



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



Nativity

Primary 1 and Primary 2 have begun to prepare for this year's Nativity. This year there will be a morning and an afternoon performance on Tuesday 9th 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 has been the case in previous years, class Christmas parties will be held in stages to allow 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. Parent Council will fund the snacks for the parties, and we are very grateful to them for this.



Christmas Fayre

The Parent Council will be hosting our Christmas Fayre on Saturday the 22nd 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



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. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th November and will be held in the staff room at 6.30pm.

Our next Disco is on Thursday 30th October and the Parent Council have also organised a whole school pantomime that will take place in school on Friday 19th 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.



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/>

Flu Immunisation Programme



Letters to permit your child to be administered with the flu immunisation will be issued soon. These immunisations are scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 12th November**. Please visit www.nhsinform.scot/childflu for further information.



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.

Gifts for Members of Staff



As a staff, we love working with your children and we all do our very best for them on a daily basis. In previous years, some parents and carers have chosen to recognise this in a variety of ways, one of them being giving gifts to staff at Christmas and/or at the end of the school session in June. This has always been viewed by staff as something that, although is extremely generous and greatly appreciated, is not something we would expect or require. Given how challenging things continue to be for everyone, it would be remiss of me not to take this opportunity, as in recent years, to try to remove any pressure our families may feel at this time of year to take part in rituals of gift giving linked to schools. I am not trying to be presumptuous or trying to discourage gift giving, nor attempting to tell people what to do or how to behave, simply recognising the pressures of this time of year and trying to actively remove any we possible can for our families. I hope, reading this, you take it in the spirit within which it has been written.

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Celebrating Children's Successes!

I have had some lovely visits from pupils who have been very keen to share with me their successes outside of school. A huge congratulations to:

- Jude P5a – 'Player of the Camp' at summer football camp
- Jason P5a – Certificate and medal for taking part in the summer reading challenge
- Isla P4 - Certificate and medal for taking part in the summer reading challenge
- Matilda P3 - Certificate and medal for taking part in the summer reading challenge
- Alexa P3 - Certificate and medal for taking part in the summer reading challenge
- Eilish P4a – medal for taking part in Paisley 3K
- Roma P4a - medal for taking part in Paisley 3K
- Georgia P4a - medal for taking part in Paisley 3K
- Aila P4a - medal for taking part in Paisley 3K
- Alfie P2- medal for taking part in Paisley 3K
- Kaiden P2 – medal for taking part in Paisley 3K and a trophy for being the 1st male under 7 to finish the race
- Nieve P6 - medal for taking part in Paisley 3K
- Ruby P6 - medal for taking part in Paisley 3K
- Marla P6 - medal for taking part in Paisley 3K
- Millie P7 - Georgia P4a - medal for taking part in Paisley 3K
- Brodie P2 – medals for taking part in 2 football tournaments
- Jack P3 – certificate for passing swim skills level 3
- Harlow Anne P2/1 – medals from Highland Dancing competition
- Sophie P2/1 – certificate for passing Starfish swimming level
- Lucas P5/4 – badges for moving into Junior section at Boys' Brigade
- Rory P3a – trophy for scoring 18 goals in a football tournament
- Harrai P6/5 – Trophy for coming in 6th in Lyreco Duo; Trophy for coming in 3rd in Hip Hop duo; Trophy for coming in 8th place in Lyreco solo; Trophy for coming in 2nd place in hip hop solo
- Eilish P6/5 – Trophy for coming in 4th in Hip Hop solo; Trophy for coming in 6th in Lyreco Duo; Trophy for coming in 3rd in Hip Hop duo
- Erin P7 – drawn a self-portrait and a drawing of spiderman from a comic
- Olivia P4 – made homemade clay art
- Rose P4 - made homemade clay art

- Orla P3a - medal for taking part in Paisley 3K
- Lucy P2 – had a poem about a cat published in a book of poems
- Finn P3 – 'Player of the week' for St Peter's football team
- Georgia P5/4 - Certificate and medal for taking part in the summer reading challenge
- Kaiden P2 – 2 x football trophies for playing well
- Erin P7a – created 2 very life like drawings of a wolf and Harry Potter

Dates for Diary 2025-2026



October	
Thursday 30 th	Parent Council Disco
November	
Monday 3 rd – Friday 7 th	Primary 1 Enrolment
TBC – letter with dates will be sent soon	P6s Residential Trip Meeting
Friday 7 th	Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 11 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 12 th	Flu Vaccinations
Saturday 22 nd	Parent Council Winter Fayre
December	
Monday 1 st	Holiday
Friday 5 th	P3-7 Christmas Carols
Tuesday 9 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday 9 th (morning and afternoon)	Nativity
Wednesday 10 th	P4s Christmas Party
Thursday 11 th	P3s Christmas Party
Friday 12 th	P5s Christmas Party
Monday 15 th	P6s Christmas Party
Tuesday 16 th	P2s Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 th	P7s Christmas Party
Thursday 18 th	P1s Christmas Party
Thursday 18 th	ELC Class Christmas Party
Friday 19 th AM	P1-P7 Pantomime
Friday 19 th	Finish at 2.30pm
Monday 22 nd – Monday 5 th January inclusive	Holiday
January	
Tuesday 6 th January	First day of term
Tuesday 13 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
February	
Friday 13 th	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 16 th and Tuesday 17 th inclusive	Holiday
Wednesday 18 th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Friday 20 th	World Thinking Day
March	
Tuesday 3 rd	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Wednesday 11 th	Parents' Night (3pm-9pm P1-P7)
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th	P6s Residential Trip to Lockerbie Manor
April	
Wednesday 1 st	P1-P7 Open Afternoon
Thursday 2 nd	Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 2 nd	Finish 2.30pm
Friday 3 rd – Friday 17 th inclusive	Holiday

Monday 20 th	First day of term
Tuesday 28 th	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 30 th	P7s Parents and Carers Evening at Gleniffer High School
May	
Friday 1 st	ELC Class and P1-P7 Sports Days (to be confirmed)
Monday 4 th	Holiday
Thursday 7 th	Inservice Day (school only open to staff)
Wednesday 13 th and Thursday 14 th	P7s Induction at Gleniffer High School
Thursday 14 th	New Primary 1s Induction at Bushes
Friday 22 nd	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 25 th	Holiday
Thursday 28 th	Parent Council Disco
June	
Tuesday 9 th	Parent Council AGM Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 17 th and Thursday 18 th	P7 School Show
Tuesday 23 rd	P7 Prom
Monday 29 th	P7 Leavers' Service
Tuesday 30 th	Finish at 1pm

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