

Clarkston Primary School

Promoting Partnership



School vision: Clarkston Primary School and Nursery Class Vision is to be an achieving, safe and happy school.

11th January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Happy
New Year!**

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you enjoyed a lovely Christmas break and I wish you a happy new year! Thank you once again to all who supported the PTA Christmas Fayre.

Staffing

You will see some new faces around the school from today onwards. I welcome Mrs McIndoe to the school. Mrs McIndoe has joined the office staff in place of Miss Cree who has moved on to pastures new. I wish Miss Cree well in her new role. I also welcome Mrs Travers to the school as our new classroom assistant.



Assessment



The Deputy First Minister launched a package of further information for teachers, other education practitioners, and parents and carers a number of weeks ago on assessment linked to the development of the National Improvement Framework.

This information focuses on assessment within the broad general education and where the new national standardised assessments will fit within this. A leaflet for parents/carers has been issued with this newsletter providing further information on this.

Ipads and Tablets



There will be no Ipads, Ipods or tablets allowed in school from tomorrow onwards due to some pupils' misuse of them on school property.

Missing Jacket

Can everyone please check their children's jackets to ensure they have the correct one. I am looking for a black Next jacket - male, aged 10. Please ensure your children's clothing is labelled with their name so lost property can be returned to its owner.

Enrolment for Session 2017-2018

Registration for infant beginners for session 2017-2018 will take place on the following dates:

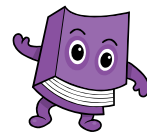
Monday 16 th January	9.00am - 10.00am	and	3.15pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday 17 th January	9.00am - 10.00am	and	3.15pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 18 th January	9.00am - 10.00am	and	3.15pm - 4.00pm



If you have a child who will be five years old between 1st March 2017 and 28th February 2018 you should register him/her on one of these days. Proof of address (in the form of a current council tax bill) and a birth certificate is required.

Snapshot Jotters

Thank you to all parents/carers who took the time to look at and comment on the snapshot jotters which were issued before the Christmas holidays. The parent/carer comments have proved very useful for both children and staff. Next issue will be on Monday 20th February.



Head Lice



Please carry out regular head checks for head lice. Ensuring long hair is tied up and regular head checks and bone combing will help eradicate lice. Leaflets are available from the school office if you require guidelines.

School Blog

The blog can be accessed through the following link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/clarkstonprimary/>



Information about the school and events is regularly posted on the blog. The school website is no longer in operation.

Glow

Pupil Glow login details (in the form of a sticker) will be issued in school diaries over the coming weeks. Some of Scotland's local authorities have levels of Microsoft licensing which allow their pupils to get access to Office 365 Pro Plus from home and some of those local authorities use Glow to enable users to access these copies of Office. North Lanarkshire is one of the authorities. This will allow you to use a range of Microsoft products (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, OneNote etc.) Please use the following link to access more information about Glow and how to download Microsoft products:

<https://glowhelp.wikis.glowscotland.org.uk/Microsoft+O365+Downloads>

Shoogalie Road Pantomime:



Shoogalie Road Productions will be performing Cinderella in school on Thursday 12th January. There will be two performances - some pupils will enjoy the pantomime in the morning and others in the afternoon.

Parking and Drop Off Points

Thank you to everyone who has made a special effort to ensure the safety of our pupils by parking safely in the car parking bays in the drop-off point in school. I am hoping this continues. I request you are mindful of driveways if you are parking locally so people can gain access to their property.



Primary 1 and 7 Dental Checks

Primary 1 and 7 dental checks will take place on Friday 27th January. If you do not wish your child to participate then please put this in writing to the school by Friday 20th January.

Diary Dates

Tuesday	10 th January	-	B8 Swimming at Time Capsule
Thursday	12 th January	-	Shoogalie Road Production Pantomime

Friday	13 th January	-	P7 Scottish Afternoon
Monday	16 th January	-	P1 Enrolment 9.-10am and 3.15-4pm
Tuesday	17 th January	-	P1 Enrolment 9.-10am and 3.15-4pm B8 Swimming at Time Capsule Parent Council 6.30pm
Wednesday	18 th January	-	P1 Enrolment 9.-10am and 3.15-4pm
Thursday	19 th January	-	NQ outing to Summerlee
Tuesday	24 th January	-	B8 Swimming at Time Capsule
Friday	27 th January	-	P1 and P7 Dental Checks
Monday	30 th January	-	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
Tuesday	31 st January	-	B8 Swimming at Time Capsule
Tuesday	7 th February	-	B8 Swimming at Time Capsule
Monday	13 th February	-	Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday	14 th February	-	Holiday - School Closed
Wednesday	15 th February	-	In-Service Day (pupils do not attend)
Thursday	16 th February	-	Festival Week
Friday	17 th February	-	Festival Week



Yours sincerely,

Ann Bowman
Head Teacher