



Bishopton Primary School

Newsletter January 2019

Dear Parent, Carer,

I trust you all had a relaxing break over the festive period. It is hard to believe we are into the 3rd term already. We are looking forward to the year ahead and have lots of interesting learning planned. January is our focus month for Scots language and we look forward to our Scots poetry assembly at the start of February where we get a chance to see the results of all of the hard work.

Infant Enrolment

Just a reminder that infant enrolment will take place in the school on Wed 16th and Thurs 17th 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.

Pupils should be enrolled in their catchment school and a placing request can be made to any school of choosing. Finally, if you intend to defer your child starting school until the following year, you must still enrol and indicate your intention to defer.

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.

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.

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. The BPPC raised in excess of £4000 which will greatly benefit all the pupils of the school.

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 for his hard work in supporting the training and taking the team to the matches.

Severe Weather Emergency Procedures

Just in case we fall foul of another 'Beast from the East' here is a reminder of our procedures in severe weather: on days of heavy 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 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. 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.

Burns

January sees a focus on Scots culture within the school. We hope you are enjoying 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 7th February when our poetry champions will be crowned

Dates for the Dairy

16.01.19- New entrant enrolment 1.00 p.m. (A-L)
17.01.19- New entrant enrolment 1.00 p.m. (M-Z)
31.01.19- P7 Burns Supper
04.02.19 - BPPC Meeting
05.02.19 - Scots Language Assembly
06.02.19 - BPPC Valentine Disco
11.02.19 - February Holiday
12.02.19 - February Holiday
13.02.19 - Teacher In-service
14.02.19 - Pupils return
20.02.19 - Parent information Evening (Maths Games)
07.03.19 - World Book Day
19.03.19 - P7- WW2 Show
25.03.19 - Big Pedal
29.03.19 - Reports Issued
29.03.19 - School closes 2.30 p.m

Yours sincerely
Wendy McNaught
Head Teacher