



Bishopton Primary School

Newsletter January 2018



Dear Parent, Carer,

Welcome to our January newsletter. I hope you all had a restful break. Everyone here has settled back in to routine and we are looking forward to lots of hard work and learning in the coming weeks. We have been welcoming our new starts into school for the first time as it was P1 enrolment earlier this month. If anyone has still to enrol please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Kane to Bishopton Primary. Mrs Kane will be covering for Miss Burnett who is on maternity leave. We are also delighted to say that after successful interview Mr McAvoy has been appointed as our additional Principal teacher.

Staffing, particularly in times of staff absence, continues to be an issue nationally. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to remind you that, in times of emergency, classes may be rearranged temporarily to ensure all pupils have access to a teacher.

School Clubs

Active schools are moving to an online booking system for school clubs. An information letter will be coming home explaining the details of how the system operates.

In time all school clubs will be added as part of the system. It is hoped that this will cut down on the amount of paperwork parents have to complete and provide you with information on clubs in a more timely manner.

Rag Bag Bin

A new Rag Bag Bin has been delivered to the school just inside the main school gate at the car park.

Please remember that Rag Bag will only accept the following bagged items:

- Wearable Clothing
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags
- Belts

They cannot accept the following items:

- Workwear
- Wet/Soiled Clothes
- Curtains
- Towels
- Duvets or Duvet Covers
- Pillows or Pillow Cases

- Blankets
- Table Cloths
- Linens
- Cushions
- Carpets
- Suitcases
- Books
- Bric a Brac
- Clothes Hangers
- Electricals

Festive Events

A big thank you to everyone who supported our school events over the festive period. Your generosity at these events has benefitted both the school and charity.

£280 was donated to Save the Children as a result of the Christmas Jumper day. £500 was donated to Erskine Hospital from the donations at the Nativity performances.

BPPC

Once again our thanks go to the BPPC for their help and support over the festive period. They supplied goods for the infant parties and the P4-7 cinema event and organised a very successful Fayre. This is a small group who work tirelessly to support the school and are always happy to welcome new members. If you feel you could support the BPPC in some small way please come along to the

next meeting on Monday 19th
Feb at 7.00 p.m.

Dates for the Diary

02.02.15 - BPPC Meeting

**06.02.15 - Teacher In-
service**

19.02.15 - February Holiday

10.02.15 - February Holiday

11.02.15 - Pupils return

**12.02.15 - BPPC Valentine
Disco**

**20.02.15 - Basketball
Festival- Park Mains High
School**

31.03.15 - Parents Evening

01.04.15 - Parents Twilight

Severe Weather Emergency Procedures

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 SMT will remain in school until all pupils have been collected.

Please note that Renfrewshire Council will post messages on the local media. We will also try to repost the information on the school website and twitter feed.

Parent Helpers

We are always on the lookout for parent helpers to assist in variety of ways within the school. This may be accompanying a class on a visit to the library, sharing your skills at masterclass, attending an educational visit or helping in the school garden.

If you would like to become involved in any way, big or small please contact Mr Collins and we will be glad to welcome your support.

Burns

January sees a focus on Scots culture within the school. We hope you have enjoyed helping with the Scots poetry and learning a bit about our home culture. We will round off these events when our P7 host their ever popular Burns Supper for their parents and invited guests and also at our Scots Language assembly on Thursday 1st February when our poetry champions will be crowned.

ECO Flag

A big congratulation to the staff and pupils of the ECO committee on securing their Green Flag. They planned and coordinated all of the activities that were supported by the staff and pupils throughout the school.

We are looking forward to the raising of the Green Flag in the near future.

The ECO committee will continue to ensure

Yours sincerely

Wendy McNaught

Head Teacher