



Welcome to Bushes Primary's **January** Newsletter!

Welcome Back! 

A very warm welcome back! On behalf of everyone at Bushes, I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all a very healthy and happy 2019!



Keeping in Touch

Remember to look out for us on Twitter. You don't need to have a Twitter account to access our account, 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.

Our annual Standards and Quality report and Improvement Plan are also available on the school website.

Safe Road Use



It has been brought to my attention that a number of road users are parking on the zig zags at the pedestrian crossing at Fairway Avenue at the beginning and end of the school day. I don't have to state how dangerous this is and I urge all of our parents to think carefully about the safety of all road users when they consider where to park their cars when collecting their child.

Further to this and following issues raised through our Parent Council I have been working closely with members of our Community Police to ensure the roads directly around the school are as safe as possible for all of our pupils. I would urge all adults collecting children from the school and Nursery to think carefully about where they are parking their cars and to consider the safety of all road users when doing so.



Bushes is 60!

As part of our 60th birthday celebrations, all of our classes have chosen to learn all about a decade between the 1950's and the 2010's during this term. Children will learn about different aspects of their chosen decade and share their learning with you, their families, at class open days on dates to be announced soon.



Christmas Fayre

The Parent Council hosted our annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday the 17th of November. The school was very busy with lots of families enjoying the festivities and the wonderful crafts and gifts that were available to buy. This event raised an amazing £2600! As always all funds raised will be used to support the work of the school. My sincerest thanks go to the Parent Council, school, staff and our wider Parent Forum for your continued support.



Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices



As some pupils may have been given new electronic devices for Christmas I thought it would be worthwhile to remind you all of our school policy on the use of these in school.

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.



Registration of Infant Beginners in Primary Schools Session 2019-20

Children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2019 and 29 February 2020 inclusive should be registered in their catchment area school as follows:

Pupils whose surnames begin with initials A to L should be registered on Wednesday 16 January 2019.

Pupils whose surnames begin with initials M to Z should be registered on Thursday 17 January 2019.

Registration will take place between 1pm and 3pm on each day. If you are unsure of your catchment school, please contact the school office staff who will be happy to help. Parents should produce their child's birth certificate, and two proofs of residence, which must include council tax notice for the property or proof that you have registered for council tax at that property, and a letter from your solicitor confirming that missives have been concluded, a rent book for rented property, tenancy agreement or a mortgage/bank statement. **Original documents** must be produced.

If you have any questions about registering your child please contact the school office. Parents who wish to find out more about the school or see round the building are invited to contact us on 0141 884 2497 to arrange this.



Primary 7 Visit to Gleniffer High School

On Friday 18th January Primary 7's will be visiting Gleniffer High School. They will be taking part in lessons based around self-awareness, managing feelings, motivation, empathy and social skills. This will be a great opportunity for pupils to experience Gleniffer High School and mix with their peers who will be attending the school from August. A bus will take them to and from Gleniffer within the normal school hours so pupils should attend Buses Primary between 9am and 3pm on this day.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council have run a number of successful events so far this year and are a credit to our school. The money raised from these events goes directly to improve the educational experience of all pupils funding new resources, trips and visitors to our school. They are always looking for new recruits so if you are interested why not come along to one of their meetings?! These usually take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm. The first meeting of 2019 will take place in the staff room on **Tuesday 8th January at 6.30pm**. I look forward to seeing you there!



Helping Others

I would like to take this opportunity to express my immense pride in being the Head Teacher of such a kind and caring school. Over the past few months we have supported a number of charities and worthwhile causes and it is with delight I share with you what was raised:

Children in Need - £373.50

Brightest Star - (Donations at Nativity) £206.04

Food Bank - (P4/5 and P5 singing at Morrisons) £142.53 along with all of the donations of food collected. The staff from the Food Bank were visibly shocked when they saw the amount that had been collected.

3 Armed Forces charities; ABF The Soldiers' Charity, The Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity and The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund - £296.30

Family Learning Coordinators (FLC)

Our Family Learning Coordinators for this year are Mr Bannerman, Miss Flood, Mrs Wake, Mrs Diver, Mrs MacLeod and Mrs Moseley. Funded through the Pupil Equity Fund, they have already ran a book bag gifting event for the P2 and P3 pupils that was a great success. They are currently planning a number of events and initiatives for the remainder of this school session aimed at supporting parents to support their children in their learning. I would encourage you to look out for details of these events over the coming weeks and sign up for these events early as they are sure to be very popular and worthwhile.



Dates for your Diary

| January | |
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| Tuesday 8th | 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) |
| Wednesday 20 th | P6a and P6b Assembly 9.30am |
| 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 |
| Thursday 21 st | Parent Council Movie Night 6.30pm |
| Wednesday 27 th | 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 | |
| Thursday 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 |

Please note some dates may be unavoidably changed

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

Yours sincerely,

Craig McCrorie