



# Blacklaw Primary Newsletter October 2016



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Dear Parents/Carers

I very much hope that all families had a relaxing September weekend.

### Autumn Weather



As the season changes and the colder weather arrives please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing, clearly marked with their name. We always try to allow the children outdoor breaks when possible.

### Meet the Teacher/Parents Phonics Workshop

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' and for our Phonics workshop for parents. We value your support in participating in activities which provide opportunities for parents/carers to be involved in improving children's learning.



### Harvest Assembly



Our Harvest Assembly was held on Friday 30 September. Thank you for all the donations received. Donations have now been forwarded to Loaves and Fishes who provide support to homeless people in our area.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Hawthorne who has recently married. She will now be known as Mrs. Strathearn.



### Jotters home

Thank you to all parents who returned their child's jotters back to school on the Monday after jotters had been sent home. Many parents commented on the standard of work and progress their child has made so far. We value your feedback and would encourage parents to continue to do this when jotters are sent home. Please may I remind parents not to complete any additional pages in workbooks for 'homework/extra practice', if these are sent home.



Jotters will next be sent home on Friday 11 November 2016.

### Parent Evenings

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parent Evenings which will be held on Wednesday 12 October from 5.30 until 7.30 p.m. and Thursday 13 October from 3.30 until 5.30 p.m. 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.



### Uniform

Representatives from BARU will be present at both our parent evenings to take any uniform orders and to sell items of uniform. **Wednesday 12 October 5.30 - 7.30 p.m. and Thursday 13 October 3.30 - 5.00 p.m.**



### Teacher - Learner Conversations (TLC's)



This block class teachers will continue TLC's, where they will meet one to one with pupils to talk about their learning and to identify next steps.

### Flu Immunisation

Just to remind parents/carers that the NHS Flu Immunisation will take place on **Tuesday 1 November 2016.**



### Golden Time



On Friday 28 October we will be starting our Golden Time Choice Activities for P4-P7 pupils. Pupils will be able to list their top three choices from a number of activities that will be on offer. If you are able to support activities each Friday from 2.00 - 2.45 p.m. until the Christmas holidays then please complete the tear-off slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school.

### Halloween Disco

Our P.T.A. have organised a Halloween disco for Thursday 27 October. If you are able to help at either of the disco's please contact Michelle Young (P.T.A. Chairperson) on 07734 922373 or call the school office.

As Halloween approaches please remember we are a nut free school.



### Parent Helpers/Disclosures



Thank you to all parents who volunteered to be parent helpers. Anyone who has not yet returned the disclosure please send this form to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### Morrison's Vouchers

Please remember we are again collecting Morrison's Lets Grow vouchers. All donations are very welcome.



### Are you sure your child is at school today?

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason you should let the school know. Notify the school first thing in the morning when your child is going to be absent. Let the school know the likely date of return and keep them informed if the date changes. The school must be kept fully informed of any change to the following:

- home telephone number
- mobile number
- emergency contact details

Where no notification of absence has been received the school will make all reasonable attempts to contact:

- parent/carer
- emergency contact



In certain circumstances the school may seek advice from other agencies. The safety and well being of our children is everyone's prime concern. By working together and sharing information we can minimise risk and keep our children safe. If you wish to discuss any issues related to attendance at school please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Black. For further information, please contact 01698 454545 or email [education@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:education@southlanarkshire.gov.uk).

### Christmas Cards

Once again our pupils will be designing Christmas Cards for you to purchase.



### New School Website

We have now launched our new school website. The website address is:

<http://www.blacklaw-primaryschool.org.uk/>



## Head Lice



All our pupils have been reminded of the importance of regular Bugbusting. Please support us by regularly checking your child's hair.

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. The following method of detection is effective:

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo, then use a wide toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair. It is easier to do this with wet hair, and using hair conditioner.
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair, without dragging, switch to a fine tooth comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots and draw down to the ends of the hair with every stroke. The comb must be fine enough to catch the lice -size indicated below -do not confuse lice or their eggs with clumps of dandruff or other debris.
- Check the comb for lice after each stroke as you work through the hair section by section, so that the whole head of hair is combed through, then rinse out the conditioner and repeat the combing procedure in the wet hair.
- This can be undertaken on a regular basis -eg at routine hair washing sessions -to detect the presence of lice before they can spread. Check all family members at the same time and arrange treatment when lice are found. If you find lice, then there are two options. Whichever option you choose it is important to recognise that neither will protect against re-infection if head to head contact is made with someone with head lice at a later date. You may therefore wish to undertake occasional checks during hair washing sessions.

### Option 1: Lotions and creme rinses using insecticides

Do not use lotions or rinses unless you find a living moving louse. Check all close family/friends by the "wet combing" method, as described, and treat anyone who is found to have lice at the same time, to prevent re-infection.

### Option 2: The "Bug Busting" treatment method

This aims at systematic removal of live lice by combing through the hair and physically removing any lice found. Success depends largely upon adopting a painstaking approach.

