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Blackridge Primary School Newsletter Update

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Breakfast Club

Due to the considerable number of children accessing our School Breakfast Club we have had to re assess our Health and Safety Risk Assessment for this service. We kindly ask that all parents/carers who use the car park to park in an identified space and escort their children into breakfast club. If this does not prove to be successful we will have to re look at parents/carers accessing the car park at all. We hope that this system will increase pupil and adult safety in this area. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Blackridge Gala Day

Our P7 Head Boy, Head Girl and House Captains have been busy compiling our class ideas for the Gala Day theme for this year and completing a school vote to decide on the most popular theme. We will be contacting the Gala Day Committee soon with the results. This year we will be encouraging as many pupils and parent’s/carer’s as possible to walk with the School and Nursery Class and further information will be sent out after the Easter holidays.

Church Service

All pupils are invited to attend our Church Service at Blackridge Parish Church on Thursday 2nd April at 11.00am. All parent’s/carer’s are welcome to attend. This year our service will be presented by our P7 Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputes and House Captains. If you do not wish your child to attend this service please contact the school office.

Red Nose Day Friday 13th March

Just a reminder that all pupils can ‘make their face funny for money’ on Friday with the Nursery taking part on Thursday. We welcome a donation for this event. Red Noses are also on sale this week from the school office for £1.

Email

Mrs Gardner will be collecting as many parent/carer email addresses at Parent’s/Carer’s consultations on the 26th of March due to changes in our Group Call system. We will also be asking as many parents and carers as possible to sign up for emailed school correspondence to help us meet our printing and photocopying targets for this year. The school spends a considerable amount of money photocopying and printing and email is a useful way of helping us reducing this cost.

Champions in Schools

Our P6 class have had to opportunity to work with two times Commonwealth Silver Medallist Louise Haston through the Champions in Schools programme. They have worked with the Scottish Cycling star over three sessions and have learned important messages about striving to be the best that they can be and not giving up! They shared this with the whole school on Monday the 9th of March with Louise in attendance who answered questions from the pupils and kindly showed her Commonwealth Games medals. Many thanks to Miss Reid and Miss McGarva who organised this for class.

Movie Morning

We are in the process of having a large screen, projector and sound system fitted to our PE hall and in celebration of this new resource we are planning a ‘Movie Morning’ on Friday 20th of March at 11.00am. Pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy a movie with a drink of juice and a treat. If you do not wish your child to take part please notify your child’ class teacher.

Fair Aware

Miss McGarva and our staff and pupils have been working hard on our Fair Trade programme and we have been awarded the certificate form the Fairtrade Foundation for being’ Fair Aware’. The next step is for us to become ‘Fair Active’.

Pupil Profiles

Pupil Profiles will be coming home on Monday 16th of March. Please discuss your child’s targets and achievements with them and add a comment before returning to school. We would appreciate a note about any achievements at home, in the community or further afield as these are important steps in your child’s wider education and development. It is important that these documents are returned to school as they are used for both pupils and teachers to track and record progress.

School Dinners

Please be aware that the price of school dinners for P4-P7 after the Easter holidays will be £1.90.

Saturday Science Club

The Saturday Science Club is holding an open morning on Saturday the 28th of March at the Craig Inn from 10.30am until 12.00 midday. All welcome.

School Uniform/Dress down days

Wearing uniform helps promote school inclusion and sense of belonging and we ask that you support us in promoting our school uniform of a school/royal blue jumper, polo shirt or shirt/blouse and dark trousers or a skirt.

Pupils have the opportunity to dress down on the last Friday (Thursday for nursery) of every month for a donation to the school fund. We have noticed that while the majority of pupils are dressing down, the donations to the school fund is going down. Dress down day funds will go directly to outdoor play equipment and golden time resources so we will continue with the next dress down day on Thurs 26th/Friday 27th of March and monitor our funds.

Head Lice

As always we advise parent’s/carer’s to keep a check on their child’s head for head lice and treat accordingly. Products can be purchased from your local pharmacy.