



Welcome to Bushes Primary's August & September Newsletter!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to the start of a new term and a new school year. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the beautiful, sunny weather we had for the majority of our time away from school-what an unexpected treat it was! Over these first few weeks it has been wonderful to see our new P1 pupils settle in so well and to welcome back our P2-P7 pupils. I would also like to express my sincerest appreciation to you all for the positive attitudes children have returned to school with, and for your efforts in ensuring your children come to school every day looking smart in their uniforms. I am very excited for the year ahead and I am sure, by continuing to work in partnership, it will be another very successful one for all of our pupils.



Staffing and Classes

At the end of term in June we said goodbye to Miss Chisholm, one of our Primary 2 teachers. She leaves with our best wishes and confidence of success in her future in her role at Ralston Primary. This year we are delighted to welcome Mr Matthew Clyne to the Bushes team.

Primary 1a	Miss Katie Boyle	Primary 4/5	Mrs Michelle Moseley and Mrs Donna McConnell
Primary 1b	Mrs Tracey McNally	Primary 5	Mr Scott Bannerman
Primary 2a	Mrs Laura Robertson	Primary 6a	Mrs Kirsty MacLeod and Mrs Lynn Paterson
Primary 2b	Mrs Kathryn Wake and Mrs Kirsty Diver	Primary 6b	Mr Matthew Clyne and Mrs Alison Warnock
Primary 2c	Mrs Anne Marie Bowden	Primary 7a	Mrs Pauline MacIntosh
Primary 3a	Miss Diane Logan	Primary 7b	Mr Andrew Forrester
Primary 3b	Miss Hannah Flood	NCCT	Mrs Lynn Paterson Mrs Kathryn Wake Mrs Jennifer Hendry
Primary 3/4	Miss Emma Roseman	Pupil Equity Fund	Mr Neil Ramsey
Primary 4a	Miss Laura Sweeney		

Keeping in Touch



Our school has its own Twitter account. We regularly tweet reminders of important events and share successes. It is also a great place to ask any general questions you have, such as start and finish times of school events, however we would ask that any child-specific questions are directed through the school office. You don't need to have a Twitter account to access it, just search for @BushesPrimary in your search engine. If you do have Twitter, why not follow us!

We are continuing to update and add new features to the school website. Keep checking our website at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/bushes/> for the latest news and information from Bushes Primary.



Celebrating Children's Successes!

I have had some lovely visits over the past few weeks from boys and girls who have been very keen to share with me their successes outside of school. I have been visited by children who have received awards for all sorts of clubs; swimming, dancing and Boys Brigade to name but a few. I have been tweeting about each of these successes at the end of each visit – why not follow us @BushesPrimary to stay up-to-date with these. We are looking forward to coming together as a school soon to celebrate these and other successes at the first 'Celebrating Success' assembly of this school year.

Primary 7 Gleniffer High School Open Night



There will be an Open Night held in Gleniffer High School for parents of Primary 7 pupils on Thursday 27th September at 6.30pm. Primary 7 pupils are welcome to attend but must be accompanied by an adult.



Pupil Equity Fund

As part of our Pupil Equity Fund Plan for this session I am delighted to announce that Mr Bannerman, Miss Flood, Mrs Diver and Mrs Wake will be our Family Learning Coordinators. They will be offering a variety of events, workshops and information sessions, all aimed at supporting our pupils and their families. This is a really exciting development made possible by the money we have received as part of the Pupil Equity Fund. Further details will be announced soon-watch this space!



School Photographs

Tempest photographers will be visiting the school on Wednesday 3rd and Friday 5th October. Once the photographs have been taken, proofs will be sent home for you to decide if you wish to purchase any of the photographs. Instructions for ordering and payment information will be included with the proofs. We would ask that all pupils come to school in full school uniform on these days.



P6 Residential Trip

Our Primary 6 pupils will have the opportunity to attend a residential trip to Lockerbie Manor from Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 27th April. Mrs Paterson will be holding an information evening on Monday 10th September from 6pm-7pm. Primary 6 pupils are welcome to attend but must be accompanied by an adult.



Parent Council

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We have a very active and supportive Parent Council and I am very appreciative of everything they do for the school. We are always looking for new members and I would encourage you to support the vital work the Parent Council does for the school. Parent Council meetings are usually scheduled for the first Tuesday of every month and are held in the staff room at 6.30pm.

