

Bridge of Weir Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was a pleasure to meet with you at the recent Parents' appointments. Many thanks for your responses to our survey on anti-bullying. We will now consult with staff and pupils and together we will develop a policy which is in line with national and local guidance but reflects the support that Bridge of Weir Primary can offer to children and families.

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.

We had a very successful Christmas Fayre last year and this year our House Captains are excited to be given the opportunity to lead their houses in an 'enterprise' challenge. They have recruited all the classes in the school to help. At the Fayre they will be running additional stalls and are hoping that their house will make the most profit! We hope that everyone will come along and support their houses as our interactive whiteboards are getting very old now and we would like to start replacing them. The money that we raise at this event will help a great deal.

Our focus at assembly is on our school value of 'do be kind and support others.' The understanding is that kindness is something anyone can give without losing anything themselves. This focus on how kindness can enhance positivity and help children to feel good about themselves is a key ingredient in creating a warm and inclusive school environment.

Susan Bell

Upcoming Events

November 2

Come as you please and wear purple for Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity

November 12 (Monday)

Come as you please – donation of wine and chocolates

November 16

Come as you please and wear something spotty - donation for children in need

November 22

Christmas Fayre 5.30pm-8pm

November 19 – 23

Book Week Scotland

November 30

School closed – St Andrew's Day

December 5 – Pantomime

December 7 – Christmas Jumper Day – St Vincent's Hospice and Save the Children

December 7 – Jingle Bell Walk – after school (time tba)

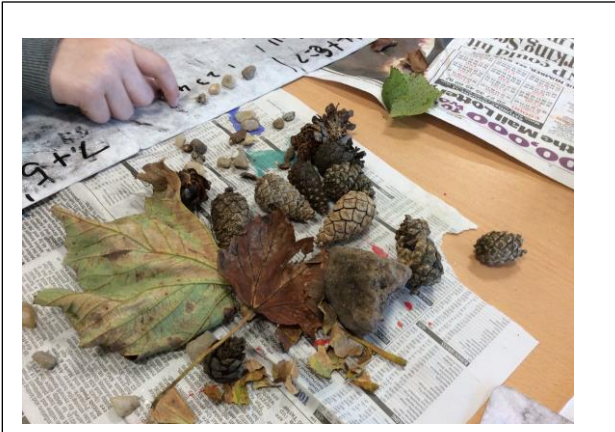
December 13 and 14 – Christmas Celebrations – am and pm performances

December 19 and 20 – Class Christmas Parties

December 21 – Christmas Service and school closes for the holidays.

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Bridge of Weir in Pictures



Human Clock

Maths in Primary 4. Every object has a value what is the total?



Andy the Highlander came to visit Primary 6. Thank you, Mrs Robert – Rocher for arranging this. He was brilliant.

New School Allotments

Thank you very much to Mr James Matthews and Mr Paul Matthews for the wonderful work they did to create our school allotments. We look forward to growing our crops and using them in our cooking lessons. If any members of our school community would like to be involved in this new and exciting project then please complete the tear off slip at the bottom and return this to the school. We would love some help and no experience is necessary.

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 Development

Our school website has grown arms and legs and needs to be brought under control. We would also like to make sure that the website is user friendly for parents, children and teachers. We are lucky to have some experienced parents who are going to help get our website back on track. Some parents, teachers and children are going to help to develop this over the school year and we look forward to having a much improved resource for everyone.

New Telephone System

The school will soon be transferring to a new system. This will mean that we will have a new telephone number – 0300 300 0148. The new number will also be notified to you, via text, two weeks before we change. The new system will have an interactive menu.

School Discos

Well done to all the boys and girls who came along to our school discos. You looked amazing in your costumes and your dancing was fantastic. The DJ thought you were great fun, well behaved and polite. He was so impressed that he has offered to come to our Christmas Fayre, free of charge, and play some music and make announcements for us.



Book Bug and Read, Write, Count Parties!

All P2 and P3 parents are invited to this special event on **Wednesday 21 November at 2pm** and **P1 parents on Friday 23 November at 2pm**. Every child will receive free books and games supplied by the Scottish Book Trust.

Primary 1 will be visiting the local library with their teachers.

Primary 4 & 5 have an author visit.

All children will be voting on their favourite book from a range at assembly.

All children will be discussing the development of their new classroom libraries with their teachers.

All children will take part in classroom activities celebrating a love of reading.

Road Race 2018

Well done to all our runners who brought home 3 trophies and 1 individual medal. You were great ambassadors for the school.

Our New Depute Head Teacher

We are delighted to inform you that following a successful interview Ms Davies was appointed as our Depute Head Teacher. Ms Davies has been our Acting DHT since February. She is delighted to be in the driving seat and looks forward to working with all the parents, teachers and children in her department. Ms Davies has responsibility for Nursery and Primary 1-3. Ms Davies is also responsible for the curriculum for P1-3, Health and Wellbeing and Additional Support for Learning in P1-3.

Chatterbox Champions

Some of you may know that since retiring in February our previous Depute Head Teacher, Mrs Elaine Kent, has been working on creating a resource called Chatterbox Champions. These are alphabet cards which include activities to encourage language and pre-reading skills. They are based on an idea which she originally developed here at Bridge of Weir Primary and Nursery. In recognition of this, Mrs Kent would like to donate 5% of sales in the first year to school and nursery funds. The cards will be available from early November and you can find out more at: www.chatterboxchampions.com

School Clubs

Please can I remind all parents to inform the school office if your child will not be attending an after school club. If your child is not present and we haven't been informed we have to establish where they are.

Music

A huge thank you to Renfrewshire Council's music department who have supported the school's ambition to improve musical opportunities for all of our pupils. Our Primary 7 pupils are currently being provided with weekly lessons in guitar. The music department has provided a guitar for every child to use at school and home. This is not available in every school and we feel very lucky to have this opportunity. We would like to welcome Mr Jan Stracynski who will be our guitar teacher.

We have also purchased a new music resource called Charanga, new Samba kits, drums and a metallophone again funded by the music department.

Aspen Grove

Mr Lowit was successful in applying for a grant to create an Aspen Grove in the school grounds. The planting of this grove will take place on Tuesday 27 November, which also happens to be National Tree Week. If you would like to help us with this then please let Ms Kerr in the office know.

I would like to help with the school allotment project.

Name: _____

Contact Details: _____