



Bishopton Primary School



Newsletter December 2016

Dear Parent, Carer,

It is hard to believe we are in December already. Each house took part in our very successful art day on Friday 2nd December. The theme was Paisley 2021 and the final products depict some of the most iconic buildings in Paisley. Images of the artwork are on our school blog and twitter feed but you are more than welcome to pop in and see 'the real thing'. They look even more spectacular in the flesh! I am sure we will see many of you in school over the coming weeks but if not the staff at Bishopton would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family well over the festive period.

Infant Enrolment

Just a reminder that infant enrolment will take place in the school on Wed 11th and Thurs 12th January. Please bring along your child's birth certificate, council tax notification/signed missives and a utility bill/bank statement with you on the day. Child benefit notification is no longer required. All 3 pieces of documentation will need to be produced before the enrolment process is complete. If you

have any questions please contact the school office.

Parking

The police and council have been contacted by a number of residents concerned over the parking issues at the start and end of the day. Please be considerate of our neighbours when you are parking, including parking in Our Lady of Lourdes car park.

Please also remember the main designated entrance for pupils is the gate on Old Greenock Road. This is for pupil safety. This entrance allows pupils to access all school entrances without coming into contact with any vehicles. This is also the entrance that will be cleared and gritted in snowy or icy conditions. The Grove is a goods entrance only.

Early Closure

Just a reminder that the school will close at 2.30p.m on Tuesday 20th December and reopen for staff and pupils at 9.00a.m on Thursday 5th January 2017.

Medicines

As the winter takes hold we are seeing an increase in colds

and infections. A reminder that if a child requires medication during the school day an adult must complete the 'administration of medicines' form at the school office. All medicines should be handed in to the office. Wherever possible this should be prescribed medicines only that must be administered during the school day.

Sport Scotland Gold Award

Following on from our success last year with the silver award, we have now been upgraded to the gold award.

This is a fantastic achievement. A big well done to Mr McAvoy for arranging such a wide and varied programme of sporting activity both during the school day and through our after school clubs.

We look forward to the presentation of our award early in the New Year.

Rag Bag

Please note if the Rag Bag bin is full do not leave bags at the side of the bin as the company will not take these.

Also the Rag Bag no longer accepts textiles or uniform. They will now only accept

wearable clothing and paired shoes. If anything else is left I'm afraid it ends up in the school bin.

Dates for the Diary

08.12.16 - P6 visit to Glasgow Science Centre

13, 14 & 15.12.16- Infant Christmas Shows

15.12.16- Christmas lunch

15.12.16 - P3 & P3 pupils from P3/2 - Christmas party pm

16.12.16- P1-P2 & P2 pupils from P3/2- Christmas Party pm

16.12.16 - Christmas Jumper Day

19.12.16- P4-7 Movie afternoon

20.12.16- School Closes at 2.30 p.m.

05.01.17- School reopens

09 & 10.01.17 - P1 & P7 Dental checks

11.01.17-1.00p.m. P1 Enrolment A-L

12.01.17- 1.00p.m. P1 Enrolment M-Z

13.01.17 - P5S - Science Centre

26.01.17- P7 Burns Supper p.m.

Christmas Fair

Congratulations to the new BPPC on their very successful Christmas Fair.

It was lovely to see so many people in attendance supporting the school and BPPC.

The variety of stalls and activities was great with something for everyone young

or old. The Fair raised almost £2400 and we look forward to working with our pupils and the BPPC to decide on how best to use this for the benefit of all our pupils.

A huge thank you to the BPPC and all the helpers on the day for their contribution. It is greatly appreciated by all members of our school community.

Uniform

In the recent weeks we have noticed a decline in the number of pupils wearing school uniform. We are very proud of our school and our uniform. It helps everyone feel part of the school community and builds a common identity.

