



# SCHOOL BULLETIN

## KILBARCHAN PRIMARY

DEC 18



### Dates to Remember

Nativity 1.30pm	11&12 Dec
School closes 2.30pm	21-Dec
School reopens	07-Jan
Baldy Bane Panto	07-Jan
P1 Registration	16/17 Jan
Be a Pupil Night 6.30pm-7.30pm	29-Jan
P2a Trip to Kelvingrove	31-Jan
P2b Trip to Kelvingrove	04-Feb
Holiday School closed	11&12-Feb
In Service Day	13-Feb
Parents evenings	12&13-Mar
Spring Concert	26&27 Mar
Spring Break school closed	01-12-Apr
Holiday School closed	19 - 22-Apr
May Day Holiday	06-May
In Service Days	07-May
Holiday School closed	24&27-May
Sports Day 1	04-Jun
Sports Day 2	06-Jun
School closes 1pm	28-Jun



Dear parents and carers,

*I love this time of year! It is a time where families, friends and communities come together to celebrate and give thanks for all that we have in life. We are so lucky to play such a big part in the lives of families throughout our community and in turn we gladly welcome your involvement in the life of the school. With this in mind we turn to the analysis of our recent survey on the school's vision, values and aims and thank all who have provided feedback. Next term we will look at this in more detail with the pupils and invite parents and carers in to support this discussion in classes across the school. If you haven't already returned your feedback form, please do so before the end of the year so that your opinions can be acknowledged and added to the discussion.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank our choir who represented the school and raised money for Quarriers at a recent performance in Braehead Shopping Centre. They raised over £170 and were highly regarded by the Quarriers fundraiser who commented upon their manners and excellent behaviour. Such a performance would not be possible without the continued support of Moira Gray and Rosie Pickens who work with our pupils throughout the year, creating our amazing singers.*

*I would also like to thank Derek Combe and the Kilbarchan Pipe Band who give of their time to help develop the chanter skills of some of our pupils and play a pivotal role in the community. We as a school greatly appreciate and value this partnership and wish to extend our thanks for all that you do.*

*Finally, the staff and partners of Kilbarchan Primary School would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year. Stay warm, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in 2019!*

*Kindest regards  
Fiona MacKenzie  
Head Teacher*

### Enrolment

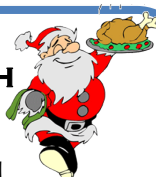
Enrolment of new Primary 1 children will take place between 1- 3pm on

16 January (a-l surnames) and 17 January (m-z surnames).

Please don't forget your council tax notification, your child's birth certificate and your child benefit notification form.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH 6 DECEMBER

Steak pie, turkey and a Vegetarian option was served as part of our Christmas dinner Celebrations. Children enjoyed popping the crackers!



### Holiday Reminder

May we remind you that the school will close at 2.30pm on 21 December for the Christmas holidays, and will re-open on Monday 7 January.

### CHURCH SERVICE

The Christmas service this year will take place on Thursday 20 December at 10.00am in the Kilbarchan Church. All welcome.



## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

A huge thanks to the Parent Council who have once again agreed to fund our Christmas parties. The details are listed below. Refreshments will be provided and pupils may wear party clothes to school or get changed at school before the party. A special visitor will drop in to the Primary 1 party, and might bring Rudolph with him!!

P2 Friday 14 Dec pm. All P7's Monday 17 Dec pm. All P3's & P4's Tuesday 18 Dec pm. All P5's & P6's - Wednesday 19 Dec pm. P1 Thursday 20 December.

### Owl Magic Visit

Owl Magic came to school on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. Primary 1 have been learning about barn owls for our Night and Day topic.

Marnie said, "I liked Bella, she was so cute".

Leo said, "I liked seeing Cuddles (the barn owl)".

Harrison said, "I like seeing the barn owl. He was sleeping".

## PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council have had a busy few weeks leading up to the Christmas Fair and all the hard work from all involved is very much appreciated. A huge thank you to our Grotto Team who did a fantastic job creating a truly magical scene for Santa and his little helpers.

