



Chapelgreen Primary School & Nursery Class October 2016



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you had a good break. I have included a consultation page for parents/carers to give their views on specific issues. I would appreciate if you could take the time to complete this and return it to the school/nursery by Monday 31st October. Thank you.

If you would like to discuss any items in this newsletter please do not hesitate to contact me on 01236794836 by phone or email at ht@chapelgreen.n-lanark.sch.uk

Kind Regards,

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& Chapelgreen Team

FUN DAY INCLUDING THE HALLOWEEN DISCO



We have decided to have a dress up or dress down fun day on the morning of Friday 28.10.16 followed by the Halloween Disco in the afternoon. Pupils can come to school dressed up for Halloween or bring their costume with them. If anyone doesn't want to dress up, they can dress down, wearing their own clothes. We would ask that every child contributes £1.00 which will cover the cost of a drink and snack, as well as prizes. We have decided to have the disco during the school day because the cost of the school let has doubled in price. The Parent Council will have a stall in the afternoon to sell some neon toys. These will range from £1-£2.00.

GOOGLE EXPEDITION



Pupils in P3-7 had a great time just before the holidays when Kostas from Google brought some exciting technology to allow pupils to experience a virtual tour of ancient tepees, the Rainforest, the Great Wall of China, and many other amazing places. If your child hasn't told you about this, please ask them.



PRIMARY 7

P7 will be going to Kilsyth Academy on Tuesday 1.11.16 for a practical Science event. They will be accompanied by Miss Coyle.

There is also a Parent Information Evening at Kilsyth Academy on Monday 7.11.16 for parents of Primary 7 pupils. This will be followed with a tour of the school and an opportunity to see some of the activities your child will experience at High School. You will receive a letter from the High School with more information.

Primary 7 have the opportunity to go to Kilbowie on 6th-10th March 2017. This is an amazing opportunity for children with lots of outdoor learning and teamwork. More information about this will follow in a separate letter.

ST ANDREW'S DAY VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE IN AID OF THE CHARITY, SPINA BIFIDA HYDROCEPHALUS SCOTLAND

We are delighted to support Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland (SBHS) in raising money. The Balloon Race is an online event and when you purchase a balloon you can choose the shape, colour and pattern as well as how much helium to use and the thickness of the balloon. A balloon costs £3.00 however you can get a bargain by purchasing 4 for £10.00. That is 4 different balloons to design and enter into the race. The balloons travel for a week and the one which travels the furthest will receive £1000! The school will also benefit because for every balloon sold, we will get £1.00 back. Your child will bring home a leaflet with the instructions and more information.

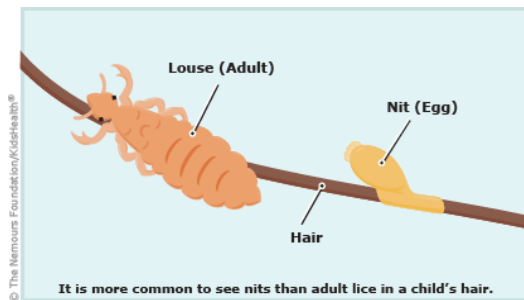


SAFETY



Now that the Primary 1 pupils have settled in so well to their routines I would request that parents/carers do not enter the playground in the morning but encourage their child to independently walk down the path to begin their play. We provide supervision in the playground from 8.45am each morning and encourage children to play. There have been occasions when the supervisor has needed to stop the children playing 'tig' because they were bumping into parents. Parents/Carers will naturally chat to supervisors which also prevents them from doing their job and looking after children in the playground. If you feel unable to leave your child until the bell has gone, please wait at the fence to the right of the school gate so as not to block access to the pedestrian pathway. I would appreciate your support in this matter. Thank you.

HEAD LICE



I spoke to pupils in Assembly regarding the importance of not sharing hair brushes, hair accessories and hats. There can be a break-out of head lice from time-to-time but if everyone checks their child's head regularly, we can minimise this. You can talk to

your chemist about the best shampoo to use in the event your child has head lice. Most shampoos require a second application and the continuation of brushing the hair with a fine tooth comb to remove eggs.

WATER

We promote and encourage pupils to drink water as it helps to improve focus in learning as well as many other benefits. Pupils should bring in a fresh bottle of water from home each day and when this is finished they can then use the school water station. A large number of pupils have been asking for cups to get water which is costly and also unsuitable to the classroom environment because these are often knocked over onto school work. Parents/Carers may wish to provide an alternative to water for their child to drink. Alternatives to water can only be consumed during breaks and lunch-time.



PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION

We would like to ask the views of all our parents/carers on topics that have been discussed at recent Parent Council Meetings.

1. TIMING OF THE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

We had 2 parents at our Annual General Meeting on 29.8.16 and 2 parents at our next meeting on 3.10.16. As explained previously, we cannot have a Parent Council with only 2 members. Perhaps an evening meeting is not the best option for us. Please share your views on this below.

Please tick.

- I would be able to attend a Parent Council Meeting at 6.30pm;
- I would be able to attend a Parent Council Meeting at 9.00am:
- I would be able to attend a Parent Council Meeting at 2.00pm;
- I do not want to attend any Parent Council Meetings;

2. PARENT COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

The Parent Council would like to change the number of parent members who can be on the Parent Council from 3 to 6. Do you agree with this?

Please tick.

I am happy for the constitution to be changed from 3 parent members to 6 parent members;

I do not agree with this change; (Please give a reason for this)

3. HARVEST COLLECTION FOR LOCAL PENSIONERS

We try to give something back to our community and have in previous years looked for donations from parents/carers to create food bags for our local pensioners. Last year we had to add quite a bit to the collection to ensure everyone got a parcel. At the Parent Council we discussed how we could move forward with this. One suggestion was to make this a fun, competitive activity for pupils and parents over one week, such as a homework task. Please share your views below.

Please tick.

I think we should do a harvest collection for the elderly in our community;

I do not think we should be collecting anything for the elderly in our community;

I would be happy to help my child participate in a fun, competitive collection of harvest goods over one week;

I think our Harvest Collection should be for another cause; (Please state below)

Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to our questions. Please return this to school/nursery by Monday 31st October.