



Welcome to Bushes Primary's **October, November and December** Newsletter!



Staffing Changes

I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome Mrs Sarah Hislop to the Bushes team. She joins us in the Early Learning and Childcare Class as an Early Learning and Childcare Officer.

In previous newsletters I wrote to inform you of Mrs Tracey McNally's success at interview to become Principal Teacher at Heriot Primary on a temporary basis. Mrs McNally has now taken up this new post at Heriot Primary and we wish her every success in her new role.

In the last piece of staffing news, Miss Hannah Flood will be leaving Bushes Primary, and Scotland in fact, at the October holidays as she travels to Australia and other countries. Miss Flood has worked at Bushes for the past 3 years and will be missed by staff and pupils alike. She goes, however, with our best wishes for the future and sincerest thanks for the time she has worked at Bushes.

Whole School Open Afternoon



On **Wednesday 30th October** we are looking forward to welcoming you into the school as part of our whole school open afternoon. Children have been working hard since the start of the school year and are very excited about sharing their learning with you.

Doors will be open to visitors from **1.30pm on the day until last entry at 2.30pm. Visitors will be asked to leave the classrooms at 2.45pm at the latest to allow pupils to get organised for home time.** Children will be dismissed from their classrooms at 3pm as usual. I look forward to seeing you all there!



Family Learning Coordinators (FLC)

Our Family Learning Coordinators, funded through the Pupil Equity Fund, 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.

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.

In the morning, teachers are happy to quickly receive any information you wish to pass on, however if you have any pressing matters or concerns I would ask that you contact the school office to arrange to speak with the teacher at a mutually convenient time.



Nativity

Nursery, Primary 1 and Primary 2 will shortly begin to prepare for this year's Nativity. This year there will be an afternoon performance on Wednesday 4th December and a morning performance on Thursday 5th December. Information regarding tickets will be given closer to these events but make sure to mark these dates in your diary-you won't want to miss it!

Class Christmas Parties



As was the case last session this year parties will be held in stages to all children of the same year group to socialise together. Dates are marked on the calendar included in this newsletter. On these days children can come to school dressed in their party clothes or bring them with them to get changed into them at lunchtime. Class teachers will send a note home nearer to the parties asking for £1 from each child which will go towards food and items for the party.



Early Learning and Childcare Class Playground

It has been brought to my attention that a number of school children are playing in the Nursery playground at the end of the school day. Unfortunately a number of toys have recently been damaged or broken. I would ask that school children do not play in the Nursery playground at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support in this.

Christmas Fayre

The Parent Council will be hosting our Christmas Fayre on Saturday the 16th of November. The doors will open at 10am and close at 12noon. There will be a range of visiting stalls as well as the traditional favourites such as the raffle, tombola, lucky dip, toys and books and home baking. Come and relax with a cup of coffee and a cake. As always, all funds raised will be used to support the work of the school.



Parent Council

At the recent Parent Council AGM it was decided that Marion Rossi and Suzanne McGilp would step down from their roles as Chairperson and Secretary respectively. I, and the rest of the Parent Council are extremely grateful to both Marion and Suzanne for all of their work in these demanding roles. I am happy to write that they will both remain a part of the Parent Council.

Nicola West was elected as the new Chairperson and Clair Watson as the new Secretary.

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 event for pupils this session was a disco on Thursday 12th September and made a fantastic profit of £500! It was a great event and was enjoyed by everyone who attended. My thanks to staff and parents who gave freely of their time to make this event possible.

There are a number of events being run by the Parent Council over the coming months with money raised being used directly to improve the experiences your child receives at school. They are as follows:

Thursday 24th October – School Disco Saturday 16th November – Winter Fayre

Thursday 12th December – Family Christmas Movie Night

The Parent Council have also organised a whole school pantomime that will take place in school on Friday 20th December. This is always an event thoroughly enjoyed by pupils and made possible by your continued support of the various events organised and run by the Parent Council.

Wet Weather Arrangements



A reminder 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.

I would like to point out that it is your choice whether you send your child into school early on days such as these and make use of the arrangements we have put in place. If you wish to wait outside until 9am and enter through your normal doors then please feel free to do so.



School Holidays 2019-20

Due to the decision to move the first bank holiday Monday in May to Friday the 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day there have been some changes to this year's holidays. Please note the changes are as follows:

School and ELCC will now be **open** on Thursday 30th April, Friday 1st May and Monday 4th May.

School and ELCC will now be closed on Wednesday 6th May, Thursday 7th May and Friday 8th May.