We would also like to thank all that donated Raffle, Tombola prizes and Home Baking and all the people that gave up their time on the day to help out with the set up and running of the event. We raised just over £1,300! A fantastic amount which will go towards the school funds.

We recently invested in a sound system for the Gym Hall, with funds raised, and we hope this will make a huge difference for the children at the school concerts. We also intend to add a new pull down screen to the hall early in the New Year to complete this project.

We will be holding a fundraising Quiz Night in February and we will also be arranging our next parent council meeting in January to plan our events in the run up to the summer, dates to follow.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and look forward to welcoming you all back in 2019!

Seona Hart  
Parent Council Chair

## Collecting Children

All pupils are encouraged to return to school should their parent not be at the arranged meeting point. Can I ask that you do not offer to take a child if their parent is not there? No matter how well intended this is, it can set in motion missing children procedures that can cause distress to parents.

## Kilbarchan's Got Talent

To end our final term, the pupil council will be hosting 'Kilbarchan's Got Talent!'. Pupils wishing to participate in the show have auditioned in their classes and the 2 finalist from each class will perform at the Talent Show on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. This is an opportunity to promote the many and varied talents of our pupils in a fun way. We look forward to seeing the performances – Good Luck to everyone!

## Book Week Scotland

The children at KPS had a great time celebrating Book Week Scotland. Pupils had the opportunity to share their favourite book with a friend, listen to author videos, and meet live authors, read new books, pair reading and much more! P1-3 enjoyed receiving their Read Write Count Bags and it was lovely having some parents join use to share this year's books. Thank you for your continued support.

"I enjoyed trying to find out who was behind the face of the books" (Alice, P4)

"Victoria Thomson visited our class and told us about how she became an author and about her new book. I'm looking forward to reading the *Girl and White Gazel*" (Kate, P7)

"We read short stories called 'Manky Minging Rhymes'. These were written in Scots language and were quite tricky to read! We had to find the Scots words and research their meaning. Did you know that the words '*knaps*' is the Scots for knees. (Jessica, P5)

"We read the Gruffalo then made masks to play with when we were pretending to be the Gruffalo and to act out the story." (Ella, P1a)

"I really enjoyed the paired reading. We got to read a book to the Primary 2 children – this was good fun!" (Kadison, P3)

"We shared our favourite books with our friends. My favourite book is *The Three Little Pigs*." (Angus, P2A)

"After reading Robot Rumpus, we wrote our own robot stories. My robot was tidy robot and he liked to tidy up the house!" (Catherine, P3)

## WEATHERWATCH

Please note, should there be any uncertainty about the school opening/closing due to adverse weather conditions, parents can access up to date information through the school website blogs.

News is also available from Renfrewshire Council's website [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk) or by calling 0300 300 0300. Please ensure mobile numbers are also up to date as we will text parents should an early closure be required. May we also remind parents that we encourage pupils to go out to play as much as possible and they should therefore dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

## Choir

I like School Choir because it is fun and professional at the same time. Our teacher Mrs Gray is really kind and so is Mrs Pickens. We get to perform in loads of places like recently we went to Breahead and two people every show gets solos. I had a solo this year and it's "Once in Royal David's City".

By Paige Thomson P7

## PUPIL COUNCIL "Children in Need"

Children in Need Day 2018 was very successful as we raised an amazing £672.50. Thank you to all the people who participated in the activities like spotty biscuits and the spotty picture competition. It was very surprising at how many people did guess Pudsey's birthday. Within the first day of the shop we had already raised £110.50 and we had completely sold out in 2 days. It was a really fun day and everyone enjoyed it.

Alix P7

## P7 – JHS Maths Visit

The Primary 7's had two visits from one of the Johnstone High School Maths teachers. The first week they did puzzles in groups and the second week they did problem solving. Some of the work was challenging but all of them enjoyed the challenging.

Childs Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Achievements: