



Bishopton Primary School

Newsletter Mar 2020 **MARCH**

Dear Parent, Carer,

Welcome to our March newsletter. We have had a very busy term so far. Pupils took part in a variety of Scottish themed activities including our Scot Poetry competitions and our Burns Supper.

Coronavirus - COVID - 19

The school continues to follow the advice from NHS Scotland with regards to handwashing and infection control. We currently have adequate supplies of soap and handtowels and the stocks are being monitored to ensure continued supply. Please continue to visit Renfrewshire Council's web page for the most up to date information.

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Head Lice

From time to time we receive reports of head lice within the school. Please be vigilant and check your child regularly.

Information on how to spot and treat head lice can be found at

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits>

School Office

Just a reminder that the school office is open from 8.30 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. each day. The main office is the only area of the school where the phone rings automatically, therefore if you call out with these times there may not be anyone available to answer your call.

Spelling Information Evening

Thank you to all who attended the spelling information evening delivered by Miss McDowall.

Parents were given information regarding the weekly programme and ways that this can be supported at home.

Miss McDowall has made the presentation available on the school blog but if you have any questions about the spelling please get in touch.

Early indications are very positive with gains being observed in the spelling assessments across the school.

Parking

A reminder to park with the safety of our pupils in mind and with consideration for our neighbours.

The car park and Grove entrances are vehicle access only. The car park is for staff and disabled drivers only. Pupils should not be taken in or out of through the car park. Pupils should use the main entrance on Old Greenock Road. This can be accessed from the main entrance via the pathway around the building.

As a rising number of our pupils are bussed to school please ensure that adequate space is left for the bus to park.

World Book Day

Once again thank you for your support in this. Not only did the pupils enjoy a day engaging further with books, over £500 was raised which will be used to purchase a variety of non-fiction books across the school.

RSHPE Information Evening

Mrs Davidson DHT is organising an information evening for any parent who wishes to find out more about the Renfrewshire Relationship, Sexual Health and Parenthood Education resource. This will take place on Tuesday 24th March at 6.00 p.m. More information on how to sign up for this event will follow in due course.

Lunches

As is normal at this time of year pupils will be given the option, after the Spring Break, to eat their packed lunch in the dining hall or outside. This is of course weather permitting. An adult on duty will make the decision based on the outside conditions. On days when eating lunch outside is permitted, pupils can still choose to eat in the dining hall if preferred. **No child must eat outside.** This only applies to Primaries 3-7. All pupils in P1 and 2 eat in the dining hall regardless.

Dates for the Diary

18th March - Netball Team

Tournament Lagoon

24th March - Relationship,

Sexual Health and Parenthood

Education -Talk for Parents

25th March _ P6 & Music Pupils

BBC 10 Pieces Park Mains

26th March - P6-7 Road Race

30th March - 2nd April- World of Work Week

31st March - P2 Calderglen Park Trip

3rd April - 17th April inclusive- Spring Break

22nd April- 5th May- Big Pedal

28th April & 30th April - P3

Museum of Rural Life

5th May - P7 Transition Day Park Mains

6th - 8th May inclusive - Pupil holiday

11th - 15th May - P7 trip to Kingswood

Lost Property

We are still collecting a large amount of lost property on a

regular basis. Please continue to help us return items to their owners by labelling them with your child's name. As well as clothing we have a large number of packed lunch boxes and water bottles. As these are generally branded with popular characters and groups, there can be three or four of the same in every class. Therefore it would be extremely helpful if you could also label these.

Football Team

Our football team continue to do extremely well having been undefeated so far this season. The next match is the final match of the season. We wish them well for this.

Thanks go to Mr McAvoy for his hard work with the team and to those who go along and support the team on match days.

Spring Break

The school will close for the Easter break on Thursday 2nd April. Please remember that this is an early close and the school will finish at **2.30p.m.** on that day.

Please note that school starts back on Monday the 22nd April.

Report Cards

Pupil reports will be issued on Thursday 3rd April. Please complete the feedback form enclosed and return it to your child's teacher when school

returns on Monday the 20th April.

Parent Pay / School Trips

Thank you to everyone for signing up to parent pay. As per the December newsletter, trips will be added to Parent Pay and you can set up email alerts for this. We will still send out letters with trip details 2 weeks before the trip date. As trips automatically appear on parent pay when they are set up, the timing of this may be different from the letter.

Food Waste/ School Dinner

As an ECO school we are concerned about the amount of food waste generated over lunch time. Please discuss the menu options with your child to ensure that they make the best possible choices for lunch and help us to reduce the amount of waste we produce.

PEF Funding

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) allocations have yet to be announced. We are expecting these any day. Once we have our allocation, we will be contacting you again to gather your views on plans for PEF interventions.

Yours sincerely

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