

CHRYSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS JUNE 2018

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WE'RE ALMOST INTO JUNE ALREADY. AS ALWAYS, THERE'S LOTS GOING ON SO HERE'S A QUICK RUNDOWN OF DATES YOU'LL NEED FOR YOUR DIARY THIS COMING MONTH...

Friday 25 + Monday 28 May **MAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND**

The school will be closed, with normal service resuming on Tuesday, let's hope the sun shines.

Tuesday 29 May, Chryston High School pitch **SPORTS DAY**

Mrs Fleck has emailed you times for each class.

Thursday 31 May, Cumbernauld Rugby Club **FOOTBALL FESTIVAL**

A team of P4 and P5 pupils will attend a football festival in the morning. I'm sure they'll have as much success as our other football teams have enjoyed this term. More information will follow.

Friday 7 June **P7 PHOTO ORDER**

We'll be sending out order forms to the parents of P7 pupils who wish to order a copy of the **Kirkintilloch Herald** which features pictures of all P7 year groups from schools within the local area. These should be returned to the school no later than Friday 7 June for those who wish a copy.

Monday 4 + Monday 18 June **NURSERY TRANSITION EVENTS**

P6 pupils who will buddy our new P1's in August will visit **Jigsaw Nursery** on the morning and afternoon of Monday 4 June. They will then visit nursery pupils at **Snowdrop Nursery** on the morning of Monday 18 June.

Tuesday 5 + Wednesday 6 June **P7 TRANSITION DAYS**

Our P7 pupils will attend Chryston High School on the above dates as part of the ongoing transition arrangements. They're all looking forward to it and raring to go. They're a great P7 and we're going to miss them.

1.30pm, Wednesday 6 + Thursday 14 June **NURSERY TRANSITION SCHOOL VISIT**

Our new P1's will visit the school and meet their new teachers on Wednesday 6 June at 1.30pm. They will then attend again on the morning of Thursday 14 June for some fun activities with the teachers and their buddies followed by lunch in the dining room (or gym hall if you prefer).

Friday 8 June **SNAPSHOT JOTTERS**

Snapshot jotters will come home to you to allow you to look at a snippet of work the children have been doing and to let you discuss your child's learning with them. These should be returned with the feedback sheet

completed by **Monday 11 June**, these jotters are then passed on to next year's teacher so you can continue to see your child's progress as they move through school.

11am - 1pm, Saturday 9 June **Chryston Primary School** **SUMMER FAYRE**

Our lovely Parent Council host our annual Summer Fayre. We look forward to this event as it is another opportunity to bring our community together socially. Please come along to the school and spend some time browsing and enjoying a cup of tea and some home baking (a plug for donations of home baking!) More details will be sent out to you in a flyer.

7pm, Tuesday 12 June, Chryston High School **CHRYSTON HIGH SCHOOL** **SUMMER CONCERT**

Some of our musical children will be performing at this annual event. Look out for tweets and flyers advertising the event nearer the time.

6-7pm (P1-3) + 7.15-8.30 (P4-7) **Wednesday 13 June** **SHORTS & SHADES DISCO**

Our Parent Council host the final disco of the year. We'll follow the same protocol as last time for the purchase of tickets. Please ensure that you fill in the details on the back of the ticket and that your child brings it with them to the disco. Please be aware that only Chryston Primary pupils can attend. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 4 June and will come home in an envelope in your child's bag for safekeeping until the disco.

Friday 15 June **PUPIL COUNCIL TEA**

Our current Pupil Council will meet for the last time for a Pupil Council tea and feedback from the Pupil Council Conference. They've all done a tremendous job this year in making sure the voice of the student body is heard and they have brought about effective changes and improvements for their peers.

A special thank you goes to our Pupil Council Chair, **Matthew Duffy** and to the four House Captains, **Angus Ritchie** – Iona, **Lorna Robertson** – Mull, **Grace Maxwell** – Skye, and **Brodie Cairns** – Arran.

Monday 18 + Thursday 21 June **MEET THE (NEW) TEACHER** **TRANSITION EVENTS**

Your child will have an opportunity to meet their new classmates and teacher, and see their new classroom at two events.

