

Bridge of Weir Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was a pleasure to meet with you at the recent Parents' Meetings. Many thanks for your thoughts and comments on Maths Homework and for completing our school survey on Values. We received 200 responses to our survey and you were in complete agreement with the values that the school promotes. Our weekly school assembly is based on the sharing of our values and encouraging our school community to not only know our values but to live them each day. Recently we shared the book, 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today' by Carol McCloud. This award winning book on kindness and happiness has become a hook in the school for us all to measure how much we support each other. We are encouraging everyone, no matter what age you are to be a 'bucket filler' and not a 'bucket dipper.' The book is available online if you want to take a look and discuss it at home.

You will note from the upcoming events that we have a number of dates for donations to support our school and both national and local charities. We appreciate all that you are able to give and ask that you **give what you can, IF you can**. All children come as they please on the dates regardless of donations.

For our Christmas Fayre this year our House Captains are leading an 'Enterprise' challenge. Many thanks to the parents of House Captains who have helped them to develop their ideas, products and activities. Flyers will be out soon to advertise their activities and goodies for sale and we hope that everyone will come along to support their houses. In addition we are collecting unwanted Christmas baubles to recycle into new decorations. For every bauble we receive a house token will be given.

Upcoming Events

November 10

Come as you please – donation of wine and chocolates

November 17

Come as you please and wear odd socks – donation for Children in Need

November 20

Donate a teddy at assembly to support St Vincent's Hospice

November 23

Christmas Fayre 6pm-8pm

November 27 – December 1

Book Week Scotland

November 30

School closed – local holiday

Advance Dates

14 and 15 December are our Christmas Concerts. One concert in the morning and one in the afternoon each day. More information to follow.

December 20 – Christmas Service and school closes for holidays.

New Path

The new path is now complete. It is not perfect but it is an improvement on the mud. I am encouraging the children to use the paths and really appreciate your support with the message to **walk on the paths**. We have several challenges with drainage at the bus bay and this has been reported and improved several times but it will not really improve until the temporary classroom unit is removed from the site. In the meantime, (not for very much longer) please use common sense to steer away from any large puddles and Mr Wilson will do his best to keep the paths clear.

Be Bright Be Seen

Our Community Police Officer visited the school to remind the children of the importance of wearing something bright. She also suggested that dogs might need to wear something bright too! Please do encourage the wearing of bright outer clothes or a light coloured hat or scarf. We also reminded the children of the importance of safe crossing and again we encourage the use of these around the school. We learned about Zebra, Pelican, Puffin, Toucan and Pegasus crossings! You can have some fun at home researching pedestrian crossings if you don't know what they are.

Poppy Scotland

Poppies are now available in the school for a donation.

Reminder to P7 Parents

Please do be aware that if you are not resident in Bridge of Weir or Houston Primary catchment area then transfer to Gryffe High School is not automatic and you will have to make a formal placing request. Letters have been sent out to all P7 parents informing them which Secondary School their child is registered to attend.

Website/Lost Property

Please see the website this month for information on treatment of head lice, end of day arrangements, arriving late and absence. If you remember to put your child's name on their belongings we can easily return any jumpers, jackets that get lost. You may well have bought a jacket recently so don't forget to put a name on it.

Primary 1, 2 and 3

Read, Write, Count Bag Party!

On Wednesday 29 November at 2pm all P2 and P3 parents are invited to this special event when every child will receive books and games supplied by the Scottish Book Trust. There will be an additional session at 6pm for any parents who can't manage during the day. Primary 1 parents should also look out for an invitation to a party on Friday 7 December

During Book Week Scotland all P1-3 children are being encouraged to take part in a library scavenger hunt. The scavenger hunt sheet will be given to the children from the school. Completed entries should be returned to the school. A house token will be awarded and the entry will be placed in a prize draw.

Primary 4 – 7

Books don't need electricity! We can read them anywhere and everywhere! We are inviting you all (parents included) to take the Extreme Reading Challenge!

Think about different, exciting, fun and SAFE places you can enjoy a book. Share your idea with your parents/carers and ask if they can take a photograph of you reading your book in your extreme place. Send your entry in to the school email and you will receive a house token and entry into a Prize Draw.