



# Blacklaw Primary Newsletter November 2016



Dear Parents/Carers

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Welcome back to another school term at Blacklaw Primary. I hope you all had a great October holiday and that you are looking forward to another busy term in our school calendar.



As the weather has now turned and winter months are on us please ensure your child attends school equipped for outdoor play. We will always endeavour to enable outdoor breaks and lunchtimes over the confines of indoor breaks. Please remember to label all clothing.

### Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended our recent Parent Evenings. I hope that this gave you an opportunity to discuss and see evidence of your child's progress with their learning this session. If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to arrange an appointment to speak with you further, if required.



### Poppies



Poppies are on sale in school. Pupils can purchase poppies for a suggested donation of 50p. All monies raised will go to support the Poppy Scotland Appeal.

### Staffing Update

Congratulations to Miss Hamilton who has recently married. She will now be known as Mrs. Speirs. We bid farewell to our janitor Mr. Ian Wilson who will be leaving Blacklaw on Friday 4 November. Many thanks go to Mr. Wilson who has secured employment within another school and we send our best wishes and wish him well in his new post.



**Book Week Scotland** Book Week Scotland runs from 21 November - 27 November 2016. To celebrate this event, all of



our P1 pupils will be given a family book pack from the Scottish Book Trust. We hope that pupils enjoy reading these books with their parents. You can find more details regarding Book Week Scotland at [www.scottishbooktrust.com](http://www.scottishbooktrust.com)

### First Minister's Reading Challenge

Our Primary 4-7 pupils will be participating in the First Minister's Reading Challenge which aims to encourage children to read widely, explore a range of books and develop a love of reading. The main focus of the Challenge is to encourage reading for pleasure and support schools, libraries and communities to build reading cultures. More details about this Challenge will follow in a separate letter.



### Charity Night



If you are free on Friday night (4 November) why not pop along to Sam's GCHC night at the British Legion in the Village, East Kilbride. Sam is one of our Primary 7 pupils who has raised thousands of pounds for Glasgow Children's Hospital. More details about this event can be found at the end of this newsletter.

### House Officials 2016/17

Following their successful application and interviews, I am pleased to announce this year's Primary 7 house officials:

	BURNS	CASTLE	SALTIRE	THISTLE
<b>CAPTAIN</b>	Kyle	Callum	Kiera	Robyn J
<b>VICE CAPTAIN</b>	Rachel	Mollie	Daniel	Cara
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Ruth	Summer	Ellie	Charly

## PTA

Our PTA would like to thank all those who supported the recent Halloween Discos. The children who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Please note our next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 November at 7.00 p.m.



## Open Door Policy



Please be reminded that should you require to speak to your child's teacher, a suitable appointment time should be made via the school office. It is not always possible for class teachers to talk with parents at the start of the school day when pupils are entering their classes.

## Award Assemblies

All parents are welcome to attend our Award Assemblies which start at **9.30 am**. The children are unaware they will receive an award and we will send a text message on the Tuesday before the assembly to inform you if any of your children are receiving an award.



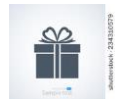
## Let Us Shine



Please remember to bring your loose change (5p, 2p or 1p's) for our 'Let Us Shine' to support Comfort and Joyce at our link school in Ghana. Each class has a specially designed bottle to fill with their loose change.

## Shoe Box Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who has donated to our Shoe Box Appeal 2016. Over 50 shoeboxes were donated from our school community. Your donations will give hope to someone in need this Christmas.



## Book Fair



As always our Book Fair was a great success. Many thanks to the volunteer helpers without whose support we would be unable to run our Fair. The commission received by the school is a huge 60% of all sales and will enable us to purchase literary resources for our school. This year our total commission earned has been £850.00. Thank you Blacklaw!

## 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 should hand it into the school office at the beginning of each day. Pupils can pick up their phones from the office at the end of the school day. We would greatly appreciate your support with this necessary request.



## After School Clubs



Please remember that if your child cannot attend any after school club, the school **must** be notified either in writing or by telephone by the parent. A register is kept of children who should attend, and if a child is missing for any reason then it is of paramount importance that we are assured of their safety.

## Videoring Christmas Events

During the course of our Christmas festivities pupils will participate in events e.g. nativity service to which we invite family and friends to enjoy. Videoring at these events is permitted on the understanding that any such recordings must be for sole use and must not be used for sale or reward. If you have any objection to your child being included please telephone me at the school as soon as possible.

**Videos or photographs of any school activity should not be posted on social network sites i.e Facebook, Youtube, Myspace etc. This is a breach of data protection and South Lanarkshire Council protocols are clear.** [www.ceop.gov.uk/parents](http://www.ceop.gov.uk/parents). We will endeavour to update our school website in order that you can see and read the highlights of the various activities going on within the school.



