



Blacklaw Primary Newsletter October 2017



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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.

Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Assembly is being held on Friday 6 October. Thank you for all the donations received. Donations will be forwarded to Loaves and Fishes who provide support to homeless people in our area.



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.



Uniform



Representatives from BARU will be present at both our parent evenings to take any uniform orders and to sell items of uniform. **Wednesday 15 November 5.30 - 7.30 pm and Thursday 16 November 3.30 - 5.00 pm.**

Christmas Cards

Once again our pupils have designed Christmas Cards for you to purchase. These will be issued soon.



Flu Immunisation



Just to remind parents/carers that the NHS Flu Immunisation will take place on **Thursday 30 November**. Please contact NHS Scotland Tel; **0300 303 3229** and inform them of any updates of medical conditions your child may have.

Halloween Disco

Our PTA have organised a Halloween disco for Thursday 26 October. If you are able to help at either of the discos please contact Fiona Francis (PTA Chairperson) on 07941 376955 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.

Morrisons Vouchers

Please remember we are again collecting Morrisons 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.

Primary 7 Key Dates

Calderglen High School will hold their P7 Open Evening in November and Induction Days will be in the month of June, dates to be confirmed.



After School Clubs



Please note that our Football Club will not take place on **Friday 13 October** as school closes at 3.00 pm for the October holiday.

Parking

May I remind parent/carers who are dropping off or picking up children to only park in the designated parking bays and not the parking spaces reserved for **staff only**. Please note that the parking bays at the front entrance of the school building are often used for buses/coaches to pick up or drop off pupils on school excursions. **Please do not block cars in at 3.00 pm**. We would ask that parents refrain from parking in these bays when bus/coach access is required. This is to ensure that pupils embark/disembark safely.



Autism Survey



You may be a parent carer, grandparent, sibling, teacher, school crossing attendant or friend - anyone is likely to know a person with autism.

South Lanarkshire Council want to 'map' existing autism services and supports, as well as begin to identify areas of unmet need which we can start to address alongside our autism partners in the Statutory, Voluntary, Private and Community Led sectors.

This will direct the future shape of autism services and move from 'Transacting to Transforming' autism support.

Any information you give will be treated in strict confidence and you do not have to give your name or any other personal details if you don't want to.

All answers will be anonymised and any information given will be used only for the purposes of developing our Local Autism Action Plan. We will however ask you if you would like to take part in some focus groups we will convene once we've collated the information.

This plan will act as a statement of intent to meet the needs of those living with autism in South Lanarkshire over the next 5 years.

Please take just a few minutes to share your views and opinions using the following link:

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=149941843389>

The closing date for this survey will be Friday 20th October 2017

National Museum of Rural Life

The National Museum of Rural Life are offering lots of holiday fun for active adventurers on their **Go Wild in Autumn** programme (14-22 October). You can join them on Tuesday 31 October from 5.00 - 7.00 pm to celebrate Halloween which is a free event. You can find out what's on offer each day at www.nms.ac.uk/gowildautumn.



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 www.nits.net

'Hands Up' Travel Survey

During September we completed a 'Hands Up' Travel Survey which polled 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.



Responsible Citizens

P1/2 Toothbrushing



"I like the taste of the toothpaste!"
By Lucas Primary 2 Room 2

"We brush our teeth for two minutes!"
By Anna Primary 2 Room 2

"We brush our teeth so they do not rot!"
By Arran Primary 2 Room 2

"I have a green toothbrush!"
By Jasmine Primary 1 Room 2

"It keeps your teeth healthy!"
By Mia Primary 1 Room 2

"If you don't brush your teeth they will rot!"
By Ellie Primary 3 Room 3

"I use a toothbrush and toothpaste to clean my teeth!"
By Mirren Primary 2 Room 3

"We brush our teeth before school and at night!"
By Max Primary 1 Room 2

"To brush your teeth you need a toothbrush, toothpaste and a sink!"
By Seth Primary 2 Room 3

"You brush your teeth for two minutes!"
By Jamie Primary 2 Room 3

"If you don't brush your teeth they'll go yellow!"
By Chloe Primary 3 Room 3

"Don't spit the toothpaste out until you are at the sink!"
By Hayden Primary 1 Room 1



"My toothbrush has a blue hedgehog on it!"
By Oliver Primary 1 Room 1

"We get toothpaste on our brush and we all brush for two minutes!"
By Emily Primary 1 Room 1

"You brush and scrub everywhere on your teeth!"
By Madison Primary 1 Room 1

"We brush for two minutes!"
By Cruz Primary 1 Room 1

"It's not good to swallow the toothpaste!"
By Holly Primary 1 Room 1

P5 YMI Music

In music our teacher is Mrs. Dollan. On our first day or two we used drum sticks and boom whackers! Later on we started to use small simple instruments e.g. maracas, cowbells, triangles etc. Every day we learn a new word or note eg note, quaver, word, tempo. I really enjoy music because you get to use proper, simple instruments and it's just really fun!

By Eve Primary 5 Room 6



Confident Individuals

Diary

Monday 2 October	Athletics Club - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 3 October	P1 & 2 Childsmile Tooth Varnishing P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre Knitting Club - 3.00 pm Homework Club - 3.00 pm Dodgeball Club - 3.00 pm Bikeability Level 1 - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 4 October	Lunchtime Choir Gardening Club - 3.00 pm Badminton Club - 3.00 pm
Thursday 5 October	P5 to East Kilbride Ice Rink Lunchtime Netball Netball Club - 3.00 pm
Friday 6 October	Harvest Assembly - 9.30 am Football Club - 3.00 pm
Monday 9 October	Athletics Club - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 10 October	P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre Knitting Club - 3.00 pm Homework Club - 3.00 pm Dodgeball Club - 3.00 pm Bikeability Level 1 - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 11 October	Football Festival - Ballerup Lunchtime Choir Gardening Club - 3.00 pm Badminton Club - 3.00 pm
Thursday 12 October	P5 to East Kilbride Ice Rink Lunchtime Netball Netball Club - 3.00 pm
Friday 13 October	House Assembly - 9.30 am School closes - 3.00 pm
Monday 23 October	Athletics Club - 3.00 pm Scripture Union - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 24 October	P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre Knitting Club - 3.00 pm Homework Club - 3.00 pm Dodgeball Club - 3.00 pm Bikeability Level 1 - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 25 October	Lunchtime Choir Gardening Club - 3.00 pm Badminton Club - 3.00 pm
Thursday 26 October	P5 to East Kilbride Ice Rink Lunchtime Netball Netball Festival - Stewartfield Netball Club - 3.00 pm
Friday 27 October	PTA Halloween Disco P1-P3 6.00 - 7.15 pm P4-P7 7.30 - 8.45 pm Sports Hall Athletics Football Club - 3.00 pm
Monday 30 October	Athletics Club - 3.00 pm Scripture Union - 3.00 pm
Tuesday 31 October	P4 to Dollan Aqua Centre Knitting Club - 3.00 pm Homework Club - 3.00 pm Dodgeball Club - 3.00 pm Bikeability Level 1 - 3.00 pm

Yours sincerely

Noreen Black
Head Teacher