These dates have been altered in the calendar in this newsletter as well as on our website.

Smoke Free



A reminder that the school playground is a no smoking area. This also includes any form of vaping or use of an e-cigarette. I appreciate your support in respecting this arrangement.



Health

As we move towards the colder, winter months, I would like to remind you of the NHS' guidance that children should not return to school or nursery until 48 hours after a bout of sickness or diarrhoea (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>).

I would also like to draw your attention to the following advice from the NHS about checking your child's hair regularly for Head Lice. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Travelling to School



It is wonderful to see so many pupils walking, cycling and scooting to school. I have reminded boys and girls at assembly that as soon as they enter the playground in the morning they must come off of their bike or scooter and push it round to the bike shelter. At the end of the day children should push their bike or scooter whilst they are in the playground. I would appreciate your help in reminding your child of these rules.



Star Pupils

At our first Celebrating Success Assembly of the year we recognised pupils achievements both inside and outside of school. As part of this, 'Star Pupil' awards were given out. These awards are given to one pupil within each class who has achieved the theme of that award. The theme changes each time with the first one being given to pupils who had 'worked their socks off'. I am delighted to share these children's names with you:

P1a Murray	P4b TJ
P1b Lauren	P4/5 Lacey
P1/2 Ruaridh	P5a Conall
P2a Elena	P6a Emily
P2/3 Freya	P6b Brandon
P3a Brody	P7a Rachel
P3b Lucy	P7b Leah
P4a Lewis	

Well done to you all!

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

Yours sincerely,

Craig McCrorie

Dates for Diary 2019-20

October	
Wednesday 9th	Parents' Night (3pm-9pm P1-P7) (Nursery 5pm-7pm)
Friday 11th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th inclusive	Holiday
Tuesday 22nd	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 24th	Parent Council Disco
Wednesday 30 th	Whole School Open Afternoon
November	
Tuesday 5th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Saturday 16th	Winter Fayre

Dates for Diary 2019-20

December	
Monday 2nd	Holiday
Tuesday 3rd	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 4 th (afternoon)	Nursery, P1 and P2 Nativity
Thursday 5 th (morning)	Nursery, P1 and P2 Nativity
Tuesday 10th	P7s Christmas Party
Thursday 12th	P5s Christmas Party
Thursday 12th	Parent Council Christmas Movie Night 6.30pm
Friday 13th	P6s Christmas Party
Monday 16th	P4s Christmas Party
Tuesday 17th	P3s Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th	P2s Christmas Party
Thursday 19th	P1s Christmas Party
Friday 20th	P1-P7 Pantomime
Friday 20th	Finish at 2.30pm
Monday 23 rd – Friday 3 rd inclusive	Holiday
January	
Tuesday 7 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Monday 13th	Primary 6 Residential Trip Meeting 6pm-7pm
Wednesday 15 th and Thursday 16th	Primary 1 Enrolment
February	
Tuesday 4th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 5 th and Thursday 6th	P1-P7 Scottish Showcase
Friday 7th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Monday 10 th and Tuesday 11 th inclusive	Holiday
Wednesday 12th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Thursday 20th	Parent Council Disco
Friday 21st	World Thinking Day
March	
Tuesday 3rd	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 5th	World Book Day
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th inclusive	P6s Residential Trip
Wednesday 18th	Parents' Night (3pm-9pm P1-P7)
Thursday 26 th	Parent Council Movie Night 6.30pm
Friday 27th	Whole School Open Afternoon
April	
Wednesday 1st	Nursery Sports Day
Friday 3 rd – Friday 17 th inclusive	Holiday
Tuesday 28th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 29th	P7s Parents' Evening at Gleniffer High School
Thursday 30th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
May	
Wednesday 6th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Thursday 7th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Friday 8th	Holiday
Tuesday 12 th and Wednesday 13th	P7s Induction at Gleniffer High School
Tuesday 12 th and Wednesday 13th	New Primary 1s Induction at Buses
Friday 22 nd – Monday 25 th inclusive	Holiday
Wednesday 27th	Nursery Parents' Night 5pm – 7pm
Friday 29th	P7s Sports Day at Gleniffer High School
June	
Tuesday 2nd	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 10th	Nursery Graduation
Wednesday 10 th and Thursday 11th	P7 School Show
Tuesday 16th	P1-P7 Sports Day
Wednesday 17th	P7 Prom
Wednesday 24th	Nursery Party
Friday 26 th	P7 Leavers' Service
Friday 26th	Finish at 1pm

Please note some dates may be unavoidably changed