



Minishant Newsletter April 2024



South Ayrshire Reads

We want to Catch Children Reading Competition! All staff across the school are continuing to work extremely hard to encourage our young people to read as much as possible. This can be reading novels, comics, newspapers, fiction books, diaries, magazines etc. Reading has such a positive impact on all aspects of learning and vital in helping children access all other areas of the curriculum. We are asking parents to send us photos of their children reading at home. This can be on the couch, under the kitchen table, in bed, in the car, with a friend, in the garden etc. We will display these on our noticeboard in school – what will be the most unusual place a child was caught reading? There will be a chance to win a book token. Please e-mail your photos to: Minishant.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

South Ayrshire Mobile Library Visits

We look forward to the monthly visits of the library van - The next scheduled visit is Wednesday 1st May and then it will revert to Tuesdays, starting on 14th May.

Play Based Learning

Please find attached a leaflet from the South Ayrshire Learns team about the benefits of play, as well as the information within the leaflet there is also a QR code to a thinglink which has further information for parents.

Lunch Ordering System

Staff are happy to order pupil lunches in the morning with the children. However, we are unable to make changes to any options that you select from home for your child. If you select the 'Packed Lunch from home' option can you please ensure they bring one to school on that day as we cannot order them a school lunch as a replacement.

Pupil Equity Funding

Schools across Scotland receive additional funding, we receive £8,000 approx. which enables us to provide additional support where it is needed most to help support poverty related underachievement. You will agree, it is unacceptable for children to have their chances limited by circumstances outside their control. An important part of the process is to consult with staff, parents, partners and of course, the learners. I am keen to seek your views as parents, as to how we can best use and target this additional budget. A questionnaire is attached to the newsletter, please complete, and send back to the school office by **Monday 22nd April 2024**.

Primary 7 Residential Visit

Our P7 children, two staff members and one parent will head off on their residential trip to Inverclyde on Wednesday 8th May. The children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports, team building and activities, we know that they will have an amazing time.

ASN Family Support Network

The South Ayrshire ASN Family Support Network will next meet in Troon Town Hall on 10th May from 11.00am till 3.00pm. The theme this year is "Transitions" There is no need to book for this and all parents are welcome to pop along to link with a range of agencies and supports including Barnardos, Penumbra, DWP, Scottish Book Trust and many more. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/asn>

Coding Club

Mr Lowrie will be running an after-school club on Coding Micro:Bits and Lego Robots for four weeks on the following Tuesdays from **15:00 – 16:00 hrs**. A letter will be in school bags, soon.

Tuesday 23rd April, Tuesday 30th April, Tuesday 7th May and Tuesday 14th May

PARENTAL RESPONSE SHEET – April 2024

Child's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent Council

I would / would not like to become involved in the parent council, to help support the group.

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)

My ideas for this are.....

Parent Learning & Support:

In order to help my child at home, I would like more information about.....

Parental Involvement

I have a particular skill and knowledge and would be willing to offer.....

We welcome any other feedback or suggestions you would like to provide on any aspect of our school:

Please return the form by Monday 22nd April 2024, thank you.

Dates for the Diary - Minishant PS

Please find below, a list of school dates for your diary. I will keep you informed of any other important dates or changes, as they emerge.

Event	Date/Time
Pupils return to school - Term 4 begins	Monday 15 th April 2024
Trip to Beggs' factory	Tuesday 16 th April 2024
Primary 7 Transition Sports Event at Carrick	Friday 26 th April 2024
Showcase of Learning event for parents	Monday 29 th April 2024 at 2.15pm
In-service Day	Thursday 2 nd May 2024
Reports out to Parents	Friday 3 rd May 2024
Eric McCrindle Football at Maidens	Friday 3 rd May 2024
School Closed	Monday 6 th May 2024
Inverclyde residential for Primary 7 pupils	Wednesday 8 th – Friday 10 th May 2024
ASN Family Support Network	Friday 10 th May 2024 11am-3pm
Coffee and Chat	Wednesday 15 th May 2024 at 2.30-3pm
Parents' Night appointments	Thursday 16 th May 2024
Sports' Day	Tuesday 21 st May 2024 at 9.30am
School closed	Friday 24 th May and Monday 27 th May 2024
Maidens Tournament	Wednesday 29 th May 2024
Primary 7/S1 Transition event for Parents at Carrick Academy	Monday 3 rd June at 5.30pm
Farm Park Trip	Thursday 6 th June 2024
Bump-up Day	Tuesday 11 th June 2024
P7/S1 Transition Days at Carrick Academy - 3 days	Tuesday 11 th June - Thursday 13 th June 2024
Primary 7 Transition Disco at Carrick Academy	Wednesday 19 th June at 5pm-7pm
Leavers' Ceremony	Wednesday 19 th June 2024 at 2pm
End of Term 4	Friday 28 th June 2024 at 1pm