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Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Staffing

Following recent interviews for Admin Support and subject to final checks we will shortly be welcoming Mrs S McMaster to our staff team.

We also welcome Mrs Gall who will be working with P5/6 over a six week period and Miss Gardner who will be with us on Thursdays and Fridays this year supporting Early Years.

This will also be the last term for Mrs Kinvig as she will be taking early retirement in December.

School Office

Can I just remind everyone that until Mrs McMaster starts our school office is not manned fully throughout the day. Thank you for your patience and support. All visitors **must** report to the school office and sign in. If there is no one in the office to attend to you straight away please wait until a member of staff can help you. Please **do not** go directly to your child's class.

Water Bottles

As we are a health promoting school can I remind parents and carers that only water is allowed in water bottles in the classes. Please do not have juice in water bottles.

Head Lice

A reminder that all parents should remain vigilant throughout the year and treat their child's hair appropriately if required. Further information on the treatment of head lice can be found using the following link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice

Nut Free School

This session, we will continue to be a **nut free school**. Children should not bring any foods, snacks or packed lunches which contain traces of nuts. This includes Nutella.

Jewellery and Friendship Bracelets

To ensure safety for our pupils we ask that no jewellery is worn during P.E lessons as this can catch on equipment and cause injury. Please ensure that you provide tape to cover earrings if they are to remain in.

I would also appreciate your support to ensure that friendship bracelets are not worn in school.

House Responsibilities

Blytheswood Shoe Box Appeal - Thank you to everyone who supported our recent appeal. It was amazing to see such generosity and how everyone got involved.

Grounds Tidy up - Thank you to everyone who helped tidy up our playground, it was great to see such team spirit.

Christmas Card Competition

We shared the winners of our Christmas card competition last week at assembly. You will be able to purchase our cards from the Post Office.

Our winners are; Sophie Mortin, Pippa Thomson, Hannah Darnbrough, Laetitia Bruce - Winkler, Rose Taylor, Mia Davies, Neil-Arthur Byrne,

School Improvement

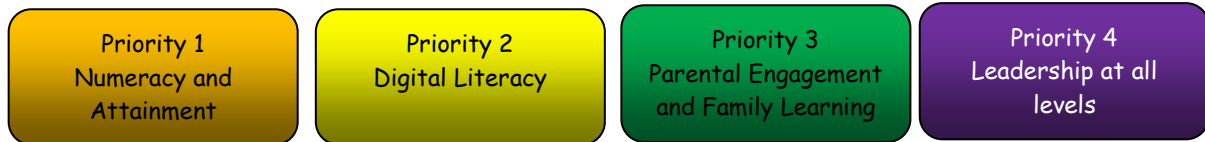
This term all children will be introduced to our Growth Mindset Superheroes. All classes from Nursery to Primary 7 will investigate how these characters will be able to support a growth mindset in numeracy as well as all areas of their learning.

Learning Superheroes To Promote Positive Growth Mindsets



I would also like to invite parents in to provide feedback to support our School Improvement planning process at various points throughout the year. There may even be coffee and cake! Please come along and join me on the following dates for drop in feedback sessions.

Focus	Date
Curriculum	Thursday 13th Dec @2pm
Learning, Teaching and Assessment	Thursday 10 th Jan 2019 @ 10am
Personalised Support	21 st Mar'19 @ 2pm
Raising attainment and achievement	Thursday 2 nd May @12pm



Where Great Things Happen!

Thank you to those who responded to September's question.

"(childrens') imagination stimulated in a more creative way"

"(children are) learning about risk and how to assess / manage them"

"Outdoor Learning can help close the attainment gap by using an experiential learning process to develop personal qualities that are shown to be key factors in living a healthy and successful life. The way we interact with others and the quality of our relationships with those around us forms the basis for well-being and enables us to get on successfully in life.

People who are more socially connected to family, friends or community are happier, physically healthier and live longer than people who are less well connected."

As a result we will continue to build on capacity for this across the school.

"Do you think having a Growth Mindset is important?"

Big Acorn News



Thank you to the team of Dads who have taken away all the rubbish from the side of the school and refelted the Parent Council shed. Your time is much appreciated!