The first Parent Council meeting of the new school session will be the AGM. This is scheduled for Tuesday 4th September at 6.30pm in the staff room. All parents and carers are invited and welcome and I look forward to seeing lots of you there.

The first Parent Council event for pupils this session will be a disco on Thursday 13th September.



Safe Entry to School

A reminder that children should enter and exit the school building at 9am and 3pm in their class lines through the doors allocated to their classes. No parent or carer should be entering or exiting the building through these doors. If a child arrives at school after the outside doors have been closed then they should enter the school through the main entrance and report to the school office. If, as a parent or carer, you need to collect your child for an appointment, accompany them when they are arriving late to school, or wish simply to drop their lunch or school bag off, you must report upon your arrival to the school office and a member of the clerical team will assist you. I must insist on these procedures being followed as they are in place to ensure the safety of all of our children at all times. I would like to thank you in advance for your support with this.



Wet Weather Arrangements

A letter has been sent home regarding procedures for mornings with inclement weather. Entrance doors at the P2 and P3 classrooms will be opened at 8.50am by members of the management team. Pupils will be allowed to enter the school where they will be supervised. Please note that we do not have enough space to accommodate adults accompanying their children into the school building and would ask you drop off children at the P2 and P3 entrance points. Thank you for your support in this.



School Day

A reminder that timings of the school day have changed slightly this year. The school day runs as follows:

Morning: 9am - 10.30am

Morning Break: 10.30am - 10.45am

Mid Morning: 10.45am - 12.15pm

Lunch: 12.15pm - 1pm

Afternoon: 1pm - 3pm



Curriculum Evening

A letter was sent home last week inviting you to a curriculum evening on Wednesday 5th September. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher on an informal basis, learn a little bit about what your child will be learning this session and see some of the resources to which they will have access. No formal presentations will be taking place so you are welcome to drop in anytime between 5pm and 7pm and please feel free to bring your child with you. The whole school as well as the Nursery are participating in this evening and you are welcome to visit classes other than those your child is in. This event is in addition to the traditional parents' evenings which will take place on Wednesday 3rd October and Wednesday 27th February this session, and thus no individual progress report will be given to parents for individual children by teachers at this event. I look forward to seeing you all there!



Bushes is 60!

On 1st September 1958 Bushes Primary opened its doors for the first time. In the 60 years that have followed the staff of Bushes Primary have worked tirelessly to support the pupils, parents and wider school community and together have achieved some amazing things. We think that is something worth celebrating! You may have noticed an article in the Paisley Daily Express last week advertising that we are asking for your help. Are you a Bushes ex-pupil or teacher or employee? Do you have an interesting story to tell? Have you found fame since leaving school? Do you have any old school photos you are willing to share? If so, the children would love to hear from you! Please contact the school by email: bushesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk or by telephone: 0141 884 2497, and tell us your story! Further details will be announced shortly so watch this space!



Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices



If you deem it necessary for your child to bring a mobile phone with them to school, it must be switched off and kept in their school bag at all times. Children are not permitted to use their mobile phones within school time and the school takes no responsibility if they are lost or damaged. Children should not be using their mobile phones to take videos or photographs within the school grounds.

Children should not be bringing other electronic devices to school to use at break times or golden time. At Bushes we like to encourage children to build friendships and relationships with one another and find that the use of such devices at these times does not support this.

I am grateful to you for your support in both of these matters.



Car Park

Just a quick reminder that the school car park is for staff use only. Unfortunately we only have enough space to accommodate staff cars and therefore I must insist that the car park remains for staff use only at all times.

Medicines



If your child requires to take medicine during the school day please ensure this is given to the office in the morning. Children should not keep medicines in their school bags or self-administer medicine. If your child has an inhaler at home can I ask that you send in a second one in to school and this will be kept in the office should they require it to be administered.



P.E. Lesons

It has been great to see so many pupils remembering their gym kit as it is so important that children have the opportunity to take part in the wonderful P.E. lessons our teachers provide for their pupils. To take part in gym pupils need a t-shirt and a pair of shorts (preferably black shorts and a white t-shirt).

