



# Bishopton Primary School

## Newsletter October 2017



Dear Parent, Carer,

Term 1 is flying by. It is hard to believe the October break is almost upon us.

All parents should have received their parent evening appointment. If not please speak to the class teacher to arrange this.

### Jewellery and P.E

Renfrewshire Council has recently updated its health and safety advice regarding jewellery and P.E. Please note the extract from the policy below.

*"Watches, rings, chains and belts with metal buckles and other body jewellery must all be removed before the physical education lesson as these may cause injury to the wearer and others. It is preferred that parents are advised that any child having body jewellery piercing wait until the summer break to allow them time to heal. However, parents wishing children to wear body jewellery during physical education should write to the school expressing their request. Children will be expected to provide tape and cover any such items of jewellery during the activity. Pupils will be responsible for the safekeeping of jewellery."*

Therefore if body jewellery is to be taped, parents need to supply the tape and pupils must apply the tape themselves. Pupils are also responsible for any jewellery brought into school.

### Holidays in Term Time

We continue to see an increased number of requests for holidays during term time which is having a negative effect on our overall attendance figures. Renfrewshire Council is concerned at the increasing trend in the number of pupils being taken on holiday by their parents during the school session. As non-attendance during term time is a major contributory cause of underachievement every effort should be made to avoid family holidays during term. Holidays taken during the school session will be categorised as unauthorised absence. We recognise that in some circumstances holidays during term time are unavoidable. In such instances please contact myself directly and a decision may be taken to record the absence as authorised.

### School Uniform

As we have already welcomed a number of new pupils into our school since the start of term here is a reminder of our school uniform policy. Navy blue/red school fleece, with school badge; **navy blue** or **grey** smart trousers/ skirt/pinafore 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.

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.

Non uniform items should be removed before entering class and left in the cloakroom areas. We appreciate your cooperation in this.

### After School Clubs

Places on after school clubs are limited by the provider depending on the activity and venue. If your child wishes to attend a club please return the slip as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. School staff ask pupils each morning if they have any letters to return but they are not able to check in pupil's school bags. If your child comes home with a slip in their bag please remind them to hand it in to the class teacher.

### Mobile Phones

A reminder that although mobile phones can be brought to school the following condition must be adhered to. All phones should be turned off and kept out of sight during the school day within the school campus. This includes the school playground. Any pupil who has their phone out during the school day will have it confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Mobile phones and any other electronic devices are brought to

school at the pupils' own risk. The school is not liable for the loss or damage to any devices within school grounds.

### Wet Weather

On very wet mornings we will endeavour to open the doors at 8.50 to allow the pupils to come in and stand in their cloakroom areas until the bell goes at 9.00.

However, we cannot always guarantee that staffing will be at a level where we can supervise all children. Many of our staff live a distance from the school and the weather may also be preventing them from arriving early at school, therefore a decision will need to be made on the day. If the weather is really bad we would appreciate your help in minimising the effects by arriving at school just in time for the bell.

### Parent Council

The parent council have arranged a race night for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. This is a family event to raise funds for all pupils in the school. Please show your support and come along on Friday evening. More information is available from the parent council.

The parent council have reached their target for the redevelopment of the field. Thanks to the support of all of the parents, Bishopton Week Committee, The Local Area Committee, The Dargavel Builders, Awards for All and various grant funding.

The school are looking forward to work commencing in the near future. This will be of great

benefit to all of our pupils allowing year long use of the pitch.

The next Parent Council event for pupils will be the Halloween disco on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October in the school hall.

If you would like to join the parent council the next meeting is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00p.m. in the school.

### Football Team

The football team have made a great start to the season with a 7-0 win over Rashielea. Their next game will be against Langbank on the 11<sup>th</sup> October. All games kick off 12.20 at Park Mains. You are welcome to come along and show your support for the team.

### Helpers in School

We are very pleased to welcome back our volunteers in school this session. If you would like more information on becoming a volunteer please contact the school. All regular volunteers in schools are required to be current members of the PVG scheme.

If you are able to act as a parent helper occasionally on trips, walks to the library etc please let the office know of your availability.

### Tummy Bugs

A reminder that if a child is absent from school due to sickness or diarrhoea, the recommendation is that the child should not return to school for 48 hours after their last bout. This is to help prevent the spread of infection across the school.

If your child develops an illness and you are unsure as to whether or not they should attend school please contact the office and they will advise on the current recommendations.

### Staffing

Congratulations to our janitor Mr Purdue who was successful at interview and has gone out on secondment to the council headquarters. We wish Mr Purdue well in his new post and welcome Mr McNish to the school while Mr Purdue is away.

### Engineering Visits

As part of our partnership with Primary Engineer, Miss Burnett arranged for a number of engineers to come along and speak to classes about the various aspects of engineering. Thank you to all who came along and shared their expertise the pupils found it fascinating and I am sure many have been inspired to become the engineers of the future.

### Dates for the Diary

**10.10.17** - Parents Evening 6.00 - 8.30pm

**11.10.17** - Parents Twilight 3.30- 6.00 p.m

**13.10.17**- In-service Day

**16.10.17- 20.10.17**- October Holiday

**26.10 & 27.10.17** - Individual & Family photographs by Tempest

Yours Sincerely

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