## Lepra Fundraising Event

Thanks to everyone who took part in our Lepra Fundraiser and for all your donations which raised over £2,000!



## Guess the Unicorn

Charly (Primary 4) won our recent 'Guess the Unicorn' competition which raised an additional £50 for Lepra. Thanks to Koral (P5), Tia (P5) and Daniel (P5) who organised this competition.



## Forthcoming Christmas Events

We would like to give you advance notice of the Christmas events that we have planned for next month. This will give parents/carers an opportunity to request time off if necessary.

- PTA Christmas Fair **Sat 3 December - 10.00 a.m.**
- P6/P7 Christmas Party **Friday 9 December - p.m.**
- P2/P3 Party **Monday 12 December - p.m.**
- Infant Nativity (Grandparents & Local Community) **Tuesday 13 December - 9.30 a.m.**
- P4/P5 Party **Wednesday 14 December - p.m.**
- Christmas Nativity (Parents/Carers) **Thursday 15 December - 9.30 a.m.**
- P1 Christmas Party **Thursday 15 December - p.m.**
- P7 Bowling Trip **Thursday 15 December**
- Whole School Christmas Pantomime - Motherwell Civic Centre **Monday 19 December a.m.**
- Whole school Christmas Service **Wednesday 21 December - 9.30 a.m. (in school hall)**
- School closes **2.30 p.m. Thursday 22 December**



## Diary

Tuesday 1 November	Whole School Flu Vaccinations
	Knitting Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Homework Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Funfit Club - 3.00 p.m.
Wednesday 2 November	P5 YMi Music
	P7 Japan Workshop
	Badminton Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Multi Sports Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Parent Council Meeting - 7.00 p.m.
Thursday 3 November	Netball Club - 3.00 p.m.
Friday 4 November	P7 to Bellahouston Ski Centre - 3.00 p.m.
Monday 7 November	Lunchtime Choir
	Athletics Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Scripture Union - 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 8 November	Knitting Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Homework Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Funfit Club - 3.00 p.m.
	PTA Meeting - 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 9 November	P5 YMi Music
	Badminton Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Multi Sports Club - 3.00 p.m.
Thursday 10 November	Netball Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Calderglen Open Evening 7.00 - 9.30 p.m.
Friday 11 November	R.O. Assembly - 9.15 a.m.
	P7 to Bellahouston Ski Centre - 3.00 p.m.
Monday 14 November	Lunchtime Choir
	Athletics Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Scripture Union - 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 15 November	Knitting Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Homework Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Funfit Club - 3.00 p.m.
Wednesday 16 November	P5 YMi Music
	P6 to visit St. Leonards Library
	Football Festival - Ballerup - 12.15 p.m.
	Badminton Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Multi Sports Club - 3.00 p.m.
Thursday 17 November	Netball Club - 3.00 p.m.
Friday 18 November	Awards Assembly - 9.30 a.m.
	P7 to Bellahouston Ski Centre - 3.00 p.m.
Monday 21 November	<b>In service - School closed to children</b>

Tuesday 22 November	Knitting Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Homework Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Funfit Club - 3.00 p.m.
Wednesday 23 November	P5 YMi Music
	Badminton Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Multi Sports Club - 3.00 p.m.
Thursday 24 November	Netball Festival - Stewartfield - 12.15 p.m.
	Netball Club - 3.00 p.m.
Friday 25 November	NSPCA Workshops
	P7 to Bellahouston Ski Centre - 3.00 p.m.
Monday 28 November	Lunchtime Choir
	Athletics Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Scripture Union - 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 29 November	P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre - 9.45 a.m.
	Knitting Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Homework Club - 3.00 p.m.
	Funfit Club - 3.00 p.m.
Wednesday 30 November	P5 YMi Music
	Badminton Club - 3.00 p.m.
Thursday 1 December	Netball Club - 3.00 p.m.
Friday 2 December	P7 to Bellahouston Ski Centre - 3.00 p.m.
Saturday 3 December	P.T.A. Christmas Fayre 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Thank you for your support. I hope that you will continue to work in partnership with myself and staff, within the school, to encourage your child/ children to aim for our Golden Goals.

- Do as you are asked
- Treat each other with respect
- Always try to do your best

If you have any questions or queries regarding any aspect of your child's progress in school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Noreen Black**  
**Head Teacher**

**SAM'S GCHC NIGHT**

**Date: 4 November 2016**

**Place: British Legion Village East Kilbride**

**Time: 7 p.m. – late**

**Price: £10 (includes buffet)**

**Contact Gillian: 07773 911021**