Kiltwalk

The final figure stands at £3,028. The Hunter Foundation are due to add £1,211 which means the total should be £4,239. We are already in discussion with Stirling Council to get a board as soon as possible. **AMAZING EFFORT EVERYONE! WELL DONE and THANK YOU!**

Grant application

We have been awarded £1000 from The Windfarm Trust to buy new playground furniture. We will now need support in building purchases from flat pack so please be ready!

Dunblane Centre Craft Fair

11th November 11am-4pm Please come along to support our stall. If you can stay and help for an hour, that would be awesome!

Craft group

The craft group are busy crafting ready for the Fair on the 11th and the School's Fair on the 8th December. Everyone is welcome on a Friday night to have a craft and natter. 9th November and 23rd November 8-10pm.

The School Needs You!

Please look out for this handy guide to all the jobs the school is looking to work on over the year. From 1 hour a year to 1 hour a month, your support is much appreciated in any way you can manage!

Parent Engagement.

We are looking to establish a baseline of how you feel about how the school engages with you. Please use the link below, or the QR code to access the survey. It will take 10-15 minutes of your time and be very valuable to help us on our improvement journey.



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfikt5_orxkXKP4L_c_QoeUeBeRt9IVCWfo7DKuRX_Dynkdsg/viewform?c=0&w=1

Next Parent Council Meeting: 21st November 6.30-8.30pm

St Mary's Episcopal Church

The Reverend Nerys Brown

We are very excited to hear that Nerys Brown is to be installed as the new Rector of St.Mary's on Saturday November 24th at 1pm.

She would like to **invite the school community** and is particularly keen that the P7s join her for the service. The service will last for about an hour and a half with a celebration afterwards from 3:30pm. A creche for children under 7 will be available. You will need to arrive early as it will be busy and if you would like to use the creche, please let Liz Owen know.



The next **Messy Church** is on Tuesday November 6th. It will have a 100 year Remembrance theme.

Remembrance Sunday Eucharist will be at 10.30 on Sunday 11th November. A very special moment as the exact time of the signing of the Armistice 100 years previously will be during the service. Young Church is available that day.

Next **All Age** service is Sunday 2nd December at 10.30 for the start of Advent

Posada: Can you give Mary, Joseph and the Donkey a home for the night during Advent? If you would like them to stop and rest at your house please let Susie Shanks or Liz Owen know when a good night is for them to visit. The idea is you meet with the person who had them the night before for a cuppa and pass them on in the same way when they move on.



Dates for your Diary

November		
Tuesdays 5 th , 13 th and 20 th	Fun in Athletics	P5/6
Thursday 8 th & 22 nd	P.E specialist	morning
Friday 9 th	P5/6 Sports Festival at DHS	morning
Friday 9 th	P1 - P7 Flu Immunisation	Throughout the day
Wednesday 14 th	Parents Evening	3:30pm onwards
Wednesday 14 th	Reception to celebrate Centenary of the Education Act 1918	7pm Mrs Hewitt and 5 senior pupils
Tuesday 20 th	P7 Transition - DPS	morning
Wed 21 st	MacRobert Pantomime	9:30 am
22 nd & 23 rd	Mrs Hewitt at Gartmore Primary VSE	All day
Wed 28 th	P5/6 Excursion	All day
Thursday 29 th & Friday 30 th	Staff In set days	School closed Reopens Monday 3 rd Dec
December		
Thursday 6 th and 20 th	P.E Specialist	am
Wed 12 th	Nativity - School Hall	10am
Thurs 13 th	Nativity - School Hall	6pm
Thurs 13 th	Parent Focus Group	2pm
Monday 17 th	P7 Dunblane Learning Community Ceilidh	tbc
Tuesday 18 th	P1/2 Christmas Party	1:30pm
Wednesday 19 th	P3/4 Christmas Party	1:30pm
Thursday 20 th	P5 - 7 Christmas Party	1:30pm
Friday 21 st	P1/2 Christmas Church Service	Whole school and Nursery Church 10am
Friday 21 st	School closes for Christmas	1pm
January		
Monday 7 th January	School reopens	9am
Thursday 10 th	Parent focus Group	11:30am



Respect, Enthusiasm, Aspiration, Compassion, Honesty