on Wednesday 16 May. I would like to thank you all once again for the consistent wearing of uniform - our children look smart and ready for work every day. May I remind you that **joggers** and **tracksuit bottoms** are not permitted except for school trips / sporting occasions and that a school tie should always be worn with shirts / blouses. Your support is very much appreciated.

Key points to remember for next session are:

Grey trousers / skirts - not black

White shirt or blouse with a **school tie** or white polo

Red jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt

Black shoes

Black indoor shoes or trainers for PE

White t-shirt and red shorts for PE

No jewellery except for stud earrings, as per our Health and Safety Policy.

Pupil Reports

Pupil reports will be issued mid-May. An opportunity to discuss your child's report and any concerns or questions you may have about their progress will be made available on Thursday 24 May from 6.00 to 8.00pm. An appointment request letter will be sent home nearer the time. We have changed our procedures in response to feedback from you that some parents would like more opportunities to discuss their child's learning and progress. Next session we will also be exploring other ways in which you can be more involved and informed of

how well your child is doing at school. Please remember that you can also contact the school at any point to make an appointment to discuss any aspect of your child's learning or wellbeing.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday 15 May at 6.00pm. This will be the Parent Council's Annual General Meeting and therefore all and any parent / carer who wishes to attend is entitled to do so.

PTA

The next meeting of the PTA is on the 15 of May at 6.30pm.

PTA Summer Disco will be on Thursday 14 June. The tickets are the usual price of £2.00 and will be available from the school office. The infant disco starts at 6.30pm and finishes at 7.45pm. The senior disco starts at 8.00 and finishes at 9.15pm. All children must be collected by a responsible adult.

Text Messages / Alerts

I would be grateful if you could let us know if you change your mobile number as you may be missing out on useful updates or reminders. This is especially important as regards after-school clubs as sometimes there can be last minute cancellations or changes which are difficult to communicate quickly without using the text message system. Unfortunately we now have to pay for all texts and we have to be careful with how many we send.

Visits, Visitors and Events

P6/5 Kelvingrove Museum and Gallery

This trip is designed to extend and enhance the art and history lessons the children have been participating in at school.

Secondary School Transition

A number of teachers from Greenfaulds High School will be visiting the P7 classes over the next few weeks as part of the transition to secondary school process. The secondary school staff will be liaising with Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Webster, and working directly with pupils, to assess their skills, knowledge and attributes which will help shape decisions about classes and teaching plans.

Infant Induction session for children and parents / carers takes place on Wednesday 16 May from 10.00 am till 11.40 (including school meal rehearsal).

P7 High School Visits

Greenfaulds - Thursday 31 of May and Friday 1 June 2018. Children will be responsible for making their own way to Greenfaulds. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any difficulty getting the children to Greenfaulds as we can help out.

Lunch will be provided free of charge on both days although children may take a packed lunch if they would prefer to do so. Uniform must be worn on both days and PE kit is required.

Please contact the school if you have any concerns or questions.

Strathcarron Hospice - Wear Yellow Day

We are taking part in the Wear Yellow Day to raise funds for Strathcarron Hospice on **Friday 1 June**. This is entirely voluntary but for a £1 donation children can wear yellow items such as t-shirts and shorts and/or yellow accessories to school instead of their normal uniform.

Health Week will be from Monday 4 June till Friday 8 June. The children will be involved in a range of health promoting activities throughout the week culminating on the Friday with Sports Day (9.30-11.00) weather permitting of course! Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

Hill Walks - Ben A'an (P7 only) Friday 11 May / Dumyat (P5-7) Wednesday 6 June

The children are required to bring a waterproof jacket, wear sensible trainers and carry a small rucksack containing their pack lunch and water/juice. They can also bring a camera/phone/binoculars whichever you allow and they must be responsible for these items themselves.

There are no shops they do not need to bring any spending money. The cost of each trip to cover buses and first aiders is £3 per pupil.

All we need is the weather!

Summer Trip (P1-6) - Heads of Ayr Outdoor Centre and Park

This year's summer trip on **Friday 15 June** will be a visit to Heads of Ayr Park. The entry and travel costs are high therefore even with a subsidy from school funds we will need to charge £10 per child. This can be paid in instalments over the next few weeks, if preferred.

The children will need to have a packed lunch and a bottle of water for the bus. Please put the lunch in a carrier bag which can be disposed of and we would be grateful if there were no yoghurts or yoghurt drinks as these always seem to leak or spill and are difficult to clean up without water. Can I also remind parents that no products containing nuts should be included in packed lunches as several children have nut allergies.

The children should wear their school polo shirt and sweat shirt for easy identification but can wear jeans or casual trousers for comfort. A waterproof jacket is also necessary in case of rain. Sunscreen should be applied at home if the forecast is for sun (fingers crossed) and a cap or hat worn for protection.

We would also appreciate it if the children are only given a few pounds, put in a wallet or purse, if they want to buy ice-cream, toys or presents.

After School Clubs Term 4

The after-school clubs for Term 4 will run until the end of May with a few exceptions. This is because we are mindful that lots of children have displays and competitions on at this time of the year and attendance at after-school activities tends to drop off.

The clubs are: Monday - Dance for P4-6 with Rebecca commencing on the 14th of May, Tuesday - Fundamentals for P1 with Kieran, Wednesday - Ball Games for P2 with Chris, Guitar for P4-7 with Graham and Thursday - Judo for P5 with Allan. We will possibly have a tennis coach, but this is still to be confirmed.

Nursery Garden

A huge thanks must go to the wonderful staff at Dobbie's, Westerwood, who not only gave of their time and advice on plants and garden design, but then donated items to develop this valuable outdoor space. We now have a sensory garden, fairyland, dinosaur area, planted wellies, shrubs that attract birds and insects and plants that offer variety during each season. In addition, Dobbie's included a rowan tree which will be planted in the grassed area next to the nursery entrance. This will be a legacy item celebrating our fortieth birthday. Thanks too are due to staff at B&Q in Cumbernauld, who gave us a gift voucher to help purchase items for our puzzle wall and paint for troughs and wooden picnic set. To the staff from Cummins Engineering and our Nursery Parent Group who gave of their time and talents to dig, plant and place - what a difference a day makes! Miss Copeland will include more thanks in the nursery letter but I would like to thank her and Mrs Alston for giving of their time and energy to this project and to Mr Alston for building the decked area. What a team!

Rights Respecting School

Our Right of the Month is - Article 28 - You have the right to a good quality education and to be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can. Please talk with your children about this; what will this look like in Westfield Primary School; what will you see or hear about your child's education?

Many thanks with your support with this.