



Bishopton Primary School

Newsletter December 2017



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 1st December.

The theme this year was Christmas Carols and the resulting displays are stunning. 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 10th and Thurs 11th January. Please bring 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. These are

required even if you already have a child in the school. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

Early Closure

Just a reminder that the school will close at 2.30p.m on Wednesday 20th December and reopen for staff and pupils at 9.00a.m on Thursday 4th January 2018.

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. Staff are permitted to administer prescribed medicines only that must be taken during the school day.

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

12.12.17- 9.30 - P1-3

Christmas Assembly

13.12.17 - 9.30 - P1-3

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14.12.17 - 9.30 - P1-3

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15.12.17 - Christmas lunch

15.12.17 - Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children

18.12.17- P4-7 Movie afternoon

19.12.17- P3 Christmas Party - morning

19.12.17 - P1 & P2 Christmas parties - afternoon

20.12.17- School Closes at 2.30 p.m.

04.01.18 - School reopens

10.01.18 - 1.00p.m. P1 Enrolment A-L

11.01.18 - 1.00p.m. P1 Enrolment M-Z

25.01.18 - 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.

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.

Staffing

This term has presented us with significant challenges in our staffing levels. Mrs Livingstone retired, Miss Burnett began her maternity leave and Mrs Hughes has been absent. Unfortunately we were unable to secure supply cover and the timetables of these members of staff have been covered by the school senior management team. We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding if it has taken us longer than usual to respond to your phone calls and emails. Our first priority has been for the continuity of the education for our pupils.

Things have now started to improve in this department. Mr Morrison started as Mrs Livingstone's replacement on Monday 4th December. We will have a replacement for Miss Burnett starting in the New Year and we hope Mrs Hughes will be returning to work then too.

Once again thank you for your patience over this term .

Chess Club

Mr McQueen's chess club continues to go from strength to strength. They recently competed in the 1st heat of the Glasgow & District Primary Schools Chess Team Championships. A total of 38 teams played in this heat from all over Glasgow.

The A team played in the tough 2nd division, managing to win 4 matches and only lost to the eventual winners to claim the silver medals. The B team playing in the 3rd division, and against some pretty formidable opponents, swept aside the opposition to win all 5 matches, the gold medals and another chess trophy for the school. Not to be outdone by their older peers, the C team finished 2nd equal in their division and on tie-break the bronze medals in their division.

Thanks to Mr McQueen for his continued support and well done to those pupils who did so well in this competition.

Football League

The football league has stopped now for the winter break. Bishopton go in to the

New Year third in the league on goal difference.

Matches will begin again in February. We thank Mr McAvoy and Mr Donaldson for their hard work in supporting the training and taking the team to the matches.

Green Flag

Our ECO Committee supported by Miss Cruickshank and Mrs McKay have submitted their application for a Green Flag. The team have worked hard and we are hopeful that we will have good news to share with you in the near future.

Flagpole

Thank you to Taylor Wimpey for the erection of the flagpole in the school grounds. This has allowed us to proudly fly our Sport Scotland Gold Award flag.

Speech & Language Therapy

Speech & Language Therapy are having drop in sessions at Erskine Health Centre starting in January. If any parent feels their child would benefit from these sessions, please contact the school for further details.

Yours sincerely

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