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

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

**J.R.S.O.** Our Junior Road Safety Officers Kiera and Summer have completed a 'Hands Up Travel Survey' which polls pupils' travel arrangements to school. As the nights begin to get darker they will be involved in encouraging pupils to 'Be Seen'.



October is International Walk to School month. We want to encourage everyone to try their best to walk to school (or park further away and walk some of the way - Park and Stride). This will have benefits for health, road safety awareness for children and a positive action in reducing pollution. Please refer to website

[www.walktoschool.org.uk](http://www.walktoschool.org.uk).

Kiera and Summer will continue to promote Road Safety and school travel messages to all our pupils this session. Thanks.

### Primary 7 Key Dates

Calderglen High School will hold their Open Evening on Thursday 10 November 2016 from 7.00 - 9.30 p.m. Primary 7 Induction Days will be in the month of June, dates to be confirmed.



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### After School Clubs



Please note that due to parents nights **there will be no Athletics Club on Monday 10 October, no Netball Club on Thursday 13 October and no Football Club on Friday 14 October.** All other clubs will take place as usual.

# Responsible Citizens

## P1/2 Toothbrushing



"If you don't brush your teeth they'll go all black!"  
By Alastair P1 Room 2

"You have to brush your teeth for at least two minutes!"  
By Ellie P2 Room 2

"You shouldn't swallow the toothpaste because it could make you sick!"  
By Harry P2 Room 2

"You must brush your teeth day and night!"  
By Ben P2 Room 2

"You shouldn't 'sook' your brush!"  
By Maya P2 Room 2

"We brush our downstairs teeth first, then our upstairs teeth and then we make circles with our brush in the middle!"  
By Lucy P1 Room 2

"It stops our teeth from falling out!"  
By Louis P2 Room 3

"You must brush your teeth every day of the week!"  
By Chloe P1 Room 2

"You shouldn't drink after you have brushed your teeth or it will wash the magic away!"  
By Nieve P2 Room 2

"If you keep eating things your teeth get very dirty!"  
By Andrew P2 Room 3

"My toothbrush is green with a snail on it!"  
By Madison P2 Room 3

"We brush our teeth to keep them healthy!"  
By Ava P2 Room 3

"The magic in toothpaste is fluoride!"  
By Toby P2 Room 2

"I've got a green toothbrush with a cat on it!"  
By Lucy P1 Room 1



"You need to brush your teeth because they can fall out!"  
By Anna P1 Room 1

"I love the taste of the toothpaste!"  
By Jamie P1 Room 1

"I like the colour of my toothpaste!"  
By Cora P1 Room 1

## P5 YMI Music

When we started Primary 5 we had a great surprise when Mrs. Hall said, "We're going to get a music teacher called Mrs. Dollan." Mrs. Dollan has brown hair and nice earrings. She taught us the 'boomwackers' and other musical instruments. She is a wonderful music teacher. One time she even did the 'dab' for us! We have learned lots about musical notes.

By Andrew, Olivia and Daniel Primary 5 Room 7



# Confident Individuals

**Diary**

Monday 3 October	Lunchtime Choir P1 & 2 Fluoride Coating (Childsmile) - 9.00 a.m. Athletics Club - 3.00 p.m. Scripture Union - 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 4 October	Rag Bag collection Knitting Club - 3.00 p.m. Homework Club - 3.00 p.m. Funfit Club - 3.00 p.m.
Wednesday 5 October	Multi Sports Club - 3.00 p.m. Badminton Club - 3.00 p.m.
Thursday 6 October	Netball Club - 3.00 p.m.
Friday 7 October	Awards Assembly - 9.30 a.m. Football Club - 3.00 p.m.
Monday 10 October	Lunchtime Choir Scripture Union - 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 11 October	Knitting Club - 3.00 p.m. Homework Club - 3.00 p.m. Funfit Club - 3.00 p.m.
Wednesday 12 October	Badminton Club - 3.00 p.m. Parents Evening 5.30 - 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 13 October	Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.30 p.m.
Friday 14 October	Lepra Fundraising Event - a.m. <b>School closes - 3.00 p.m.</b>
Monday 24 October	Lunchtime Choir Athletics Club - 3.00 p.m. Scripture Union - 3.00 p.m.
Tuesday 25 October	Knitting Club - 3.00 p.m. Homework Club - 3.00 p.m. Funfit Club - 3.00 p.m. Parent Council Meeting - 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 26 October	Karate Taster sessions Football Festival - Ballerup Badminton Club - 3.00 p.m.
Thursday 27 October	Karate Taster sessions Netball Festival - Stewartfield Netball Club - 3.00 p.m. PTA Halloween Discos P1-P3 6.00 - 7.15 p.m. P4-P7 7.30 - 8.45 p.m.
Friday 28 October	Whole school assembly Karate Taster sessions Football Club - 3.00 p.m.
Saturday 29 October	PTA Coffee Morning 10.00 12.00 midday
Monday 31 October	Lunchtime Choir Athletics Club - 3.00 p.m. Scripture Union - 3.00 p.m.

Yours sincerely

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

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**Golden Time**

I will be available to support activities each Friday from 2.00 - 2.45 p.m.

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_