



Bishopton Primary School

Newsletter November 2016

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Dear Parent, Carer,

Welcome to our November newsletter. The clocks have gone back, Halloween has passed and Bonfire Night is almost upon us. We are looking forward to a busy term ahead and enjoying the last of this beautiful autumn weather before winter sets in.

Severe Weather Emergency Procedures

Although the weather has been very kind over the autumn we are making preparations for the winter ahead. A reminder of our procedures in severe weather: on days of ice or snow a pathway will be cleared from the main pedestrian entrance on Old Greenock Road to the middle door entrance only. Please stick to this path to avoid the risk of slips and falls. If the weather is very bad we may only be able to use one entrance to the school. We will endeavour to keep you informed via the text alert service but would ask that you be patient in these circumstances. Pupil safety is our first priority and entrance and dismissal may take longer than normal on these days.

You can assist us in this matter by making sure all your phone numbers and emergency contacts are up to date. Also please ensure that your emergency contacts know that should there be a dramatic change in the weather and the school has to close that they may be called on at short notice to collect your child from the school. No child will be allowed to leave the school with an adult other than a parent or emergency contact unless the parent has informed the school of this change. No pupil will be sent from school without an adult. A member of the school staff will remain in school until all pupils have been collected.

All information regarding school closures will be available on Renfrewshire Councils website, social media outlets and local radio stations.

Spare Clothing

As the weather becomes colder and wetter we see an increased demand for changes of clothes. We are currently running low on spare underwear, socks, tights, skirts and trousers, particularly in smaller sizes. If you have any of these items

that your child has outgrown I would ask if in the first instance you would consider donating these to the school.
Parent Evenings

Thank you once again for your attendance at our recent parent evenings. If for any reason you were unable to attend please get in touch with your child's class teacher to make an alternative appointment.

Christmas Events

As we have increased our numbers in the infant department, and to allow all of our Primary 1s an opportunity to shine, we have made some changes to our Christmas events this year.

All Christmas shows will be performed by the P1-3 classes. Siblings will participate in the same performance and tickets will be sent out nearer the time. There will be no charge for tickets but we will once again be collecting donations to split equally between the school fund and Erskine. P4 - P7 pupils will participate in a performance later in this session. Details of this will follow after the New Year.

Dates for the Diary

03.11.16 - Eco Drama in to see P6 & P7

07.11.16 - P6s to New Lanark

07.11.16 - BPPC Meeting 7pm

08.11.16 - P3/2 & Part P2/1 - Scotland Street

10.11.16 - P4s - Dynamic Earth

16.11.16 - P1H & P1M Parents Evenings

18.11.16 - P6 Victorian Open Day

23.11.16 - P1M, P1H & P2H - Scotland Street

24.11.16 - Parents Reading Session - 6.30pm

30.11.16 - St Andrew's Holiday - **School Closed**

02.12.16 - Xmas Art Day

03.12.16 - BPPC Xmas Fair

08.12.16 - P6 - Glasgow Science Centre

13, 14 & 15.12.16 - Infant Xmas Performances

20.12.16 - **School closes at 2.30**

05.01.17 - School reopens
Infant class teachers will confirm dates of class parties at a later date.

Safe Travel to School

Our school travel group have been working hard this term and are spreading the message to all pupils across the school. They will be organising the 'Walk to School Wednesdays'. Please show your support if you can. Every little helps. If you normally drive to school you may wish to consider parking a

few minutes away and walking the remaining distance.

House Art Day

On the 2nd of December all pupils will participate in the House Christmas Art day. Things may get messy so please send your child in old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty with paint or glue.

BPPC

The Parent Council have organised 2 very successful events this session; the race night and the Halloween disco. They have also been raising funds through the Smartie tube donations. The Parent Council have many exciting ideas of how to use the funds raised to support the school. If you would like to find out more information or to get involved with the Parent Council please come along to the next meeting in the school on Monday 7th November at 7.00p.m where you will be made very welcome.

Literacy Programme

As you will be aware from the information sent out at the start of the session we have made changes to our approaches to reading this session. At the recent parent evening a number of you raised questions with the class teacher about the approach and how best to support it at home. We have therefore organised an information

evening to allow us to explain the approach to you in more detail and to allow you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding this. We hope that many of you will be able to join us. This will take place in the school hall on Thursday 24th November at 6.30 p.m.

Attainment Information

Renfrewshire Council annually collects attainment data from all schools in June for P1, 4 and 7. This data is based on teacher professional judgement. This data is then shared with the Scottish Government. For the first time this data will be published nationally in late November or early December. Once this data is published if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Bounce Back

Everyone should have received an information booklet with regards to the Bounce Back programme that is being implemented this session. If you have still to receive your booklet please get in touch with Mr Collins and he will ensure that it is put in your child's bag.

Best regards
Wendy McNaught
Head Teacher