



Banton Primary School November 2017



Dear Parent/Carer

It gives me great pleasure to share our November Newsletter with you. This will give you information about the events that are happening in November. If you would like to discuss any items in this newsletter please do not hesitate to contact me on 01236794874 by phone or email at ht@banton.n-lanark.sch.uk

Kind Regards,

*Siobhan McLeod(HT)
& Banton Team*

What went well in October?

Harvest Assembly

We were very proud of our pupils who shared their learning with parents, the community and the residents of Craig En Goyne during the Harvest Assembly. We were delighted with the donations received from our families for the Kilsyth Foodbank. Thank you very much.

Halloween Party

Pupils had great fun at their party playing 'Wrap the Mummy', Photo-Booth, Karaoke, and other games. The costumes were super and everyone enjoyed the party food. Please send in your donation to the party if you haven't already done so.

Kilsyth Foodbank

Mrs Rae accompanied some pupils to the foodbank to hand in our harvest collection which they were delighted to receive.

Information

Birthday Celebrations

Traditionally, parents have handed in a birthday cake or sweets for the class when it is their child's birthday. A number of children have allergies so for safety, this cannot happen anymore. We will celebrate the child's birthday in other ways, that do not involve food. I am sure you will understand the reasons behind this change.

Home-Time Plans

Please remember to talk to your child about their home-time plan, particularly when there is an after-school club. If your child signs up for a club, it is important they attend.

You will be receiving a Severe Weather Learning Plan in the next two weeks. As well as activities that your child can complete should they be unable to attend school due to the weather, there is a tear-off slip which needs to be completed. On this you should note the plan for your child should there be an emergency closure due to severe weather, by detailing whom we should contact and where your child should go. It is very important that your child knows the plan.

Library/Quiet Zone

Mrs Cheape is creating a quiet zone within our library area. This will be a quiet place that pupils can use, if required, and to go and read. We will also be taking part in the First Minister's Reading Challenge to promote enjoyment in reading across the school

Stay and Play

We host this on a Thursday from 2-3pm. It is an opportunity for the younger members of our community to come and socialise with other children, and to become familiar with the school environment. Parents/Carers can play with their child and chat with the other adults while having a tea/coffee.

Playground Games/Junior Sport Leaders

Our P4-7 pupils are currently being trained to lead sports activities in the playground. Active Schools Staff will train pupils over 3 weeks after which they will be able to lead games in the hall or in the playground. The den equipment is currently in storage to protect it from the elements so this will give us an opportunity to focus on playground games. We have boxes with a variety of gym equipment, such as ropes, markers, different bats and balls, footballs etc. The play hut also has toys inside it.

And now onto November...

Rag-Bag Collection 7/11/17

These will be collected on 7th November. It's not too late if you would like to hand anything in.

Badminton 7/11/17

This lunch-time club will begin again on Tuesday 7th November. Please remember gym kits and a bottle of water.

Kilsyth Academy P7 Science Event 7/11/17

Primary 7 will be visiting Kilsyth Academy on the morning of 7th November. This is a transition event when Primary 7 pupils from other schools will also attend. A packed lunch is required as pupils will not return until 12.30pm. Thank you.

No Toast/Milk 9/11/17

Mrs Smith will not be available to provide toast/milk on 9th November. Please provide a snack for your child, if required.

Remembrance Sunday 12/11/17



The Community Council have requested two pupils to lay their wreath at the memorial at Banton Church. Poppies are on sale at school, and pupils will be taking these around the community.

Parent Council Meeting 13/11/17

The next parent council meeting is on Monday 13th November, at 7pm in the school.

Anti-Bullying Week 13/11/17

Pupils will be learning about bullying, how it affects others, and what to do should they see anyone getting bullied or experience it themselves. We will be using resources from the RespectMe website. I contacted them with a view to providing training for parents. They are currently looking at this and may be able to do something later in the school year around transition time. I will keep you posted if there are any further developments.

Children in Need 17/11/17

The Fundraising Committee will be organising some fun activities for this day. More information will follow.



Kilsyth Academy P7 Maths Challenge 17/11/17

This will take place on 17th November at Kilsyth Academy. Primary 7 and Primary 6 pupils will be selected to form a team of four for this challenge.

Village Christmas Fayre 24/11/17

This will take place in the Banton Community Centre beginning at 6.30pm.

Christmas Photographs

Mrs Smith will be taking photographs again this year and selling them at the Christmas Fayre. There will be a date in November for these photographs. On this date, children can wear their Christmas jumpers.

Looking ahead to December....

Christmas Fayre 1/12/17

The Parent Council Christmas Fayre will take place on 1st December, starting at 10am. There is an entrance charge of £1 which will include Tea/Coffee/Mince Pies. Our pupils will be selling their Christmas Arts and Crafts, made as part of an Enterprise Project. Pupils will also be delivering leaflets to advertise this event around the village whilst singing some Christmas Carols to create a festive mood!

14th Christmas Show afternoon/evening

15th Carol Singing at Tesco am

20th Church Service

21st Visiting Panto at

Chapelgreen PS am

Christmas Party 1pm

22nd Close at 2.30pm