



Bishopton Primary School

Newsletter March/April 2017



Dear Parent, Carer,

Welcome to our March/April newsletter. As always this is a very busy time of year. Parent appointments will be with you soon. This session we have responded to your feedback and asked for your preferences for appointment times. At the October parents evening we had difficulty in some classes as the majority of parents had asked for the same day. If you have any flexibility in when you can attend we would appreciate it if you would let the class teacher know.

Renfrewshire Council Road Safety Campaign

This week we have been part of the Renfrewshire Council Road Safety Campaign. Renfrewshire Council are focusing on two important issues that affect the health and safety of children at our schools, **dangerous parking & inconsiderate parking** which cause congestion around our schools and endangers the safety of children walking in, out or around the premises.

If you are dropping off or collecting your child at school, please follow these guidelines

- Do not park on 'Keep Clear' markings or yellow lines
- Do not park on zig zag markings
- Be considerate and do not stop in the middle of the road
- Do not park on pavements or across dropped kerbs

Engine Idling

Keeping your engine running while you are waiting near the school creates toxic carbon monoxide fumes which are harmful to children's health. Also, it is against the law and carries a fixed penalty. The solution is simple- if you are waiting to collect your child at school, turn your engine off.

Uniform

Following feedback from a number of parents, the Parent Council have been looking into broadening the choice of uniform suppliers. They have identified another local supplier to supplement the Tesco offering. The parent council will be on hand at Parents Evening with samples from the new supplier. They will continue to offer both suppliers and both will donate a small percentage from sales to

the parent council. We appreciate your continued support of the uniform policy.

Lunches

As is normal at this time of year pupils will be given the option, after the Spring Break, to eat their packed lunch or grab and go school lunch in the dining hall or outside. This is of course weather permitting. An adult on duty will make the decision based on the outside conditions. On days when eating lunch outside is permitted, pupils can still choose to eat in the dining hall if preferred. **No child has to eat outside.** This only applies to Primary 3-7 pupils. All pupils in P1 and 2 eat in the dining hall.

ECO Week

This month we will be hosting an ECO week for all pupils, organised by the school ECO Committee. During the week beginning 20 March, classes will have a number of speakers and will participate in a variety of ECO friendly activities, including a paper free day.

Classes will also be focusing on healthy choices and healthy eating. We will be reminding pupils that we are a health

promoting school and will be encouraging pupils to bring a healthy snack. We will also be reminding pupils that they are discouraged from bringing fizzy juice and sugary snacks.

A reminder to parents that glass bottles and glass thermos flasks are not permitted for safety reasons. Cans are discouraged also.

Book Fair

We continue to focus on literacy this session and thank you for your participation in World Book Day and our sponsored reading event. The monies raised will go towards new library books for the classes. We will announce the amount raised once all monies has been counted. Once again the children have received their world book day token that can be exchanged at a variety of outlets. The scholastic book fair will also be available at the upcoming parents evenings.

Parent Council Family Disco

Thank you to the Parent Council for organising the very successful Valentines discos. Their next event is the Family Disco which will be held on the 22nd April from 6 p.m. in the Connemara Suite at the Equestrian Centre. Tickets are £4.50 for adults and £2.00 for children and are available from the Parent Council.

Dates for the Diary

09.03.17 - Playground play for our pre-schoolers
10.03.17 - I Am Me Cine Bus for P6 & P7
17.03.17 - Open Afternoon for P1s, P2/1 & P2H
21.03.17 - P7 WW2 Show
21.03.17 - Preschoolers share & play
22.03.17 - Roots & Wings Café
23.03.17 - Eco Drama - P3s & P4A
23.03.17 - Preschoolers share & play
24.03.17 - Eco Drama - P4M & P5s
24.03.17 - Red Nose Day
24.03.17 - Preschoolers share & play
28.03.17 - Parents Evening
29.03.17 - Parents Twilight
30.03.17 - Kingswood Parents Information evening - 6.00
31.03.17 - **School closes 2.30**
03.04.17-17.04.17 - Holiday
18.04.17 - P7 residential trip
22.04.17 - BPPC Family Disco
24.04.17 - P1 - P7 Rookie Rock Stars
25.04.17 - Parent Information Evening (RSHE)

Positive Behaviour Focus Group

As per the November newsletter we are still looking for some parents to be involved in a focus group for our revised promoting positive behaviour policy. If you are available to meet during the school day please get in touch with Mr Collins or Mrs Fulton. They would love to hear from you.

Clyde In the Classroom

A big well done to all the boys and girls in P5H and P5S for successfully looking after their trout as part of their topic on the River Clyde. They braved the weather and transported their fish to the burn at Erskine Golf Club. We hope that the fish are continuing to grow and thrive and that they are well on their way to the River Clyde.

Big Pedal

The start of Big Pedal coincides with our ECO week, 20th March, this year. More information will follow but this has been a great success in previous years and we look forward to as many pupils as possible participating once again.

Toilets

The school toilet refurbishment programme has begun with the upper school toilets. The work is scheduled to last from the remainder of the month. We hope that this will make visiting the toilets a more pleasant experience for all pupils.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs McNaught

Head Teacher