



# Welcome to Bushes Primary's April and May Newsletter!

## Staffing



It gives me great pleasure to begin this newsletter by sharing two lovely pieces of news with you all.

Firstly, Mrs Roberston and her husband have welcomed into the world baby Matthew. Both Mum and Matthew are doing well and all of us at Bushes are delighted for the whole family.

Secondly, Miss Logan got married during the Spring holiday and returns to us as Mrs Irvine. Everyone at Bushes would like to Mrs Irvine and her new husband a lifetime of happiness together.

In other staffing news, we have been very fortunate to have Mrs Jean Ann Lees join our staff as cover for Mrs Roberston and we have also welcomed Mrs Barbara Gillespie into our Nursery staff as one of our Early Learning and Childcare Officers.



## Pupil Equity Fund

A huge 'Thank You' to all of the parents who completed the parental feedback on ways the school can best invest the money we receive from the Pupil Equity Fund to support all pupils within our school. This feedback, alongside that from pupils and staff, will be collated and utilised to create a plan, and this will be shared with you within the next newsletter in June.

## 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 experiences of all pupils funding new resources, trips and visitors to our school. Our last disco raised £650 with our Movie Night raising £180. With money raised, the Parent Council have purchased a number of playground toys and equipment that the children will be able to use at breaktimes. This is only made possible with your continued support of, and attendance at, the events run by the Parent Council. Thank you!

Our next disco will be held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**.

Our Parent Council 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. However because of holidays, the next meeting of 2019 will take place in the staff room on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.30pm**. I look forward to seeing you there!



## Primary 1 and Primary 7 Induction

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, our Primary 7 pupils will be attending Gleniffer High School for their induction days.

On the same days we will be welcoming our new Primary 1 boys and girls and their parents/carers to Bushes, and we are very much looking forward to meeting and working with them all!

## P6 Residential Trip



Our Primary 6 pupils are getting very excited for their residential trip to Lockerbie Manor from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. I am looking forward to hearing all about the trip on their return! I would like to state that the trip would not be possible without staff giving up their time and leaving their families for a week, and I am very grateful to Mrs Paterson, Mrs McConnell, Miss Flood, Mr Clyne and Mrs Mcfee who have volunteered to accompany the children on this residential trip.



## Primary 7 Gleniffer High School Parents' Night

A reminder that there will be a Parents' Night held in Gleniffer High School for parents of Primary 7 pupils on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 6.30pm.



## School Visit

I am delighted to inform you that our Education Manager visited our school during March. He was excited to visit our school and spent time in the classrooms speaking with the boys and girls to find out more about all of the wonderful learning that takes place within our school.

### Staff Car Park



Please remember that the school car park is for staff use only. Parents should not be using the car park at the beginning and end of the school day. I appreciate your understanding and support in this.



### New Telephone Number

The school and Nursery have a new telephone system and a new telephone number. It is **0300 300 0149**. Please can I ask that you take note of this number and inform anyone in your family who would need to contact the school of this change.

Due to this upgrade in the telephone system when the school contacts you the message 'No Caller ID' may appear on your phone. If we do try to contact you and there is the facility to leave a voicemail message then we will do so. However if you do not have this facility on your phone and you have a missed call from 'No Caller ID' please contact us to check if we have tried to contact you.

### Nut Free School



I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are a nut free school. Nuts and products containing nuts e.g. Nutella, Snickers bars etc. should not be brought into school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

We are also a school that promotes healthy eating. A number of children have been bringing large bottles and cans of fizzy juice with them to school. I would appreciate your support in not sending your child into school with these fizzy drinks as we have found consuming them can make it harder for children to concentrate.



### Dates for your Diary

Please note some dates may be unavoidably changed

April	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> -Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> inclusive	Holiday
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> -Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	P6s on Residential Trip
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent Council 6.30pm
May	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Council Disco
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Inservice Day (school open only to staff)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Nursery Parents' Night 5pm-7pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> inclusive	Holiday
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Sports Day
June	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Party
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Presentation Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	P7 School Show
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	P1-P7 Sports Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Prom
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Awards Ceremony

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

Yours sincerely,

*Craig McCrorie*