



Thursday 3rd November 2016

Dates for the Diary November

Monday 7th – Friday 11th
Dyslexia Awareness Week

Tuesday 8th November
Primary 7 transition groups
begin

Monday 14th
Primary 1 Read Write Count
activity Library 3.45pm –
4.15pm

Primary 7 transition parents
evening at Newton Primary
School

Tuesday 15th
Primary 2 Read Write Count
activity at library 3.45pm –
4.15pm

Wednesday 16th
Reporting on our Learning
Parents' Evening

Thursday 17th
P3 Read Write Count activity at
library 3.45pm – 4.15pm

Wednesday 23rd
School Photographer in school

Thursday 24th and Friday 25th
School In-Service days

Monday 28th
Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 29th November
Shaping the Nation Sharing our
learning event at the Smith
Museum 2pm and 5.30pm

Pantomime:- Once again we will be participating in our whole school trip to the MacRobert Pantomime, "Wains in the Wood", on Friday 2nd December. As always, our Parent Council will be covering the cost of the buses to and from the pantomime. We are asking parents to contribute £10 to cover the cost of your child/rens ticket/s. This trip has been set up on Parent Pay where all parents who have logged into this service will be able to pay on line. If you have yet to sign up to this service, please contact the school and we will happily support you in logging into your account. If you still wish to pay by cash or cheque please could this be handed into the office no later than Friday 18th November.

Assessment for Excellence Results:- Across Stirling Council children in Primary 3, 5 and 7 recently completed an on line standardised assessment in literacy and numeracy. These assessments are a snapshot of your child's learning performance on a particular day and form part of wider range of tools and strategies used by staff and the school to monitor and track pupils' progress and achievement. The results of these assessments are available for parents to view if they wish. If you would like a copy of your child's scores please contact the school.

Reporting on our Learning:- We look forward to welcoming parents to our Parents Evening on Wednesday 16th November. At the bottom of this newsletter there is a tear off slip for parents to complete should they have a preferred time for their parents evening appointment. Please note that this term we are trialling a new system which will provide you with the opportunity to view your child's learning, speak with support staff and our learning support teacher, complete your parental comment on your child's learning progress prior to meeting with the class teacher. This means that your appointment time will now be 30 minutes long. Please indicate on the slip below your preferred time period. You will receive a slip home on Friday 11th November that details your parent appointment time.

Reporting on Learning

Preferred Parent's Evening Appointment Time

Child's Name _____ Class _____

3.20pm -5pm

5pm - 6.30pm

6.30pm - 8pm

Dates for the Diary

December

Friday 2nd

Whole School Trip to the pantomime

Saturday 3rd

Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 13th

10am performance of Primary 1-4 Christmas story

Thursday 15th

6pm performance of Primary 1-4 Christmas Story

Nursery trip to Pantomime

Monday 19th

Lego Mindstorm competition

Wednesday 21st December

School finishes
End of term service at 11am



Rethinking Remembrance: - This year, The Royal British Legion is asking the nation to *Rethink Remembrance* by recognising the sacrifices made not just by the Armed Forces of the past, but by today's generation too.

For many people, Remembrance is associated with the fallen of the First and Second World Wars. While we will always remember them, the Legion wants to raise awareness of a new generation of veterans and Service personnel that need our support and this is the message that we are sharing with the children. Primary 7 children will be selling poppies in school for children to wear on receipt of a donation. <http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/poppy-appeal-2016/>



This year our health committee and Pupil Council have opted to support Children in Need. There will be various events and activities taking place on Friday 18th November. More information will be issued next week about this event by our Health Committee.

Primary 7 Transition :- Starting on Tuesday 8th November children in groups A and B will make their first of three visits up to Dunblane High School. Children will be transported by mini bus and arrangements should be made for their collection from the High School at 3.35pm.

A parents information evening is being held at Newton Primary School on Monday 14th November at 7pm and at Dunblane Primary School On Tuesday 15th November at 7pm. This session will be delivered by members of the senior management team at Dunblane High School and by Senior Pupils. The session provides parents with the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the curriculum framework and day to day running of Dunblane High School. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions at the meeting. Primary 7 children may also attend.

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Weekly Events Reminder

Monday

- Violin tutor in school
- Reading / Homework café at lunchtime P1 -7

Tuesday

- Chess club at lunchtime

Wednesday

- All classes:- Music with Karen Moore music specialist (fortnightly)
- All classes:- P1/2, P3/4 and P7 P.E with Mrs McLachlan
- P3 / 4 Multi sports class from 3.15pm – 4.15pm
- Reading / Homework café at lunchtime P1 -7
- Primary 1 / 2 forest schools

Thursday

- 2.30pm Assembly with Reverend Nick Green
- STEM club for Primary 5-7 children lunchtime and afterschool

Friday

- All classes:- Responsibility Time

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