



# Blacklaw Primary Newsletter November 2017



Dear Parents/Carers

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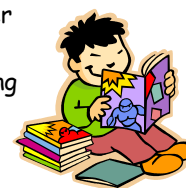
Welcome back to another school term at Blacklaw Primary. I hope you all had a great October holiday and that you are looking forward to another busy term in our school calendar.



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.**

## Parent Evenings

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parent Evenings which will be held on Wednesday 15 November from 5.30 until 7.30 pm and Thursday 16 November from 3.30 until 5.30 pm. Parents will have a one to one (7 minute) appointment with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's progress with learning as well as their behaviour/attitude in school. Parents will also have an opportunity to look at a variety of their child's classwork so far this session.



## Book Fair



The school will also be holding a book fair on Wednesday and Thursday evening. Parents/Children will have an opportunity to purchase books and a selection of stationery items. As always, we require parent helpers for this event - please refer to the lilac letter issued yesterday.

## 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.



**Book Week Scotland** Book Week Scotland runs from 27 November - 3 December 2017. 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.



## House Officials 2017/18

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>	Courtney	Rachel	Josh	Eve T
<b>VICE CAPTAIN</b>	Robyn	Lucy F	Callum C	Grace
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Millie	Jamie	Nathan	Arran
<b>FOURTH OFFICIAL</b>	Teaghan	Samantha	Sophie	Freya C

## 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 14 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 1ps) 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 2017. Over 30 shoeboxes were donated from our school community. Your donations will give hope to someone in need this Christmas.



### 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. Please **do not** send a verbal message via your child.



### Videoing 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. Videoing 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 ie Facebook, Youtube, Instagram 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.



### Big Scottish Breakfast

Thanks to everyone who helped to organise and provided donations for our Big Scottish Breakfast. Approximately 180 pupils joined us for breakfast and we managed to raise over £400 which will be forwarded to the STV Children's Appeal.



### Your Voice as a Parent Counts - Family Learning

Please see details below of an opportunity to attend an event organised by South Lanarkshire Council:

An invitation is extended to all Parents/Carers/Families to attend our exciting event taking place in the Banqueting Hall, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on Thursday, 16 November 2017. The evening will begin with teas/coffees being available from 6.30 pm with the event beginning at 6.45 pm.

The event brings parents together in an organised, but informal, setting to talk about family learning, hear about good practice, how you can support your children's learning and a wee blether about what matters to you.

Please try and join us at this exciting event.

If you would like to attend, please email [parents@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:parents@southlanarkshire.gov.uk)

## 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 2 December - 10.00 am**
- P6/P7 Christmas Party **Friday 8 December - pm**
- P2/P3 Party **Tuesday 12 December - pm**
- Infant Nativity **Tuesday 12 December & Thursday 15 December - 9.30 am**
- P4/P5 Party **Wednesday 13 December - pm**
- P1 Christmas Party **Thursday 14 December - pm**
- Whole School Christmas Pantomime - Village Theatre **Monday 18 December 10.00 am**
- Whole school Christmas Service **Wednesday 20 December - 9.30 am (in school hall)**
- School closes **2.30 pm Friday 22 December**



## Diary

Wednesday 1 November	P5 YMI Music
	Lunchtime Choir
	Credit Union pm
	P6/7 Badminton Club - 3.00 pm
	Gardening Club - 3.00 pm
Thursday 2 November	P5 to East Kilbride Ice Rink
	Lunchtime Netball
	Netball Club - 3.00 pm
Friday 3 November	Football Club - 3.00 pm
Monday 6 November	Athletics Club - lunchtime
	Scripture Union - 3.00 pm
	P7 to Bellahouston Ski Centre - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 7 November	P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre
	P4 Dodgeball Club - 3.00 pm
	P4/5 Knitting Club - 3.00 pm
	Homework Club - 3.00 pm
	Parent Council Meeting 7.00 pm
Wednesday 8 November	Room 7 to visit Odeon Cinema East Kilbride
	Room 6 to visit Amazonia
	Football Festival - Ballerup - 12.30 pm
	P3 Active Schools Multi Sports Club (lunchtime)
	P5 YMI Music
	Lunchtime Choir
	Credit Union pm
	P6/7 Badminton Club - 3.00 pm
	Gardening Club - 3.00 pm
Thursday 9 November	P5 to East Kilbride Ice Rink
	Lunchtime Netball
	Netball Club - 3.00 pm
Friday 10 November	RO Assembly - 9.15 am
	Football Club - 3.00 pm
Monday 13 November	Athletics Club - lunchtime
	Scripture Union - 3.00 pm
	P7 to Bellahouston Ski Centre - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 14 November	P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre
	P4 Dodgeball Club - 3.00 pm
	P4/5 Knitting Club - 3.00 pm
	Homework Club - 3.00 pm
	PTA Meeting 7.00 pm
Wednesday 15 November	P3 Active Schools Multi Sports Club (lunchtime)

	P5 YMI Music
	Lunchtime Choir
	Credit Union pm
	Parents Night 5.30 - 7.30 pm
Thursday 16 November	Lunchtime Netball
	Parents Night 3.30 - 5.30 pm
Friday 17 November	Football Club - 3.00 pm
Monday 20 November	<b>In Service school closed to children</b>
Tuesday 21 November	P4 Dodgeball Club - 3.00 pm
	P4/5 Knitting Club - 3.00 pm
	Homework Club - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 22 November	P3 Active Schools Multi Sports Club (lunchtime)
	P5 YMI Music
	Lunchtime Choir
	Credit Union pm
	P6/7 Badminton Club - 3.00 pm
	Gardening Club - 3.00 pm
Thursday 23 November	Netball Festival - Stewartfield - 12.30 pm
	Lunchtime Netball
	Netball Club - 3.00 pm
Friday 24 November	Awards Assembly - 9.30 am
	Sports Hall Athletics - John Wright's
	Football Club - 3.00 pm
Monday 27 November	Athletics Club - lunchtime
	Scripture Union - 3.00 pm
	P7 to Bellahouston Ski Centre - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 28 November	P4 Dodgeball Club - 3.00 pm
	P4/5 Knitting Club - 3.00 pm
	Homework Club - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 29 November	P3 Active Schools Multi Sports Club (lunchtime)
	P5 YMI Music
	Lunchtime Choir
	Credit Union pm
	P6/7 Badminton Club - 3.00 pm
	Gardening Club - 3.00 pm
Thursday 30 November	Flu Immunisation - 9.00 am
	Lunchtime Netball
	Netball Club - 3.00 pm
Friday 1 December	Football Club - 3.00 pm
Saturday 2 December	PTA Christmas Fayre 10.00 - 12.30 pm

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