We would advise that any child having body jewellery piercing wait until the first week of the summer break to allow them time to heal for the start of the new school session. We would strongly recommend that for best health and safety practice, children do not wear earrings to school on days they have P.E. However if this is not possible, parents wishing their children to wear earrings must ensure that they are studded and not hooped. Parents must also ensure that earrings are either taped up before the start of the school day, provide tape to your child to administer the tape if you feel they are capable of doing so independently or that the pupil is able to remove the earrings by themselves. Please note that adults in the school will not be taping up pupil's ears and that pupils are responsible for the safekeeping of their jewellery.

School Diary 2018-19

September	
Tuesday 4 th	Parent Council AGM 6.30pm
Wednesday 5 th	Curriculum Evening 5pm-7pm (Nursery and P1-P7)
Thursday 6 th	P6's Swimming
Monday 10 th	P6 Residential Trip Parents' Information Evening 6pm
Monday 10 th -Friday 14 th	Maths Week Scotland
Thursday 13 th	Parent Council Disco
Friday 21 st -Monday 24 th inclusive	Holiday
Thursday 27 th September	P7 Gleniffer High School Open Night
October	
Wednesday 3 rd and Friday 5 th	School Photographs
Wednesday 3 rd	Parents' Night (3pm-9pm P1-P7) (Nursery 5pm-7pm)
Tuesday 9 th	Parent Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 10 th	P7a and p7b Assembly 9.30am
Monday 15 th -Friday 19 th inclusive	Holiday
Monday 22 nd	Inservice Day (school open only to staff)
Thursday 25 th	Parent Council Disco
Wednesday 31 st	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 31 st	P3a and p3b Assembly
November	
Tuesday 6 th	Parent Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 14 th	P6a and P6b Assembly 9.30am
Saturday 17 th	Parent council Winter FAYRE
Friday 30 th	Holiday
December	
Tuesday 4 th	Parent Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 5 th (Afternoon)	Nursery, P1 and P2 Nativity
Thursday 6 th (Morning)	Nursery, P1 and P2 Nativity
Tuesday 11 th	P7s Christmas Party
Thursday 13 th	P5s Christmas Party
Thursday 13 th	Parent Council Christmas Movie Night 6.30pm
Friday 14 th	P6s Christmas Party
Monday 17 th	P4s Christmas Party
Tuesday 18 th	P3s Christmas Party
Wednesday 19 th	P2s Christmas Party
Thursday 20 th	P1s Christmas Party
Friday 21 st	P1-P7 Pantomime
Monday 24 th -Friday 4 th inclusive	Holiday
January	
Tuesday 8 th	Parent Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 16 th and Thursday 17 th	Primary 1 Enrolment
Wednesday 30 th	P3/4 and P4 assembly 9.30am
February	
Tuesday 5 th	Parent Council 6.30pm
Monday 11 th and Tuesday 12 th inclusive	Holiday
Wednesday 13 th	Inservice Day (school open only to staff)
Thursday 21 st	Parent Council Disco
Wednesday 27 th	Parents' Night 3pm-9pm (P1-P7)
March	
Tuesday 5 th	Parent Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 6 th	P2a, p2b and P2c Assembly 9.30am
Monday 11 th	P6 Residential Trip Parents' Night 6pm
Wednesday 20 th	P4/5 and p5 Assembly 9.30am
Thursday 21 st	Parent Council Movie Night 6.30pm

Please note some dates may be unavoidably changed

March (cont'd)	
Wednesday 27th	P1a and P1b Assembly 9.30am
April	
Monday 1 st April-Friday 12 th inclusive	Holiday
Friday 19 th -Monday 22 nd inclusive	Holiday
Tuesday 23 rd -Friday 26 th	P6s on Residential Trip
Tuesday 23 rd	Parent Council 6.30pm
May	
Tuesday 2 nd	Parent Council Disco
Monday 6 th	Holiday
Tuesday 7 th	Inservice Day (school open only to staff)
Wednesday 22 nd	Nursery Parents' Night 5pm-7pm
Friday 24 th and Monday 27 th inclusive	Holiday
Wednesday 29 th	Nursery Sports Day
June	
Tuesday 4 th	Parent Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 5 th	Nursery Party
Wednesday 12 th	Nursery Presentation Day
Wednesday 12 th and Thursday 13 th	P7 School Show
Tuesday 18 th	P1-P7 Sports Day
Wednesday 19 th	P7 Prom
Friday 28 th	P7 Awards Ceremony
Friday 28 th	Last day of school session 2018-19

If you have any concerns regarding your child's education, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Craig McCrorie