

Co-operation Courage Respect Responsibility Resilience

"Learn and discover, care for each other"



Dear Parents/Carers,

This month I have the following news items:

Sports Day and Health Week

We are looking forward to the sun shining on Monday morning's School Sports Day which begins at 9:30am in the playing fields at Balfron High.

Parents are encouraged to join us for Sports Day with teas/coffees and biscuits available for a small donation from the Parent Council table. Please be reminded that car parking in the campus is restricted and parents who visit on Sports Day must not leave their car in the bus lanes.

Pupils can if they wish, wear the colours of their House, however, this is not essential so please do not buy a t-shirt especially for Sports Day.

Donaldson & Burns – Red
Gorman & Bruce – Yellow
Thunberg & Wallace – Blue

Pupils will have a break during Sports day for a snack and drink, so please send your child's water bottle to school on Sports day.

We will also be having a range of Health Week activities for all classes, thanks to the organisation of our P1 and P7s Health & Sport Community Group. Thanks to some parent volunteers and Active Stirling children will be able to enjoy a range of activities throughout the week including games, gymnastics, yoga, rugby, obstacles, tennis and 'clubersize' as well as a visit to the local park.

Children may wear PE kits to school throughout Health Week.

Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place on Monday 5th June at 7:00pm in the primary school.

The funding of class trips this term, for all pupils in P1-P7 at a cost of over £3,000 will be hugely appreciated by everyone within the school community. Thank you to all of our Parent Council for their fund raising efforts this year.

Young Leaders Visit

This year, we have been increasing opportunities for pupil voice as part of our school improvement planning.

Earlier this year, a small group of P5 pupils visited Riverside PS, with other children from other Stirling schools to receive Young Leaders of Learning training.

On Tuesday 6th June, it will be our turn to host some pupils from Braehead PS and Deanston PS who will be visiting our school to find out about learning in Balfron PS.

P1 Kodaly

Over the next four weeks, P1 will be having a weekly Kodaly music session with visiting teacher, Mrs Cushing.

Lunch Choices

Stirling Council's lunch menu provides three daily options from which children are able to choose. Our school kitchen is unable to provide alternatives to the Green, Red and Blue listed choices and parents can, on the rare occasion, send in a packed lunch on a day when a child does not like any of the options.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not required in school to support learning in class and therefore the expectation is that they are not brought into school by pupils.

If on an exceptional case, some parents require their child to have a phone for contact purposes after 3:15pm, for example if attending an after-school club or bus journeys, phones should be kept in bags at all times during the school day.

Parent Questionnaire

The summary results from our Parent Questionnaire in March and April are attached as an appendix to today's newsletter. Thank you to those who contributed.

Yours sincerely



Angus Black
Headteacher

May		
Friday 26 th	P2 Class Assembly	1:45pm
Monday 29 th	School Sports Day	9:30am – 12:00pm
Monday 29 th – Friday 2 nd June	School Health Week	
June		
Thursday 1 st	P2 & P3 class trip to Safari Park	
Friday 2 nd	All P6s trip to Safari Park	
Monday 5 th	Parent Council Meeting in Balfroun Primary School	7:00pm – 8:30pm
Tuesday 6 th	P7- S1 Transition Parent & Pupil Information Evening in Balfroun High	5:45pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 7 th	Open Afternoons – P3, P5, P7	1:45pm – 2:30pm
Wednesday 7 th and Thursday 8 th	P7- S1 Transition Blazer Fitting at Balfroun High	5:30pm – 7:30pm

Thursday 8 th	P5 class trip to People's Palace, Glasgow	
Friday 9 th	P1 Class Assembly	1:45pm
Monday 12 th	P1 class trip to Glasgow Science Centre	
Tuesday 13 th	Nursery – P1 Transition – Information Morning	9:30am
Tuesday 13 th	P7- S1 Transition Day at High School	Full Day
Wednesday 14 th	P7- S1 Transition Sports Day at High School	Full Day Sports Kit and Packed Lunch needed
Thursday 15 th	P4 class trip to Kelvingrove Art Gallery	
Thursday 15 th	P7- S1 Transition Day at High School	Full Day
Friday 23 rd	'My Year of Learning' end of year pupil reports issued	
Tuesday 27 th	Organisation of Classes Policy – Parent Drop-In Session	3:30pm – 5:30pm
Wednesday 28 th	P7 Leavers Assembly in primary school hall – parents joining	1:45pm
Wednesday 28 th	P7 Leavers Party	7:00pm – 8:30pm
Thursday 29 th	P7s class trip to Indoor Bowling	
Thursday 29 th	P1-P6 Moving On Afternoon – visiting new classroom and new teacher	2:00pm – 2:30pm
Friday 30 th	P1-P7 Balfon Primary's Got Talent Show	9:30am
Friday 30 th	End of Session	12:45pm
August		
Monday 14 th – Tuesday 15 th	Staff Development Days	
Wednesday 16 th	P1-P7 Pupils return to school	8:55am