Renfrewshire Council encourages each school to adopt a dress code and as such the dress code at Bishopton Primary is:

Boys uniform

Navy blue/red school fleece, with school badge; navy blue or grey trousers with black school shoes; plain shirt with school tie or red school polo shirt and navy school sweatshirt; red school polo shirt, plain shorts and soft shoes/trainers for PE.

Girls uniform

Navy blue/red school fleece, with school badge; navy blue or grey skirt or tailored trousers with black school shoes; plain shirt with school tie or red school polo shirt and navy school sweatshirt or cardigan; for better weather, red or blue checked dress; grey or white socks, red school polo shirt, plain shorts and soft

shoes/trainers for P.E.

Please note that, with the exception of the polo shirt, children are expected to wear their P.E. kit only for P.E. lessons, and to change back to their uniform afterwards. For ordering of school uniforms, the parent council have set up a service with Tesco. Please visit the following address:

<http://www.clothingattesco.co.uk/renfrewshire/bishopton-primary-school/invnt/8621527>

We also have a small number of new age 13 sweatshirts and jumpers available in school from the previous supplier. All smaller sizes are sold out. Please note that black is not a part of the agreed Bishopton school uniform.

We appreciate your continued support in the implementation of our dress code.

Nurture Pathfinder/Bounce Back

As you will be aware Bishopton Primary is a pathfinder school for the implementation of Renfrewshire Council's nurture strategy. As part of this we have been introducing Bounce Back as well as developing a nurturing approach across the school. Parents have received an information booklet on this and many of you attended our parent information evening. This is being driven forward by our nurture working party. The next phase of their work involves looking at and enhancing our positive behaviour policy. The group are

looking for a small group of parents to act as a focus group as they explore the options. If you feel this would be something you could be involved in then please contact Mr Collins or Mrs Fulton to express your interest. Meetings will be scheduled in to the New Year and are likely to take place within the school day.

Staffing

The school will see a change to our staffing after the Christmas break. Mrs Polonis will be emigrating to the United States. Miss Cauley will be joining the school and will take over in P6P. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Polonis and her family well and welcoming Miss Cauley to the school staff.

Chess Club

Mr McQueen's chess club took part in their first Dragon League heat of the year. 3 teams were entered into the competition and all did extremely well.

Team C did particularly well winning a bronze medal in their division. This was an excellent achievement as it was their first team event and the entire team only started playing chess this year.

We look forward to many more successes as they progress in the league.

Time Capsule

Bishopton Primary will be participating in the Taylor Wimpey Bishopton Time Capsule project. The capsule will be buried in 2017 and opened again in 2067. Classes will each choose an item that shows life in Bishopton in 2017 for inclusion in the capsule. We are looking forward to seeing what makes it into the capsule. If current pupils are still in the village in 2067 it will be a great opportunity to take a walk down memory lane.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 16th December, we are inviting all pupils to take part in our annual Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. A donation for doing so would be much appreciated. All proceeds will be sent to Save the Children.

Everyone will be invited to wear their silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas jumper to school. If your child doesn't have a festive sweater, don't worry - it's easy to decorate a plain jumper or top with tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflakes. Likewise, any hat will do! This will be a non-uniform day.

Photographing Events

Parents are reminded that they are more than welcome to photograph or video their children at school events. We would however ask that you refrain from

posting pictures on social media sites that contain images of other children unless you have the permission of their parents. Not everyone is happy for their child's picture to appear on social media sites.

Reading

Thank you to all the parents who attended our reading information evening. Feedback from attendees was very positive. If you were unable to attend but would still like more information to the changes we have been making to our reading please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We are seeing a big increase in children's motivation to read. P1 and P7 took part in a very successful day based around the contents of their book bug bags. P2&3 should look out for their bags which will be distributed shortly.

Increasing reading engagement and raising attainment in reading will continue to be our focus in 2017.

We'll be passing this information on to Santa when he visits in the hope that he puts a few extra books onto the sleigh this year.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely

Wendy McNaught

Head Teacher