



## Welcome to Bushes Primary's **December** Newsletter!

I would like to begin by saying thank you to you all for your ongoing and continued support in everything we have done since we returned in August. The way our school community has come together has been inspiring and I am very grateful to you all for following the rules and procedures we have put in place. These rules and procedures look like they will be with us for a while to come so your continued support with this is needed but not taken for granted. We are doing everything we can to make this year as normal as possible for the pupils and I, and all the staff, are very proud of each and every one of them.

### **4** Tier 4 Updates

Moving to Tier 4 has the following implications:

**Symptoms:** Should you, or any member of your family whom you share a home with, develop any COVID symptoms please book a test and do not attend the school. All members of the home must self-isolate until the results of the test have been attained. If you need any guidance on what to do please contact the school and we will be happy to help.

**Shielding:** Children whose family members were advised to shield can continue to attend school. If your child was previously in the shielding category, then you should seek advice from your clinical consultant. Please let the school know as soon as possible should your child be advised to not attend school so that the appropriate supports can be put in place.

**P.E.:** This will need to continue to take place outside but only when the weather allows.

### Staffing Changes



I would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome Mrs Leanne Feeney to the Bushes team. She joins us as an Additional Support Needs Assistant (ASNA).



### 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.

If you have an enquiry please ensure you contact the school office (0300 300 0149) or enquiries email ([bushesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:bushesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)).

### Values Awards



I am very much looking forward to this week's Values assembly where we will be awarding our first Values certificates! These are awarded to pupils who, through their actions and choices have been upholding the school values. Staff nominate children to receive one of these awards and their actions are celebrated at an assembly. Any child receiving an award will get a certificate and a letter home sharing details of the nomination. When things have returned to normal, children who receive an award will also be invited to a hot chocolate break time with Mr McCrorie to celebrate. Unfortunately, that is not possible at the moment so each award winner will be sent home with a hot chocolate sachet to enjoy at home! It would be great if any award winners can send a photo of them enjoying their hot chocolate reward to [bushesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:bushesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk) (these images may be used on the website, twitter, seesaw etc. so please only send these in if you are happy for them to be used in this way. No names will be added to the photos). These awards are very special so please take the time to celebrate these with your child should they receive one. We will hold these events regularly throughout the school year.



## Nativity

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing pandemic we are unable to have our normal Nativity this year. I am delighted to say though that Nursery and Primary 1 children will still get the chance to take part in a Nativity! Each 'bubble' is currently in the process of creating their own version of this year's Nativity, with the final version being shared online with parents and carers of Nursery and P1 parents before Christmas. I am indebted to my staff who are working so hard to make this happen and I for one can't wait to see the final results!

## Christmas



When we come back to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December Christmas will be nearly upon us and I want to reassure you that although we can't do all of the things we normally do in the way we normally do them, we will be doing our best to make this as special a time as every other year. Further details about these events will follow however the plans currently include:

- Online Christmas pantomime for all classes (paid for by the Parent Council)
- Christmas message service replacing Christmas cards for a £1 donation going to Poppy Scotland
- Christmas raffle organised by the Parent Council with lots of fantastic prizes available!
- Christmas party for each class (with food and drinks paid for by the Parent Council).
- Christmas Lunch will be available on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The menu is detailed at the end of this newsletter. Children can come on this day dressed in their Christmas jumper/themed clothes with monetary donations going to the local foodbank via Parent Pay.



## Parent Council

We have continued to be very active and supportive of the school even during these challenging times. We organised the very popular Halloween raffle which raised £582 and the window decorating competition. We are also running a Christmas raffle this term with all money going to the school (thank you to everyone who donated).

We continue to meet every month and are always looking for new members. Please support the vital work we do as it benefits every child within 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 next meeting is on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.30pm** and Zoom codes will be sent out on Seesaw.

## Holidays



A reminder of two upcoming holidays:

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November:** St Andrews' Day holiday

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December (2.30pm) until and including Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** Christmas holidays

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** School returns

And finally, if we can offer your child, you or your family support in any way please don't hesitate to contact me. The next few months will continue to be challenging for everyone but we are here for you if you need us. Wishing you and your family good health and happiness.

Yours sincerely,

*Craig McCrorie*



## The Christmas menu



Turkey, Roast Potatoes,  
Carrots, Stuffing & Pigs in Blankets

Or

Steak Pie, Roast Potatoes  
Carrots & Peas

Christmas Ice Cream Pots  
&  
Christmas Treat

Alternative menu for special diets is  
available