With the growing roll we will need to move to twelve classes next session. As previously stated, we look at reading groups, assessment information, and teacher judgement in making up the classes. We also take other factors into account and have extensive discussions about class compositions before finalising them, while ensuring that we leave enough space at each

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stage for children moving into the area. I will again ask that you trust our professional judgement in this matter and support the decisions we make about where your child is placed.

There will be a number of composite classes next year and I ask that you read nothing into it if your child is placed in a composite. It is not about their age or their ability, it's about the size of their reading group and if it fits into the space we have in a class.

11am, Friday 22 June, Chryston Parish Church **P7 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY**

P7 parents/carers are invited to attend. Lunch will be served in the church for everyone in attendance following the event.

Friday 22 June **END-OF-YEAR REPORTS**

These will be in your child's bag.

Monday 25 + Tuesday 26 June **CHRYSTON'S GOT TALENT – THE RETURN!**

Back by popular demand. In order to manage the timing of the event heats will be held in each class and two acts will go forward from each into the final, which will be held in the hall. This will be a school event only and due to space constraints regrettably no parents or carers can attend. We will of course tweet pictures and news of the event.

11am, Tuesday 26 June, Chryston Parish Church **SUMMER SERVICE**

All welcome.

7-9pm, Tuesday 26 June **Hollywood Bowl, Coatbridge** **P7 LEAVERS' BOWLING NIGHT**

This is partly paid for by the Parent Council, with each child only having to pay £3. A leaflet will go out nearer the time.

Wednesday 27 June **END-OF-TERM TREAT**

As an end-of-term treat our Parent Council have very kindly agreed to arrange for an ice cream van to come to the school so that all of the children can enjoy an ice cream or lolly. We will of course be mindful of allergies. On the same afternoon the winning house will receive a treat. I can't disclose what this will be just yet as it's Top Secret. More details will be forthcoming at the end-of-term service.

1pm, Thursday 28 June **SUMMER BREAK**

School closes at 1pm and pupils return at the normal time on Thursday 16 August. Alternative arrangements are in place for the first day for the new P1's.

OTHER ITEMS:

NEW AND DEPARTING STAFF

We bid a very fond farewell to **Miss Emma O'Neil, Miss Jenna Thomson, Miss Mikaela Anderson** and **Miss Ruth MacLean**, who are all moving on to pastures new in line with North Lanarkshire's staffing policy.

Mrs Gemma Noble and **Mrs Nicola MacDonald** will be returning from maternity leave and we'll be joined by some newly appointed staff: **Miss Kirsty Oliphant, Mrs Karen Murray** and **Mr John Furlong**. We've yet to receive any information on whether we will have probationer teachers this year.

GARDEN

The Parent Council and pupils have been working hard to create a more attractive playground by planting vegetables and flowers in raised beds and tubs. Our plants will need watering over the summer (hopefully!). We've installed an outside tap in the playground and will leave watering cans beside it.

If you can spare fifteen minutes for an evening or two over the holidays to help maintain our garden please contact Roy on roynboyd@btinternet.com or 07751 968513 so that he can organise a rota and access.

K'NEX COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Caoimhe Williamson** and **Coral Payne** for their fantastic efforts in the K'nex Challenge.

1+2 AWARDS

Congratulations to **Jenni Ayodele** and **Erin Kellow** for winning awards for Most Enthusiastic Language Learner at the 1+2 Awards.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Well done to all pupils and to **Mrs Cornwell, Mrs Mutch** and **Mrs Hashmi** who organised and contributed to the Backpack Appeal for children in Malawi organised through **Mary's Meals**.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS AND MORE

A huge thank you to all parents, grandparents and contributors who have facilitated a much increased After-School Club service this year. Also to those parents who give so selflessly of their time to help with the pitch, the dinner hall and the garden, it's very much appreciated.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a mountain of lost property in the school, mostly school uniform. Please come and have a look through it if you're missing anything. We'll give all unclaimed items to the church uniform recycling on Friday 8 June.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I'd like to wish all of you a sun drenched, fun filled, family centred holiday with lots of long lies and sunny carefree days. Relax and have fun, we'll see you in August.