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"Learn and discover, care for each other"

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have the following news items to share:

P1 enrolment

Arrangements for enrolling pupils to start P1 in August 2024 are attached to today's newsletter and access to the online enrolment can be made by using the link below

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/enrol-your-child-at-school/>

We will be holding an information session for parents of all children able to start P1 next session. The 'Thinking About P1' evening will be held on Tuesday 12th March at 7:00pm in the primary school.

Any requests for deferred entries to P1 must be made by 15th May 2024.

Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place tonight Wednesday 24th January at 7:00pm in the primary school.

"Balfron Cares"

The next 'Balfron Cares' activity will be a Stalls from Home Day on Friday 2nd February.

Entry sheets have been available to classes and should be completed and returned to any group which would like to participate by Wednesday 31st January.

Please note it is expected that only some children will want to organise a stall and part of the organisation will involve each pupil group having an identified parent, who will be responsible for the cash and arranging to get this to the identified charity and advising the school of the monies raised.

P1 & P7 Dental Inspections

Dental inspections are due to take place for pupils in P1 and P7 on Tuesday 20th February.

P1 Height and Weight

Pupils in P1 will have their height and weight checked by NHS Forth Valley on the morning of Thursday 7th March

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening appointments will take place on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March in the primary school.

Please note that Wednesday and Thursday start and finish at different times:

Wednesday 20th March 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Thursday 21st March 3:30pm – 6:00pm

To help us arrange the appointments, parents are asked by Friday 1st March, to complete the following very brief questionnaire, if they have a preference of day for their appointment:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10JZMz0W72Tvp38SVJugQNMNvlo78W0vLVUWNdWr3pT0/edit>

P7 School Show

P7 pupils will be performing in a production entitled 'X-Factor' on Tuesday 26th March. The show which was chosen by the pupils, will take place in Balfron High's theatre. Tickets will be on sale next month but please add the following details to your diary if you would like to come along and enjoy the show.

X Factor by P7s
Balfron High Theatre
Tuesday 26th March 2024
7:00pm

There will also be a dress rehearsal performance to pupils and senior citizens from the community at 2:00pm on the same day. Any P7 parents/carers unable to make the evening performance are also invited to attend and should contact the school so that arrangements can be made.

An online P7 transition information evening for parents has been organised by Balfron High, also on 26th March, however, the meeting is short and begins at the much earlier time of 5:00pm, providing no clash. The full transition letter has been issued to P7 pupils today and will be in their school bags.

P6 & P7 Enterprise Christmas Fair

Our P6 and P7 pupils were very well supported by pupils and family members at their Christmas craft fair last month. All of the items made by the pupils were sold with £586.66 profit made following deduction of expenses for craft items.

School Uniform

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our school uniform policy this year. Uniform expectations were shared at the start of the year and can be accessed on our school website –

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/public/balfronprimary/uploads/sites/3193/2023/08/28082738/BPS-School-Uniform-2023-2024.pdf>

Staffing

This term, student teacher, Miss Soutar, will be working in P4.

Miss Scott, SLA, in our school for the past three years, will be leaving our staff on Friday 9th February having been successfully appointed to a new post. Pupils and staff will be very sorry to lose Miss Scott, who has always demonstrated enthusiasm and great care when supporting children.

Music Specialist

This term all classes will have weekly music sessions with visiting teacher, Miss Brown, either on a Thursday or Friday.

Clubs

Miss Holms will be taking a group of P6 and P7 runners to a schools cross-country event in Dunblane next week. Those taking part qualified following recent trials and have had additional lunch practices.

Other lunch clubs which will be taking place this term include –

Lacrosse P6 & P7 Mrs Witherspoon

Gymnastics P4 & P5 Mrs Bradnam

Recorders P5 Mrs Robertson

Class Newsletter

P1-P7 class newsletters detailing some of the planned learning and activities from January to June will be sent out to parents next week and also added to our school website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/balfronprimary/>.

SNSA – P1, P4, P7

Pupils in P4 and P7 will be taking part in SNSA (Scottish National Standardised Assessments) as part of their class work during February. The assessments are part of established practice in Scottish schools covering curricular areas of reading, writing and numeracy. P1 pupils will complete their SNSA assessments after the Easter holidays.

Free Sanitary Provision

Our school, like all others across Stirling, continues to provide free sanitary related products. A range of items are available in the display cupboard at the main entrance door, to anyone within our school community including pupils, family and visitors.

Yours sincerely



Angus Black
Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

January		
Wednesday 24 th	Parent Council meeting in primary school	7:00pm
Wednesday 31 st	P6 & P7 cross-country team to Stirling Schools event – Queen Victoria school, Dunblane	morning
February		
Friday 2 nd	“ Balfron Cares ” Stalls From Home Day	
Thursday 8 th	P6 Ardroy Information Evening	6:30pm
Monday 12 th – Tuesday 13 th	Staff Development Days	School closed to pupils
Wednesday 14 th – Friday 16 th	Local holidays	School closed to pupils and staff
Tuesday 20 th	P1 & P7 dental inspections	
March		
Friday 1 st	Whole P6 Assembly	1:45pm
Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th	P6 residential to Ardroy	
Thursday 7 th	P1 height and weight checks	
Tuesday 12 th	Thinking About P1 – Parent Information Evening	7:00pm
Wednesday 20 th	Parents’ Evening	5:00pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 21 st	Parents’ Evening	3:30pm – 6:00pm
Tuesday 26 th	P7 School Show in Balfron	2:00pm – dress rehearsal to

	High School theatre	primary school 7:00pm – performance to parents//families/community
Thursday 28 th	End of term	3:15pm
Friday 29 th – Friday 12 th April	Spring Holiday	School closed to pupils and staff
April		
Monday 15 th	Summer Term starts	8:55am
Monday 15 th – Wednesday 17 th	P6 Bikeability 2	