



Bishopton Primary School

Newsletter December 2020



Dear Parent, Carer,

It is hard to believe we are almost at the Christmas break. This has been another very unusual term and we are looking forward to the weeks ahead with a mixture of performances, parties and Panto shows. We might even have a virtual visit from a very special person.

On behalf of the staff at Bishopton I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and happy festive period.

Early Closure

Just a reminder that the school will close at 2.30p.m on Friday 18th December and reopen for staff and pupils at 9.00a.m on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

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 only

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

As per the guidelines if a pupil displays any of the 3 recognised symptoms of COVID-19, the parent will be asked to come and collect the pupil and any siblings and arrange for a test.



Hampers

Thank you to everyone for your generosity in donating to our hampers. We are currently working with the local organisation, Erskine, Bishopton, Inchinnan Unite, to arrange for the delivery of these next week. I am sure they will be a welcome surprise to all those who receive them.



Christmas Cards

A reminder that we have asked pupils not to swap Christmas cards in school. Not everyone is comfortable accepting things from other households.

All pupils have had an opportunity to write a message to their friends on a tag for our tree.



Severe Weather Emergency Procedures

As the weather turns colder, here is a reminder of our procedures in severe weather: On days of ice or heavy snow a pathway will be cleared from the main pedestrian entrance on Old Greenock Road as per the council gritting plan. Please stick to this path to avoid the risk of slips and falls. If the weather is very bad i.e very heavy snowfall, we may only be able to use one entrance to the school. We will endeavour to keep you informed via the text alert service and school blog 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 on Parent Portal. 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 home 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.

Staffing

Mr Collins will be returning to his role of DHT on Monday the 14th December following his year as Acting HT at St Fillan's Primary. We look forward to welcoming Mr Collins back. Ms McLaren will be leaving us at Christmas as she has secured a

permanent DHT role at Our Lady of Peace Primary. We thank Ms McLaren for her hard work over the past year and wish her well in her new post. On his return from surgery Mr McAvoy will continue in his Acting DHT post. We thank Ms McDowall for her work as Acting DHT during Mr McAvoy's absence.

W.C 14th December, Mr Collins will be acting up as HT at Bishopton Primary on a Wednesday of each week. This is to allow myself time each week to focus on the preparations for the new Dargavel Primary School, which is due to open in August. This will help to ensure that everything is in place for a smooth transition of our pupils to their new school.

Parking/ Car Park/Road Safety

The police and council have been contacted by a number of residents concerned over the parking issues at the start and end of the day. Please be considerate of our neighbours when you are parking.

Please also remember that the school carpark is for staff and disabled parking only. Parents should not bring their cars into the school car park. Pupils should not be walked through the car park for their own safety.

Our Parent Council have been working hard to produce a Road Safety video and have run a very successful road safety competition within the school.

Mrs Davidson will be announcing the winners shortly via the school blog. She will also be posting the excellent video. Thanks once again to our Parent Council for their continued support.



Yours sincerely

Wendy McNaught

Head Teacher