



# Whitelees Primary News

January 2016

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope you enjoyed the Christmas and New Year celebrations! The boys and girls have returned in fine spirits and are ready to take on all the challenges and joys this new year will bring. As with each term, we continue to prepare our pupils for the next stage of their school phase and we are very much looking forward to welcoming our new intake of Primary 1 pupils during Enrolment Week. In this second half of the school year we will be making every effort to cut the volume of letters sent home by maximising the use of our school blog to keep you up to date with what is going on. Please do not forget to let us know, if you wish to continue receiving paper copies.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming months.

Kind Regards,

*Mrs Bernadette Hunter*



## Enrolment for New Entrants August 2016

The enrolment of new entrants for August 2016  
will take place in

**Whitelees Primary School**

On

**Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th,**

**Thursday 14th and Friday 15th January 2016**

From

**1.30pm—3.00pm**

For children who attain the age of 5 years between

1st March 2016 and 29th February 2017

Parents concerned should contact their local school to confirm arrangements for registration

Birth certificates and proof of address must be produced.

If you wish to contact the school and feel that an email is appropriate please use our enquiries email address which is checked on a daily basis. Our address is [enquiries@whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk).



## Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club continues to prove popular however, increasingly children are coming without the necessary funds on their cards. Can you please ensure your child's card is topped up with sufficient money to cover lunch and Breakfast Club? Breakfast Club is 20p per child per day and lunch is £1.80 for a meal deal.



## Kilbowie April 2016

Our Primary 7 pupils are off on their annual outing to Kilbowie Outdoor Centre in April 2016. Payment cards have now been issued and you can make payments of any amount at any time suitable to you.



## Christmas Show

Our Christmas show "Bells Ring Out" was a great success with our Thursday evening performance a sell out! I hope you would agree all our children were fantastic and really helped us to get into the festive spirit. Thank you once again for your continued support. Without this we would not be able to hold events such as these and showcase our pupil's efforts in such a community spirited way.



## School Choir

Our school choir will start back on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The choir will run on a Monday from 3.00pm - 3.45pm. We look forward to welcoming all our singers back!



## Parking

A huge thanks to all of you who have supported us in our request that you park sensibly during pick up and drop off times. Hopefully in this new year others will follow your lead and we can avoid future distress and upset to both pupils and local residents.



We would like to welcome Mrs Finlay to the Whitelees team as class teacher to primary 3. We're sure everyone will make her feel welcome.



## Whitelees Website

Our website is now fully operational. You can keep up-to-date with everything that is happening in Whitelees and see what your child's class is up to. It would be great to establish a routine of checking the website regularly to ensure you are kept fully informed!



## Parent Council

13.1.16	7.00-9.00
24.2.16	7.00-9.00
20.4.16	7.00-9.00

Julie McQuade - Chairperson  
 Angela Mason - Vice Chairperson  
 Donna Waddell - Secretary  
 Natalie Quinn - Treasurer  
 Michelle Chambers

1.6.16	7.00-9.00

Debbie Welsford  
 Alexandra Merrick  
 Ishah Imran  
 Davina Duffy  
 Alan Carroll - Co-opted Member



## Email

The set up of correspondence via email is still ongoing and we ask that you bear with us whilst this procedure is put into place. If you haven't already done so and would like to receive correspondence via email please send an email to [enquiries@whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk) stating your child's name and class.



## Christmas Parties

All of our children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas parties. It was lovely to see them all in their party finery. We hope they all had Christmas fun.

## Playground Supervision before 9.00am

**I would remind you that there is no playground supervision before school starts at 9.00am.**

Our Breakfast Club service offers a great alternative to those who require childcare before the school day starts.



## Rainy Mornings...

I will make every effort to ensure that children have the option to take shelter from the rain in our hall from around 8.45am. **Staffing restrictions can limit my ability to offer this service.** It is always best to time your journey so that a long wait before 9.00am is avoided. I thank you for your continued support in ensuring the children are suitably dressed for our Scottish weather. Plenty of wet and windy weather so far but it is still worth looking out the snow wear this month.



## Interim Reports

It was a joy to read and sign off the pupil reports written by teachers before the Christmas break. Your feedback was much appreciated and very encouraging. It means a great deal to know how much you value the work of the school and how supportive you are in our desire to provide the best for the pupils of Whitelees.

Many Thanks

## Some dates for your diary...

<b>8.2.16</b> School Holiday	<b>9.2.16</b> School Holiday	<b>10.2.16</b> In Service Day	<b>16.2.16</b> Class Photographs
<b>25.2.16</b> Stuart Reid - Author Visit	<b>29.2.16 - 3.3.16</b> Book Fair Week	<b>3.3.16</b> Parents Evening	<b>4.3.16</b> World Book Day
<b>18.3.16</b> Easter Family Fun Night	<b>25.3.16 - 28.3.16</b> Easter Weekend	<b>4.4.16 - 15.4.16</b> Easter Break	<b>28.4.16</b> Open Afternoon

