



Chapelgreen Primary School & Nursery Class

15 January 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to wish you a 'Happy New Year' and welcome back all our pupils and staff. We are really looking forward to term 3 and the learning opportunities and experiences ahead.

Learning & Teaching



The Nursery and classes are currently learning to appreciate some Scottish culture through exploring the life of Robert Burns and learning to recite poems, sing songs and dance to ceilidh music. They will then move onto researching some Scottish Inventions and perhaps creating one of their own.

Looking back

December was such a busy month in the school and nursery. A number of pupils sang carols at Tesco alongside pupils from Banton, and managed to raise over £170 for Diabetes UK. We were extremely proud of our pupils!

Pupils also very kindly served their community by delivering Christmas post. Mrs Davidson, our classroom assistant helped pupils with this and ensured everyone received their mail. Thank you very much!

Bravo!



Our pupils excelled in their dramatic and musical performances during the school show and the Nativity. The school show was a great success and enjoyed by many, including local councillors. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and contributions.



Pupils enjoyed going to Cumbernauld Theatre for the panto and having a great party with a special guest. The Nursery children also went to a wee Christmas Show at Cumbernauld and had a lovely party too. Their parents and families came along to their little sing-a-long and a lovely Santa who landed on the roof when he heard his favourite song!

If you have any feedback concerning any of our events, both positive and suggestions for further improvements, please contact me either by phone or email at ht@chapelgreen.n-lanark.sch.uk

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Do you want to become a central part of your local community and help North Lanarkshire's children get to and from school safely?

School Crossing Patrollers are urgently required in various locations across the authority.

This job will allow you to play a vital role of ensuring the safety of pedestrians, particularly children, when crossing the road.

The posts range from 7.5 to 13.75 hours a week and patrollers will receive the national living wage.

Anyone interested in applying for these roles should visit www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/crossingpatrol or call the Facilities Management Team on 01236 632559.

Homework

We would like to offer our pupils more personalisation and choice with their homework. Some of the usual activities will remain but there will be a grid/table of activities for your child to select from. This is new for Chapelgreen Primary and you may have some questions. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or the class teacher for further clarification. Below is an example of spelling homework.

Spelling	<u>Spelling Rules -</u> Come up with another 6 words that have our spelling rule.	<u>Acrostic poem -</u> Choose one of your spelling words. Write an acrostic poem for that word.	<u>Wordsearch -</u> Make a wordsearch using your spelling words. Words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.	<u>Computer -</u> Use the computer to type your spelling words. Can you use different fonts, colours and sizes.

Choose one spelling activity from the grid to complete each week. Your child can choose a different activity each week to provide variety. By the end of the term it would be expected that most activities had been attempted.

Some parents worry when a familiar activity is changed that it may not be the best for their child. Ultimately spelling is learning a sequence of letters/sounds that make up the word. Writing words out three times is only a valuable activity if the strategy of 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' is used accurately. We all learn differently. Some children will be visual learners and writing the tricky part of the word in a colour, or in fancy letters, might help that children remember what the word looks like.

We would expect, regardless of the activity chosen, that it is completed to a good standard and presented neatly with the date and title.

Looking ahead



Concert 28 January Nursery, Primaries 1-3

The Nursery and Primaries 1-3 are off to the Glasgow Concert Hall on 28 January. This is a lovely way to start some of our transition from nursery to primary. The concert is part of the Celtic Connections and we were successful in gaining free tickets. Children will be entertained by 'Funbox'. The concert begins at 11am and finishes at 12.10pm. The bus will collect pupils at 10am and hopefully we will return to school no later than 1pm. As we would be unable to keep hot meals for this duration, only snack-a-packs will be available from the dinner school. Nursery children will be accompanied by an adult/parent.

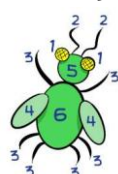


YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTAKE IN SOME SCOTTISH CULTURE! 3 February 9am

P1-7 would welcome the opportunity to perform their learning for you. We would like to invite family, friends and members of the community to the school hall on Wednesday 3 February. Refreshments will be served from 9am with performances beginning at 9.30am.



Family Games Night 4 February 6.30pm-8.00pm



The Parent Council would like to host a 'Beetle Drive' night for parents and their children. Please keep this date free and come along and join in the fun. The Parent Council will issue more details.

Dates for your diary

We issued a calendar of events in September but will also send out a reminder of these dates for January to June. Please keep this in a safe place. The school is closed to pupils on 8 - 10 February. Monday and Tuesday is a holiday, while Wednesday is an In-Service Day for staff only.

Pupil Committees

We will be establishing whole school committees that will focus on involving pupils in decision-making giving pupils a voice. Pupils will have the chance to put themselves forward for the committees. It is expected that every pupil will be involved in one of the groups. Further information will follow.



Parent Council

Our first Parent Council Meeting of 2016 is 1 February at 6.30pm. **Does an evening still suit everyone?** Please let me know your thoughts on this.

Outdoor Learning with Mr Carter

Big Schools' Birdwatch

4 Jan-12 Feb 2016

Mr Carter is a member of the Scottish Wildlife Trust and other environmental groups. He supports a number of local initiatives and continues to give his time to help pupils and school staff get the most use out of their local environment and to create an enjoyment for the natural world around us. Mr Carter has been supporting pupils at Banton Primary for a

few years not. He has very kindly agreed to carry out some of the activities with our pupils. I am delighted to say that Primary 6/7 will be taking part in the Big School Bird Watch (Jan-Feb) and Primary 4/5 in the Big School Weather Watch (March). Please remember to check our school blog as we will post our findings on this.



Partnership with Parents/Carers

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you this term and appreciate your support. If you would like to receive the newsletter and other communication by email, please let me know. Information is usually also posted on our blog which you can access by searching for **Chapelgreen Primary Glow Blog**.

Kind Regards

Siobhan McLeod HT
& Chapelgreen Team