



Friday 9th September 2016



Dates for the Diary

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd
September

Activities week for Primary 7

Wednesday 21st Friday 23rd
September

Primary 7 at Dalguise

Thursday 22nd September

Night at the Museum sleep
over for P4-6 more information
to follow

Friday 23rd September

Whole school trip to Stirling
Castle

Tuesday 27th September

Grow your own loaf workshops
for p1-4

Wednesday 28th September

P5/6 Woodland Discovery Days
2016 Glen Finglas Visitor

October

Wednesday 5th October

Parent School Improvement
Focus group

Thursday 6th October

National Poetry Day
Harvest Service led by Primary
1 / 2

October Holiday

Monday 10th – Friday 14th
October

Night at the Museum:- On Thursday 22nd September, to launch our learning context, Shaping the Nation, we would like to invite all of our children to an evening at The Smith Museum in Stirling. The children should arrive for 5pm where they will be met by their teachers and Mr Smith the Education Officer from the museum. The children will then hear historical stories, poetry and anecdotes from Stirling's history. This will be followed by class challenges where the children will be given artefacts and costumes and invited to learn about the period of time they are from before presenting this information to the rest of the children.

Following this, the children will eat their packed tea before having the opportunity to watch the film "Night at the Museum," in the Museum's theatre.

For children in Primary 4-6 they will then have the opportunity to sleep over at the museum. Mrs White, Mrs Smith and Ms Johnston-Kehoe from the staff team will be sleeping over. We will also be joined by Mrs Owen as a parent helper.

If the children wish to sleep over, as well as a packed tea, they should bring with them a sleeping bag and roll mat. An additional kit list and further details will be issued to the children who wish to sleep over. A permission slip will be sent home to all children in P1-6 asking parents to indicate their child's level of participation in this event.

In the morning the children sleeping over will be provided with breakfast before spending the day at Stirling Castle. We will be joined at Stirling Castle by the children who have not slept over and by children in Primary 1-3.

Whole School Trip to Stirling Castle:- Friday 23rd September

The whole school will have a trip to Stirling Castle as part of our Shaping the Nation topic. Everyone will require a packed lunch for this event. For the children who have slept over at the museum their packed lunch will be provided via the school catering service. Mrs Kinvig, Mrs Anderson and Mr Reid will accompany the Primary 1-3 children and anyone who has not slept over at the museum on the bus to Stirling Castle. A permission slip will be sent home to be completed and returned to school. If there are any parents who would be available to help on this trip please contact the school.

Parental Volunteers:- Many Thanks to the parents who have volunteered their time, efforts, expertise and skills in order to help enhance the learning experiences for our children. We are exceptionally grateful. We are also delighted to welcome senior pupils from the High School who have volunteered to support their local Primary Schools. They will be supporting all of our classes with the teaching of modern language in addition to other literacy work

Meet the Teacher Event:- We were delighted to see many parents at our Meet the Teacher evening. We recognise that it is not possible for all of our parents to be able to attend these events and so have shared much of the information on our school website. Through the parents tab you will be able to view our new school handwriting and spelling policy, access booklets designed to provide parents with additional information on how they can support their children at home with literacy and numeracy as well as an overview of our school year. The power-point presentation delivered by Mrs White is also available to view. This outlines our school development priorities for the year.

Parent Council News:- Our AGM was held on Wednesday 7th September, Thank you to those who attended. The PC committee members for this session are:

Chair – Fiona Frize **Vice-Chair** – Alison Sammut **Treasurer** – John Ure **Fundraising Group Co-ordinator** – Hanneke Booi, Mary Toop, Liz Owen

Please email stmarysdunblaneparentcouncil@gmail.com or speak to a member of the committee directly with any queries.

Fundraising :-The fundraising group would like to invite all parents and children to help design local Christmas cards. These could be photographs or hand drawn pictures of Dunblane and surroundings in winter or at Christmas. The winning designs, chosen by a panel of judges, will be printed with Christmas greetings and sold at the post office and the Christmas Fair. Please send your entries to the school office or email them to stmaryeps@stirling.gov.uk by Friday, 16 September.

Coffee Morning :-The Fundraising Group are holding a coffee morning in the church hall just after school drop-off on Friday 30 Sept. A great chance for families new and old to meet and chat over a cuppa and cake.

