



Bargarran Primary School
Newsletter for Parents and Carers
December 2019



I'm sure you'll agree it is hard to believe that another calendar year has passed so quickly. The year about to end has been a very successful one for the school with the achievement of four externally accredited awards and attainment being raised across the school for the second consecutive year in Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Listening and Talking. These successes are down to the hard work and support of our whole school community; pupils, staff, parents and partners. We look forward to the opportunities and challenges 2020 will bring, and I am sure with the continued support of our school community, Bargarran Primary School will continue to flourish.

School Show

Our Christmas Show 'Baubles' was performed to three large and supportive audiences on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all children, parents and staff for contributing to a very successful school event.

Fruity Friday

The Pupil Council have decided they would like to improve the healthy eating choices made by children in the school. The first part of their plan to achieve this is to bring back 'Fruity Friday' starting on **Friday 10th January 2020**. The Pupil Council would like all children to support them by bringing fruit as their snack on a Friday. The Pupil Council will monitor the number of pieces of fruit brought to school each Friday and the winning class will get to keep 'Healthy Harry' in their classroom for a week.



Healthy Harry

Football Update

The team continued their season on Thursday 14th November with a match against St John Bosco. The match was played in a sporting manner by both teams with the final result a 5-1 victory for our opponents. The scorer for Bargarran was Liam. There is a short winter break before the fixtures start again in February. I would like to thank our parent helper, Mr Boyd and Mr Martindale, for taking our school team this session.

Parent Council Christmas Fayre

This year the Parent Council Christmas Fayre took place on Friday 29th November. Thank you to all who supported the event. The amount raised was £1,997.17.

School Choir

On Thursday 5th December the school choir performed at the ceremony to switch on Erskine Home's 'Tree of Hope'. This is the fourth year the choir have taken part in the ceremony and continues the strong link we have with Erskine. The children were wonderful ambassadors for the school and sung very well. Thank you to the many parents and carers who accompanied the children on the evening.



Holidays

The school closes on **Friday 20th December at 2.30 p.m.** for the Christmas break and will re-open on **Monday 6th January 2020 at 9.00 a.m.**

Enrolment of Primary 1 for Session 2019-20



Early in the New Year we will be enrolling pupils for the new session that starts in August 2020.

If you are aware of any families with a child of school age who is due to start in August and are considering choosing Bargarran Primary for their child's education, or has yet to decide on a school, we would be happy to speak with them as choosing the correct school for your child is one of the biggest decisions that a parent can make.

The authority guidance on enrolment of new entrants is as follows:

Children who turn 5 between 1st March 2020 and 28th February 2021 should be registered for school in January 2020, to start school in August 2020. Children whose surname starts with A-L should register on Wednesday 15th January between 1p.m. - 3p.m. Children whose surname starts with M-Z should register on Thursday 16th January between 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Registration will take place at the school and parents should report to the school office. Children are very welcome, but do not need to attend with their parent, although it is an early opportunity to familiarise them with the school. Children should be registered at their local catchment school.

If this is not Bargarran Primary but you wish your child to come here, at your catchment school you should ask for a Placing Request Form. We would like to remind parents that they are required to bring the following documentation with them to register:

- a) your child's birth certificate.
- b) your council tax notice for your property or proof that you have registered for council tax at that property and,
- c) a letter from your solicitor confirming that missives have been concluded for your property or a rent book for rented property or a tenancy agreement or mortgage or bank statements.

Holidays Severe Weather - Communicating with Parents

We make every effort to maintain a full educational service, but on some occasions, circumstances arise that lead to disruption. School may be affected by, for example, severe weather, temporary interruption of transport, power failures or difficulties with fuel supply. In such cases we will do all we can to let you know about the details of closure or reopening. We will keep in touch using letter, e-mail and text messaging, notices in local shops, churches and community centres and on the school and council web sites, announcements in the press and local radio.



To help us keep you informed, it is important that you make sure that we have the most up to date emergency contact information for your family. Please contact the school office if you require to amend any of the information that we presently hold.

NSPCC Parental Workshop

On **Wednesday 29th January 2020** the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) are visiting the school to provide assemblies and workshops as part of their 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' programme. This is a nationally delivered programme that is part of our school Health and wellbeing programme. There will also be an Online Safety Workshop available for Parents and Carers from 2.45 - 3.45 p.m. on the same day. Further details will be provided early next term.

Christmas Class Parties

All Christmas Class Parties are being held on **Wednesday 18th December**. The times are as follows:

Classes	Time
P.1 -P.3	1 p.m. - 2 p.m. (Gym Hall)
P.4 - P.5	1 p.m. - 2 p.m. (Studio)
P.6 - P.7	2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Children should come to school in uniform and should either bring their party clothes to school to change at lunchtime, or go home at 12.15 and return dressed for the afternoon. The exception to this are Primary 1 and 2 pupils who, if parents and carers prefer, are able to wear their party clothes all day. I am afraid that staff will not be able to help children change.

I would like to thank the Parent Council for the generous gesture of providing each child with a drink, crisps, sweet and a cracker at the class parties as well as providing a gift to each child in the school.

Non - Uniform Day

The final day of this term, **Friday 20th December**, is a non-uniform day. There will be no charge as it is a thank you to the children for all their hard work.

And finally

On behalf of all the staff at Bargarran Primary I would like to wish all pupils, parents, carers and their families a Merry Christmas and our best wishes for 2020.

Comments

As a school we are always keen to find out the views of our parents and carers on the service that we provide. I have attached a return slip at the foot of this newsletter to provide any feedback that you may have.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Lyle
Head Teacher

General Comments

Comment/Suggestion:

Name : _____ Date: _____