



# Blacklaw Primary Newsletter January 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

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**Aim**  
Working together, as a community, to achieve the best outcomes for all learners.



A very Happy New Year to you all from everyone here at Blacklaw. We hope 2019 will be a year of peace, prosperity, health and happiness. At Blacklaw we will continue to place the needs of our pupils and their families at the heart of our work. We look forward to your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions/queries or concerns.

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported all of our Christmas activities and events. December is always a busy month, as everyone begins to prepare for Christmas. Our events were very well supported by the school community. Your support and attendance at our events was very much appreciated.



### Charities/Citizenship



As part of our global citizenship commitment over the course of the school year the school community supports various charities. Your generosity has benefited many causes. The children not only gain an awareness of the needs of others but also the knowledge that they can help them. This can be done by small individual donations. To enable us to continue to support a variety of causes please be assured we would ask only that a small offering is donated. Thank you. Our 'Cash for Kids' and 'Let Us Shine' charities benefited by £95.80 each from our enterprising coffee mornings on 11 and 13 December and 'Save the Children' benefited by £180 from our dress down

### 'Christmas Jumper' day.

It was lovely to see so many friends and family members arriving early for a mince pie and tea/coffee before our Nativity performances.

### P.T.A. Thank You

We wish to thank our P.T.A. for their support and hard work over our Christmas activities. The Christmas Fayre was a success raising a fantastic £540. Their fundraising work helped fund the pupils Pantomime treat, and will be used to support/fund other activities later on in this session. Anna Primary 3 Room 3 was the lucky winner of our Christmas Hamper.



### Wintry Weather Conditions

Although the weather at present is mild, communication is the key. If you wish to be included in our school communication network please provide your e-mail address and mobile phone number on the slip included in this newsletter. This term we will be using our school website to enable us to give you notice of any exceptional closures and special events.



### Gritting - Ice/Snow

During freezing weather, a programme of gritting will be initiated by the school janitor in consultation with myself and support services. This will be sufficient to enable operations to be carried out safely within the school grounds and particular attention will be paid to pedestrian walkways and areas where vehicle risk may be present due to reasons of speed adverse slope/camber, cornering requirements or stopping areas. When significant snowfall occurs an assessment of snow clearance will be made and appropriate action will be taken bearing in mind the above risk factors and any others that may arise.



### Staffing Update

Mrs Strathearn has returned from maternity leave and will be working with Mrs Henshaw in Room 3.

We are delighted for Mrs Hall who has welcomed a baby girl.

This term we welcome Mrs Keyworth who will be working in Room 7 on a Monday and Tuesday.



## Mobile Phones

It is not necessary for pupils to bring mobile phones to school, as our office staff are happy to contact you if required or take important messages on your behalf. **Please keep all mobile phones at home.** Any child who brings a mobile phone to school shall be instructed to switch it off throughout the school day and hand it into the school office until 3.00 pm. We would greatly appreciate your support with this necessary request.



## 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. 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. Please also remember to switch off your engines in line with our 'engine idling' guidelines.



## Parent Council Meeting



Our next Parent Council Meeting is on Wednesday 9 January at 7pm. Meetings are open to all members of the Parent Forum. Please contact the school by telephone if you wish to attend.

## Ardentinny

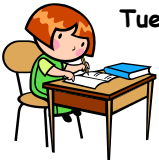
Our Primary 7 pupils will attend Ardentinny Residential Centre from Tuesday 8 October until Friday 11 October 2019. The cost of this visit will be £222 (including £6 tuck money) which includes coach and ferry crossing costs. The initial deposit of £30.00 to secure a place is payable by Monday 13 May. The remainder can then be paid in instalments and completed by Monday 9 September 2019. There will be an Ardentinny meeting in the school on Tuesday 26 March at 7.00 pm.



## Enrolment of New Beginners

Registration of infant beginners starting in August will take place from **9.30 - 11.30 am** on

**Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 January 2019.** Children who attain the age of 5 between 1 March 2019 and the end of February 2020 should be registered. **Parents** should register their child and present the child's **full** birth certificate (abbreviated certificate not accepted), along with 2 items of proof of residency (e.g. utility bill, council tax statement, housing rent card).



## Transfer to High School

For those whose children are transferring to High School, transition paperwork have been issued. Please ensure that completed forms should be returned by **Monday 14 January**.



## Request to Remain

During the school year some families move house in the local area. If you move house, please can you inform the school of your new address with two proofs of residency as soon as possible. Please also check if your new home address is still within the catchment area for Blacklaw Primary School. If the address is not within the catchment area, then a 'Request to Remain' form will need to be completed. These can be obtained from the school office.



## Gym Shoes

Please check your child's gym shoes. We have noticed some shoes are quite worn or getting tight for children. Please replace where necessary. Thank you.



**Diary**

Monday 7 January 2019	Athletics Club - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 9 January	Pupil Council Meeting - 1.30 pm Parent Council Meeting - 7.00 pm
Friday 11 January	Whole School Assembly - Daily Mile Video (Pupil Council) Sports Hall Athletics - John Wright
Monday 14 January	P4-P7 Rugby Taster Sessions Lunchtime Choir Lunchtime Gymnastics Scripture Union - 3.00 pm Athletics Club - 3.00 pm Homework Club- 3.00 pm
Tuesday 15 January	Infant Registration 9.30 - 11.30 am P4 Lunchtime Multi-Sport Club Knitting Club - 3.00 pm P6/7 Musical Theatre Club - 3.00 pm P.T.A. Meeting - 7.00 pm
Wednesday 16 January	Infant Registration 9.30 - 11.30 am Room 9 to visit Sky Academy P4/5 Scottish Dance Lunchtime Club Pupil Council Meeting - 1.30 pm Gardening Club - 3.00 pm Football Festival - John Wright 3.30 - 5.30 pm
Thursday 17 January	Infant Registration 9.30 - 11.30 am Netball Festival - Stewartfield P7 Netball Club - 3.00 pm
Friday 18 January	Class Assembly
Monday 21 January	Lunchtime Choir Lunchtime Gymnastics Scripture Union - 3.00 pm Athletics Club - 3.00 pm Homework Club- 3.00 pm
Tuesday 22 January	P4 Lunchtime Multi-Sport Club Knitting Club - 3.00 pm P6/7 Musical Theatre Club - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 23 January	P4/5 Scottish Dance Lunchtime Club Gardening Club - 3.00 pm Football Club - 3.00 pm
Thursday 24 January	P6 Lunchtime Netball Club P7 Netball Club - 3.00 pm
Friday 25 January	Scottish Assembly 9.30 am
Monday 28 January	Lunchtime Choir Lunchtime Gymnastics Scripture Union - 3.00 pm Athletics Club - 3.00 pm Homework Club- 3.00 pm
Tuesday 29 January	P4 Lunchtime Multi-Sport Club Knitting Club - 3.00 pm P6/7 Musical Theatre Club - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 30 January	P4/5 Scottish Dance Lunchtime Club Gardening Club - 3.00 pm Football Club - 3.00 pm
Thursday 31 January	University West of Scotland Student Nurses to visit P6 pupils P6 Lunchtime Netball Club P7 Netball Club - 3.00 pm
Friday 1 February	Class Assembly

Yours sincerely

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