Getting Started on our Learning Journey:- As part of changes to reporting to parents we are trying to make this an on going process that includes the voice of pupils, parents and teachers. For parents that were not at our information evening your child has completed a sheet that explains, in their own words, how they feel their learning journey has started this session. This has been sent home to allow you the opportunity to comment on how you feel your child has started on their learning journey. This information will be used in the first section of your child's report that will be issued at the end of the session.

Flu Immunisation:-This will take place in school on the 2nd November 2016. If you wish your child to be immunised you must return the flu immunisation documentation to the school and we will forward this onto NHS Forth Valley. The children will be receiving workshops and information from NHS staff about the Flu immunisation so that they are aware of why this is an important immunisation for them to have.

School Ground Improvements:-As a school we are continuing to improve our outdoor learning environment. Following the award of a grant from the food for thought fund we have money to establish an orchard that will be grown in barrels. We are hoping this is going to take place on Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th and Friday 30th September. We are delighted to have the help from the Dunblane Development Trust but would welcome any additional help. If you can spare any time throughout these three days and would be willing to participate in garden improvements we would be delighted to have your help.

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Weekly Events Reminder

Monday

- Violin tutor in school
- Reading café at lunchtime P1 -7 (Mrs Shanks supporting)

Tuesday

- Primary 5/6 swimming
- Badminton Club after school

Wednesday

- All classes:- Music with Karen Moore music specialist (fortnightly)
- All classes:- P1/2, P3/4 and P7 P.E with Mrs McLachlan (fortnightly)
- School Choir (Ms Johnston-Kehoe and Mrs Moore)
- Cross Country Club with Mrs Smith
- Squash at Dunblane Tennis and Squash Club
- Reading café (Mrs Kinvig and S6 pupil supporting)

Thursday

- 2.30pm Assembly with Reverend Nick Green
- Bagpipe tutor in school
- STEM Club (Mrs White, Mr Herbst and Mr Cornelius)

Friday

- All classes:- Responsibility Time
- Primary 6 / 7 cricket club at lunchtime (Mr Phillips)

P.E Kit:- Please ensure your child has P.E Kit in school with them every day



Stirling Netball Festival



To Parents & Guardians...

Your child is invited to come along and join us at the **Stirling Netball Festival!** The festival will offer a wonderful opportunity to try out netball for the first time, with free coaching & netball activities to try out. The festival has been organised by Stirling Netball Club, in partnership with Active Stirling.

The coaching & activities will be led by adult members from Stirling Netball Club, but will also have a special guest appearance from **International Scottish Netball Player, Lauren Tait.**



Stirling Netball Festival will be delivered by Stirling Netball Club, in partnership with Active Stirling. The details for the Festival are:

- Activity: Netball Coaching & Activity Stations
- Date: Saturday 17th September 2016
- Venue: The Peak
- Age: P5 – P7
- Time: Session 1: 1pm – 2pm
Session 2: 2pm – 3pm
- Cost: Voluntary donation – funding towards Breast Cancer Care



If you would like to book in for this, please phone up Active Stirling's booking team on 01786 448308. Spaces are limited in each session so please phone up ASAP to book your space and avoid disappointment on the day.

The club have a thriving U13s section which will be promoted at the festival. This will give your child a great chance to keep playing netball afterwards!

JUNIOR SQUASH & TABLE TENNIS TASTER

Dunblane Sports Club

Wednesday 7th September – Wednesday 28th September

P4 – P7: 15:30-16:30



For more information and to book places contact
Maureen Carroll, Squash Coach:

moscarroll@yahoo.co.uk

THE BIG HIT



DUNBLANE CENTRE

18TH SEPTEMBER 2016

ALL AGES WELCOME

£2 PER CHILD

TO BOOK CALL 01786 824224

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- Aiming for 270 children in total. Three sessions on that day with a maximum of 90 children in each session.
- 9:30am-11am (age 4-7). 11:30am-1pm age (8-12), 2pm to 3:30pm (age 13+)
- Booking fee £2 per child, which includes; 90 minutes badminton activities, bottle of water and snack. Register at Dunblane Centre.
- CPD sessions (free) for volunteer coaches, parents, badminton club members and University of Stirling students. These sessions will run at the same time schedule as the three children's sessions