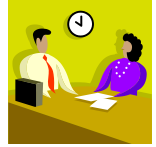


Dear Parents/Carers

[www.blacklaw-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.blacklaw-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) tel 01355 232064

### Parent/Carers Consultation Evenings

You will shortly receive your appointment details from your child's teacher. Our parent/carers evenings will be held on Wednesday 15 5.30 - 7.30 p.m. and Thursday 16 March 3.30 - 5.30 p.m. Please note that each appointment is limited to seven minutes. If you have any further concerns, I will be available. A full written report will be issued in June. Our uniform company BARU will be available at parents' nights. **PLEASE NOTE OUR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (EXCEPT SCRIPTURE UNION) WILL BE CANCELLED DUE TO PARENTS NIGHTS.**



### Book Fair



Our Book Fair arrives in school on Thursday 9 March. The children will have a viewing session with their teacher and books will be available for buying on Tuesday (14) afternoon and Wednesday (15) and Thursday (16) mornings and of course at Parents' Nights.

### Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be held in Claremont Parish Church at 1.30 p.m. on Thursday 30 March (weather permitting). At this service we will dedicate our collection to a local charity.



### Spare Socks/Tights



We provide, where possible, changes of clothes and underwear if children require them. However, our stocks are being depleted. If your child is provided with a change of clothes or underwear, could you please ensure that items are laundered and returned to the school. Also, if you have any spare **socks, tights or shorts**, we would welcome donations. Thank you.

### Medicines/Inhalers in school

Can you please keep a note of the expiry date of all medicines or inhalers handed into the school and replace when necessary. Thank you.

### Childhood Infectious Diseases, especially Chickenpox, Measles and Shingles



One of our pupils is currently taking a course of medication which suppresses his immune system. It is very important that the school is notified **immediately** if your child has contracted one of these illnesses, as appropriate action must be taken within 72 hours of contact.

### Good Hygiene

As stomach bugs are easily spread, please remind your child of the importance of good hygiene especially washing their hands after toileting and before eating.



### Mobile Phones



It is not necessary for pupils to bring mobile phones to school, as our office staff are happy to contact you if required or take important messages on your behalf. **Please keep all mobile phones at home.** Any child who brings a mobile phone to school shall be instructed to switch it off throughout the school day and to hand it into the school office at 9.00 a.m. and collect it at 3.00 p.m. We would greatly appreciate your support with this necessary request.

### School Lunch

I would be grateful if you would ensure that if your child (P4-P7) is having a school meal that they bring £1.60 to school that day in order for a meal to be provided, and that any outstanding balance is **paid promptly**. Pupils will be responsible for looking after their own money and paying this directly for their meal to the catering staff.



## Head Lice



Please be vigilant of head lice and refer back to our report in February's newsletter.

All our pupils have been reminded of the importance of regular Bugbusting.

Head lice are well camouflaged and hide when disturbed by combing. They do not always cause itching, particularly when recently arrived on the head. They may also be few in number and a quick inspection is unlikely to detect them. Please support us by regularly checking your child's hair.

**Bug Buster:** Help Line: 020 7686 4321

**Internet:** [www.chc.org/bugbusting](http://www.chc.org/bugbusting) [www.nits.net](http://www.nits.net)

## World Book Day



World Book Day is on Thursday 2 March. All pupils have been issued with a £1 voucher which can be redeemed at all participating bookshops from 27 February - 26 March while stocks last, and also redeemed against any book costing over £2.99 at our Book Fair. Most large chains and many independent booksellers are participating. The token can be exchanged for any of the six special World Book Day titles. Happy Reading! (Please note bookshops will have limited quantities so first come first served!)

## Christmas Pantomime

We are presently in negotiations regarding the Christmas Pantomime this year and will let you know our arrangements as soon as possible. We may attend an afternoon performance.

As we will be travelling by coach and attending a performance this will incur a cost of approximately **£10.00** per pupil. This will cover the cost of travel, ticket into the performance and a snack.

We hope that you will support this event.



## Car Park - Pupils disembarking from cars.



It has come to our attention that a number of parents are allowing their child/children to disembark from the 'driver' side of their cars when dropping their child/children off at school.

This is a cause for concern as there are other cars trying to park or moving on and pupils are jumping out of cars from the rear at the driver's side into the flow of moving traffic. Recently a number of drivers have had to stop their vehicles suddenly to avoid potentially injuring a child who had come out of a car at the

driver's side paying no attention to the moving traffic.

We hope that you will support us in ensuring the safety of our pupils by reminding your child/children to exit from cars at the 'passenger' side doors.

**We would also appreciate if you would avoid allowing your child to disembark from your car outwith the marked drop-off area and parking next to the coned area beside the staff parking bay.**

Where possible we would encourage pupils to walk to school or to 'park and stride' to minimize the amount of traffic coming into the school car park. **Please note that the parking bays are for staff only.**

## Advance Notice P7 Leavers' Assembly

Our Primary 7 Leavers' Day will take place on **Monday 26 June**. We will have our summer service at Claremont Parish Church

(weather permitting) at 10.00 a.m. All parents/carers are welcome to this event. The leavers' assembly will

commence at 1.30 p.m. to which all family and friends are invited. Our Primary 7 Leavers' Ceilidh will take place at 7.00 p.m. **It is not necessary for pupils to dress formally - however we encourage a dress code of smart.**

There is also no expectation for parents to incur additional costs through the hiring of limousines to transport children to the ceilidh.

