



Blacklaw Primary Newsletter November 2018



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

Dear Parents/Carers

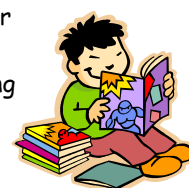
Welcome back to another school term at Blacklaw Primary. I hope you all had a great October holiday and that you are looking forward to another busy term in our school calendar.



As the weather has now turned and winter months are on us please ensure your child attends school equipped for outdoor play. We will always endeavour to enable outdoor breaks and lunchtimes over the confines of indoor breaks. **Please remember to label all clothing.**

Parent Evenings

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parent Evenings which will be held on Wednesday 14 November from 5.30 until 7.30 pm and Thursday 15 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. As always, we require parent helpers for this event - please refer to the lilac letter.

Poppies

Poppies are now on sale in school. Pupils can purchase poppies for a suggested donation of 50p. All monies raised will go to support the Poppy Scotland Appeal.



Pupil Voice Roles 2018/19

Following their successful application and interviews, I am pleased to announce the following pupil voice roles:

	BURNS	CASTLE	SALTIRE	THISTLE
CAPTAIN	Abigail	Amber	Millie	Isla
VICE CAPTAIN	Olivia	Sophie	Neve	N/A
SECRETARY	Ava	Robyn	Kayla	Katie F

BUDDIES	Neve	Poppy	Sarah	Kayla	Isla	Olivia	Robyn	Jamie	Alexander
	Amber	Kirstyn	Abi	Ben	Alasdair	Sophie	Koral	Katie	Millie
	Tia	Abigail	Ava	Daniel					
PUPIL COUNCIL	Isla Room 1	Charlie Room 2	Anna & Lucas Room 3	Amy Room 4	Harry Room 5	Chaya Room 6	Cailyn & Anna Room 7	Jay Room 8	Marcus & Adam Room 9
TECHNICIANS	Olivia	Scott	Alasdair	Cailyn					
JRSO's	Stella	Anna G							

PTA

Our PTA would like to thank all those who supported the recent Halloween Discos. The children who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Please note our next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 November at 7.00 pm.



Open Door Policy



Please be reminded that should you require to speak to your child's teacher, a suitable appointment time should be made via the school office. It is not always possible for class teachers to talk with parents at the start of the school day when pupils are entering their classes.

Award Assemblies

All parents are welcome to attend our Award Assemblies which start at **9.30 am**. The children are unaware they will receive an award and we will send a text message on the Tuesday before the assembly to inform you if any of your children are receiving an award.



Let Us Shine



Please remember to bring your loose change (5p, 2p or 1ps) for our 'Let Us Shine' to support Comfort and Joyce at our link school in Ghana.

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 should hand it into the school office at the beginning of each day. Pupils can pick up their phones from the office at the end of the school day. We would greatly appreciate your support with this necessary request.

After School Clubs

Please remember that if your child cannot attend any after school club, **the school must be notified either in writing or by telephone by the parent.** A register is kept of children who should attend, and if a child is missing for any reason then it is of paramount importance that we are assured of their safety. Please **do not** send a verbal message via your child.



Videoing Christmas Events

During the course of our Christmas festivities pupils will participate in events e.g nativity service to which we invite family and friends to enjoy. Videoing at these events is permitted on the understanding that any such recordings must be for sole use and must not be used for sale or reward. If you have any objection to your child being included please telephone me at the school as soon as possible. **Videos or photographs of any school activity should not be posted on social network sites ie Facebook, Youtube, Instagram etc. This is a breach of data protection and South Lanarkshire Council protocols are clear. www.ceop.gov.uk/parents.** We will endeavour to update our school website in order that you can see and read the highlights of the various activities going on within the school.



Forthcoming Christmas Events

We would like to give you advance notice of the Christmas events that we have planned for next month. This will give parents/carers an opportunity to request time off if necessary.

- PTA Christmas Fair **Sat 1 December - 10.00 am**
- P6/P7 Christmas Party **Friday 7 December - pm**
- P2/P3 Party **Tuesday 11 December - pm**
- Infant Nativity **Tuesday 11 and Thursday 13 December - 9.30 am**
- P4/P5 Party **Wednesday 12 December - pm**
- P1 Christmas Party **Thursday 13 December - pm**
- Whole School Christmas Pantomime - Village Theatre **Monday 17 December 10.00 am**
- Whole school Christmas Service **Wednesday 19 December - 9.30 am (in school hall)**
- School closes **2.30 pm Friday 21 December**



Diary

Thursday 1 November	P5 to EK Ice Rink P6 Lunchtime Netball
Friday 2 November	Flu Vaccination
Monday 5 November	MAC Challenge Lunchtime Choir Credit Union Athletics Club - 3.00 pm Scripture Union - 3.00 pm
	P7 to Bellahouston Ski Centre
Tuesday 6 November	P2/3 Lunchtime Multi Sports Club Lunchtime Dance Club Knitting Club - 3.00 pm P5 Bikeability - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 7 November	P5 YMi Music Gardening Club - 3.00 pm Football Club - 3.00 pm Parent Council Meeting - 7.00 pm
Thursday 8 November	P5 to EK Ice Rink Room 4 to visit Motherwell Heritage Centre P6 Lunchtime Netball P7 Netball - 3.00 pm P7 Open Evening - Calderglen
Friday 9 November	RO Assembly - 9.30 am Rooms 5, 7 & 8 to visit Vue Cinema Hamilton
Monday 12 November	Lunchtime Choir Lunchtime Gymnastics Credit Union Scripture Union - 3.00 pm P7 to Bellahouston Ski Centre
Tuesday 13 November	Karate Taster P2/3 Lunchtime Multi Sports Club Lunchtime Dance Club Knitting Club - 3.00 pm P5 Bikeability - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 14 November	P5 YMi Music Football Festival - Ballerup Parents Night 5.30 - 7.30 pm
Thursday 15 November	Karate Taster P6 Lunchtime Netball Parents Night 3.30 - 5.30 pm
Monday 19 November	In Service - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 20 November	P2/3 Lunchtime Multi Sports Club Lunchtime Dance Club Knitting Club - 3.00 pm P5 Bikeability - 3.00 pm PTA Meeting 7.00 pm
Wednesday 21 November	P5 YMi Music Gardening Club - 3.00 pm Football Club - 3.00 pm
Thursday 22 November	Netball Festival - Stewartfield P7 Netball - 3.00 pm
Friday 23 November	Awards Assembly - 9.30 am Sports Hall Athletics - John Wright's

Monday 26 November	Lunchtime Choir
	Lunchtime Gymnastics
	Credit Union
	Athletics Club - 3.00 pm
	Scripture Union - 3.00 pm
	P7 to Bellahouston Ski Centre
Tuesday 27 November	P2/3 Lunchtime Multi Sports Club
	Lunchtime Dance Club
	Knitting Club - 3.00 pm
	P5 Bikeability - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 28 November	P5 YMi Music
	Gardening Club - 3.00 pm
	Football Club - 3.00 pm
Thursday 29 November	P6 Lunchtime Netball
	P7 Netball - 3.00 pm
Saturday 1 December	PTA Christmas Fayre - 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Thank you for your support. I hope that you will continue to work in partnership with myself and staff, within the school, to encourage your child/ children to aim for our *Golden Goals*.

- **Do as you are asked**
- **Treat each other with respect**
- **Always try to do your best**

If you have any questions or queries regarding any aspect of your child's progress in school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Noreen Black
Head Teacher