



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



Keeping in Touch

Please make sure your details are up-to-date and you can access your Seesaw account on this app. Using this app will enable us to stay in touch with you easily and provide to you with information quickly and efficiently. This is the main method of communication with parents.

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.



Registration of Infant Beginners in Primary Schools Session 2022-23

Registration for school for children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2022 and 28 February 2023 inclusive will take place online during the week beginning 1st November. Forms can be accessed here <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/11957/Apply-for-a-place-at-school> during this week only.

Safe Entry to School

I would like to remind you of the advice we issued at the start of term 1 regarding **SAFETY** to the playground at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you to you all for following these closely to ensure the health and safety of everyone.

- Adults are required to wear a face masks when on school grounds e.g. as soon as you enter the playground.
- Pupils should not be arriving more than a few minutes before their start time.
- Parents will be encouraged where they feel their child is old enough, to drop them off and collect them without entering the playground.
- Parents of younger children may want to bring their child into, and collect them from, the playground and this is possible however, it is imperative that you socially distance at all times.
- Only 1 parent from each family should enter the playground to drop off/collect their child and they should then leave the playground as soon as their child has entered the building.
- Anyone who wishes to accompany their child into the playground should not stand with their child in their class lines or approach members of staff.
- If you have missed your child's allocated timeslot, please do not bring your child to school without contacting the school office to verify a suitable arrival time where a member of staff will then be in attendance to receive any latecomers and safely escort them to classes.
- At the end of each day, please arrive just a minute or two before your child's allocated dismissal time to avoid congestion.
- The climbing frame and trim trail should not be used at the beginning or end of the day.
- Children and parents should leave the school grounds as soon as the school day has finished.



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. There are a number of pupils within the school with life-threatening nut allergies and it is imperative that this ban on nuts and nut containing products is adhered to. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Playground



A reminder that dogs are not permitted within the playground regardless of whether they are on a leash. This rule also applies to any dogs that are being carried by their owner within the playground. Anyone not following these guidelines will be asked to take the dog out of the playground.

I would also ask that you remind children pupils they should not be riding scooters, bikes etc. at the beginning or end of the school day in the school grounds. Please remind your child that they should be pushing these as soon as they enter the school grounds and should not be riding them around the playground. This is to ensure everyone's safety.



Parent Council

We have a very active and supportive Parent Council and I am very appreciative of everything they do for the school. Meetings have continued virtually and are still held on the first Tuesday of each month via Zoom with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 2nd November at 6.30pm. All are welcome and the code will be sent out via Seesaw prior to the meeting. We are seeking new members and/or people who can attend meetings to enable the positive work the Parent Council do to continue.

If you wish to contact the Parent Council directly, they have their own dedicated email address. Please send any communications or enquiries to: Bushes@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk



Interim Reports

In light of government restrictions, we are unable to undertake our usual Pupil Progress Evenings. In place of these, teaching staff are in the process of preparing an interim report about your child's progress so far this session. These will be issued during November. To accompany this, staff will publish on class Seesaw pages details of topics of work that have been covered since August alongside topics planned for this term. I trust that you will find the contents of these reports informative, and that you enjoy the opportunity to celebrate the progress made with your child.

If you have any questions about the report once you have received it, please do not hesitate to contact the school via email (bushesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk) or telephone (0300 300 0149).



Celebrating Children's Successes!

I have enjoyed having some visits this term from pupils eager to share with me their successes outside of school. I am keen to continue to recognise pupil's achievements outside of school and if children have any, they can pass these on to me through their teacher. We are having regular virtual assemblies and look forward to coming together as a school soon to celebrate these successes.



COVID 19 Guidance Update

It is of the utmost importance that we all continue to be vigilant around COVID 19. Remember the following are the symptoms of COVID 19 listed on the NHS website:

1. a high temperature
2. a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
3. a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

We must follow this advice from Renfrewshire Council and the NHS:

- If a pupil develops Covid 19 symptoms while at school - We will:
 - ✓ ask the pupil to wait in a well-ventilated isolation room away from other pupils and staff where they will be supervised until they can be collected
 - ✓ contact their parent or carer and arrange for the pupil to be collected (they should not use school or public transport)
 - ✓ ask the parent or carer to take home any siblings
- You should:
 - ✓ keep the pupil at home and self-isolate as a household, including siblings and adults
 - ✓ book a PCR test via Test and Protect
 - ✓ inform the school of your test results

- What happens if my child has symptoms but I don't get them tested?
 - ✓ If your child has symptoms, we strongly advise you get them tested. If you don't, you must not send your child to school and the whole household must self-isolate for ten days from the onset of symptoms.
- Can I send my child to school while we are waiting for a test or results for them or a person they live with?
 - ✓ No. Please keep your child off school until you have received your PCR test results and inform the school when you have them.
 - ✓ If your child tests positive they must self-isolate for 10 days.
 - ✓ If a member of the household tests positive but your child tests negative on a PCR test, then your child can return to school. You are advised to pay close attention to them in the following period and look out for them feeling unwell or developing COVID symptoms. If this occurs, you should self-isolate immediately and take another PCR test.

We understand parents may find the guidance frustrating at times however we are following the guidelines set out by public health and we must continue to follow these at all times to ensure everyone's safety. Please ask if you are unsure and need guidance, we are here to help.



Dates for Diaries

| November | |
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| Monday 1 st to Friday 5 th | Primary 1 Enrolment |
| Tuesday 2 nd | Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm |
| Tuesday 30 th | Holiday |

| December | |
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| Monday 6 th | Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm |
| Monday 13 th | P3s Christmas Party |
| Tuesday 14 th | P4s Christmas Party |
| Wednesday 15 th | P5s Christmas Party |
| Thursday 16 th | P6s Christmas Party |
| Friday 17 th | P7s Christmas Party |
| Monday 20 th | P2s Christmas Party |
| Tuesday 21 st | P1s Christmas Party |
| Tuesday 21 st | ELC Class Christmas Party |
| Wednesday 22 nd | Finish at 2.30pm |
| Thursday 23 rd – Wednesday 5 th January inclusive | Holiday |

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

Yours sincerely

Craig McCrorie