## Cycling to School

A reminder that now the lighter evenings are back with us we must still remember to keep safe on the roads.

Have a look at <http://talesoftheroad.direct.gov.uk/>.

P6 have begun their cycling proficiency training. We do encourage children to cycle or walk to school, however a licence is required from the school before children may cycle and only Primary 7 pupils who passed their test last year can do it without adult supervision. Safety helmets must be worn.

Although we encourage 'fit kids' we do want all of our pupils to arrive safely in school. Thank you for your support!



# Responsible Citizens



After the Scottish Assembly the Pupil Council served the family and friends at the 'Scottish Cuppa'. Jessica and her two friends performed Highland dancing for entertainment. We also had tea, coffee and shortbread. We were allowed to have some and let us tell you...it was d'lish! We had the tables set with lots of Scottish decorations. Once the parents left we tidied everything away and went back to our class. It was brilliant! If you came we hope you think the same!

By Freya & Jason P6 Room 9



## Euroquiz

Four of us were nominated to go to this year's Euro quiz competition to represent Blacklaw Primary. We went in a taxi with Ms Milne, it was very snowy but we made it there on time! When we arrived at St Leonard's Primary some Primary 6 pupils led us to our table and changing rooms. Our table had crosswords and our school's name and badge.

Once every school had arrived we started the first round. There were five rounds, some of the categories were flags, languages, famous landmarks, geography and history. They then shouted out the first and second place and they battled against each other.

St Leonards came first and we came seventh!

By Hannah and Lucy P6 Room 9

**QUIZ**

## Dollan Aqua Centre

In Primary 4 we have been going swimming on Tuesday mornings for 12 weeks. We swim at the Dollan Aqua Centre. We go on the bus with Miss McKane, Mrs Clark and other helpers. On the first week we were sorted into our groups. We sometimes use floats to help us and the instructors have been teaching us from the side of the pool. It is very fun because we learn how to swim while having fun.

By Olivia and Darcey P4 Room 6



# Confident Individuals



## Diary

Wed 1 March	Room 8 to visit South Queensferry Crossing Badminton Club - 3.00 p.m. Gardening Club - 3.00 p.m. K'Nex Club - 3.00 p.m. Parent Council Meeting - 7.00 p.m.	Thur 16 Mar	P6 to E.K. Ice Rink Explore Learning Workshops P1-P4 Parents Night 3.30 - 5.30 p.m.
Thurs 2 Mar	P6 to E.K. Ice Rink Netball Club - 3.00 p.m. Euroquiz Club - 3.00 p.m.	Fri 17 March	MAC Challenge
Fri 3 March	P6/P7 Cross Country event - Strathaven Park Football Club - 3.00 p.m.	Mon 20 Mar	P7 Easter Code - Claremont Church Lunchtime Choir Scripture Union - 3.00 p.m. Athletics Club - 3.00 p.m.
Mon 6 Mar	Lunchtime Choir Scripture Union - 3.00 p.m. Athletics Club - 3.00 p.m.	Tue 21 March	Knitting Club - 3.00 p.m. Homework Club - 3.00 p.m. Dance Club - 3.00 p.m.
Tues 7 March	<b>RAG BAG COLLECTION</b> P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre Knitting Club - 3.00 p.m. Homework Club - 3.00 p.m. Dance Club - 3.00 p.m. Parental Engagement Workshop - 5.00 p.m. PTA Meeting - 7.00 p.m.	Wed 22 Mar	Football Festival - Ballerup Dance Festival - Calderglen High School
Wed 8 March	Room 6 to visit Kelvingrove Art Gallery Badminton Club - 3.00 p.m. Gardening Club - 3.00 p.m. K'Nex Club - 3.00 p.m.	Thur 23 Mar	P6 to E.K. Ice Rink Netball Festival - Stewartfield Netball Club - 3.00 p.m. Euroquiz Club - 3.00 p.m.
Thur 9 March	P6 to E.K. Ice Rink Netball Club - 3.00 p.m. Euroquiz Club - 3.00 p.m.	Fri 24 March	Awards Assembly - 9.30 a.m. P6 Bikeability Football Club - 3.00 pm
Fri 10 March	Whole School Assembly - 9.15 a.m. P4 to visit St. Leonards Library P6 Bikeability Football Club - 3.00 p.m.	Mon 27 Mar	Lunchtime Choir Scripture Union - 3.00 p.m. Athletics Club - 3.00 p.m.
Mon 13 March	Childsmile Fluoride Varnish Applications Lunchtime Choir Scripture Union - 3.00 p.m.	Tue 28 March	Knitting Club - 3.00 p.m. Homework Club - 3.00 p.m. Ardentenny Info Evening - 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.
Tue 14 March	Explore Learning Workshops P1-P4	Wed 29 Mar	Room 5 to visit Scotland Street Museum Badminton Club - 3.00 p.m. Gardening Club - 3.00 p.m. K'Nex Club - 3.00 p.m.
Wed 15 Mar	Badminton League - Ally McCoist Centre Explore Learning Workshops P1-P4 Parents Night 5.30 - 7.30 p.m.	Thur 30 Mar	P6 Ice Skating Easter Service - Claremont Church 1.30 p.m.
		Fri 31 March	<b>School closes 2.30 p.m.</b>
		Mon 17 April	<b>School re-opens 9.00 a.m.</b>

Thank you for your continued support. I hope all families enjoy a wonderful spring break.

Yours sincerely

**Noreen Black**  
Head Teacher