



Goodlyburn Primary School Newsletter

March 2019

Head Teacher : Mrs Annemarie Sands

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our March Newsletter.

We have had a very interesting term and thankfully didn't get hit too heavily with snow and storms. There were lots of great learning opportunities, there are too many to share via the newsletter but you can get a really good flavour of what is happening in your child's class and across the school generally via our app, website or via the parent council Facebook page.

School Times and Routines



ABSENCES

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please contact the School Office on **01738 454230** or our 24 hour absence line **01738 454243**. Please state your child's name, class and the reason for absence. If your child is experiencing sickness &/or diarrhoea then your child should not return to school/nursery until at least 48hrs from the last episode. Please support us with this to ensure that we don't have a cycle of repeat infection.

LATECOMING

Pupils should be at school ready to start the school day at 9.00am. Occasionally something might happen to cause you to be running late, please don't worry if this happens, bring your child to the front office and we will ensure that they are registered and a school lunch ordered.

Occasionally though, late-coming becomes a worrying pattern for a few families. Persistent lateness has an adverse effect on children's learning as they will be missing key teaching and it disrupts the learning of other children. If this is the case, you may be invited in to discuss supports that can be offered to help. If we can't help within school then we will seek help from outside agencies to ensure children attend school regularly and on time.

Pupil Equity Fund

The Scottish Government award money to schools via Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) as part of their commitment to closing the attainment gap. We received approx. £100,000 and have used the money as follows:

- We employed a class teacher for 3 days per week to work on improving literacy in early years.
- We employed additional Pupil Support Assistants so that we can release our staff to be trained in intervention programmes and to work with individual children on reading programmes called Wave 3. These are intensive reading recovery programmes and involve children working 1:1 with an adult several times per week.
- We invested in another class set of iPads to support Literacy and Numeracy development and our digital programme development.
- We invested in Numicon resources which is a practical maths resource.

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- We invested in a range of resources to support literacy and reading including new novel sets and have invested in Accelerated Reader programme for children who are reading fluently from P4-P7. This is an evidenced based intervention programme which shows very positive results and provides teachers with detailed feedback which further assists the assessment process.
- We are purchasing more books to support Accelerated Reader.
- We continue to employ a teacher one day a week to support individuals and groups of pupils build and develop resilience and confidence through a mindfulness programme and Time to Talk so that they our children have a dedicated person they can speak to if they need to.

We have received further funding from the Scottish Government for session 2019/20 and we will be seeking your views next term as part of our self evaluation process to plan our school improvement priorities for next year. We will do this in a number of ways so keep an eye on our app for further information.

As a management team myself and Mrs Crockett would like to invite a group of parents to join us in a focus group to seek parental views on school development and improvement. We would hope to meet termly and will be an informal tea and chat to gather your views. If you would like to be part of this group please contact me.

PKC Welfare Rights team

Perth & Kinross Council's Welfare Rights Team offer a free, confidential and impartial welfare rights service to the residents of Perth & Kinross. Call on 01738 476900 (option 1).

email @ FamiliesWelfareRights@pkc.gov.uk

access benefits information @ www.pkc.gov.uk/welfarerights

The Welfare Rights Team also hold outreach surgeries throughout Perth & Kinross, further information can be found @ www.pkc.gov.uk/wroutreach. You can also 'like' the Team's Facebook page by searching "PKC Welfare Rights Team"

PARENT CONTACT

Our Parent Contact will be on Thursday 7th March and further information will come home soon about appointment times.

Lost Property

We regularly sort out our Lost Property and return to children if labelled. In order to do this quickly please remember to label your child's clothing, footwear and water bottles so if they do end up in lost property we can return them to you with ease. Please check lost property at Parent Contact Evening on Thursday March 7th.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

DOGS: Please remember dogs are not permitted in the playground or grassy areas at any time unless being carried by owner. This applies even after school hours. We have to clear up a significant amount of dog mess from our field and wooded area, or clean our children who have been unfortunate enough to step in or fall into dog mess.

PARKING: Thank you to all our parents who show consideration of our children's safety by parking responsibly, away from the school entrances. We are seeing fewer cars parking on double yellow lines and we thank you for this and for helping to keep our children safe when crossing the road.

Easter Holidays:

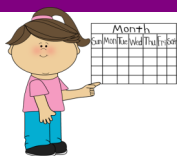
Our app and website detail all holidays and closures but a snapshot is below:

School closed Mon 1st April for two weeks.

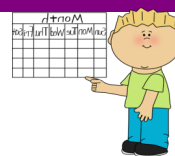
Children return Monday 15th April (P5-7 have Scottish Opera performance today)

School closed Friday 19th April and Monday 22nd April and Tuesday 23rd to children (staff working)

All back on Wednesday 24th April. Then there is a further holiday on Monday 6th May.



School Calendar 2018 - 2019



Term 1 - Aug - Oct		Term 2- Oct - Dec	
13.08.18	In Service—school closed to children	25.10.18	Wear to Scare Disco
14.08.18	School resumes for 18/19 session 9am prompt!	07.11.18	P7 Perth Academe Parents Information Evening 6.30-8pm
12.09.18	Tempest Photographer in school	14.11.18	Parents Evening
05.10.18	End of Term 3.00pm	20.11.18	Flu Immunisation Flu Immunisation
22.10.18	School resumes 9.00am	15 & 16.11.18	In Service
		12.12.18	Nativity afternoon performance
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		14.12.18	Christmas Parties
		21.12.18	End of Term 12:00
Term 3 - Jan - Apr		Term 4 Apr - Jun	
07.01.19	School resumes 9.00am	15.04.19	School resumes 9.00am
11.02.19	School Disco	19 & 22.04.19	Good Friday & Easter Monday — School Holiday
13.02.19	In Service	06.05.19	May Day Holiday
14 & 15.02.19	Mid Term	08.05.19	Sports Day (9th if raining)
06-08.03.19	Book Fayre	29.05.19	Show (pm performance)
07.03.19	Parents Evening	30.05.19	Show (evening performance)
15.03.19	Spring Fayre	30.05.19	New P1 Parents Night
29.03.19	End of Term 3.00pm	06 & 07.06.19	P7 Induction Days Perth Grammar)
		13 & 14.06.19	P7 Induction Days - Perth Academy
		19-21.06.19	P7 Dalguise
		25.06.19 (tbc)	P7 Prom
		28.06.19	End of Term Service . School closes for summer holidays 12:00.

◆ Absence Line Phone
No. 454243

Please remember it is very important to inform the school if your child is going to be absent.
Reminder - school meals must be paid on the day or in advance. If your child has an appointment or is going to be late please phone to order lunch before 10am.

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