



# Goodlyburn Primary School Newsletter

October 2018

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our October Newsletter.

It's hard to believe that we have one week left of our first term and the October Holidays are nearly here. The children are very well settled back into their routines and enjoying their learning and what amazing learning experiences they have had.

There is so much to share about learning at Goodlyburn that it is impossible to include everything in a newsletter. We've been thinking about how else we can keep you involved in your children's learning. At present, the best place to get regular updates and see what your children are doing is via twitter @GoodlyburnPS. Our Parent Council also has a Facebook page, if you search for Goodlyburn Primary School Parent Council on Facebook you can follow them.

I am very excited to announce that we will be introducing a new app which you can download onto your phone. This will link in with our twitter page and our new website and we will also be able to use it to send you messages. We're busy building this at the moment and are hoping to launch after the October Holidays.

## WIDER ACHIEVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Here is a list of the clubs and activities available at lunchtime and after school for the coming term. If you have any skills or hobbies that you think would interest our children and you'd like to come in and offer a club at school, we'd love to hear from you, please email me or telephone the office.

<i>Term 2 clubs</i>				
<i>Day</i>	<i>Leader</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>When?</i>
Mon	Mr Munro	Code Club	P5	lunchtime
Tues	Mrs Jack & Mrs Ferguson	Story & Art	P3	lunchtime
Tues	Miss Smith & Miss Robertson	Outdoor fun	P6 & P7	lunchtime
Tues	Mrs Jolly & Mrs Lees	Craft Club	P1 & P2	lunchtime
Tues	Mrs McLeod & Mrs McGregor	Homework Club	P1-P7	After school
Wed	Mrs Craig & Miss Thain	Reading Games	P3 & P4	lunchtime
Wed	Miss Booth & Mrs Biccoci	Art Club	P1-3 P4-7	3 weeks after school 3 weeks after school



## WEAR TO SCARE DISCO

We're looking forward to seeing our children in their scary finery. Our Discos will be held on 25 October P1-3- 6pm to 7pm and P4-7 from 7.15-8.30pm. Tickets cost £2.

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## PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parental Involvement takes many forms, including being involved with our Parent Council and I would urge you to consider joining our Parent Council. We currently have three parents (hopefully a newbie 4<sup>th</sup>) who attend our parent council meetings. We also aim to share what we do at Goodlyburn by inviting you to attend our Sharing Learning Assemblies across the year, through events such as Sports Day and Spring Fayre and Open Sessions held by staff in school and nursery. There are also the more formally recognised Parent Contact sessions held twice in a school session and our end of session reports.

I am keen to increase opportunities for Family involvement at Goodlyburn and would like to have your input into what you might be interested in attending. Following the launch of our new app, I will send a link to a short survey and would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to fill this out.

## PARENT CONTACT

Our Parent Contact will be on Wednesday 14 November and further information will come home after the October Holidays about appointment times. We are planning on running a Parental Information Event in the afternoon hosted by NSPCC on Internet Safety. We are all too aware of the risks posed to our children by predators posing as children on popular games sites and social media apps. This is an opportunity to update your knowledge and skills on how to keep your children safe online again I will send times home after the holidays.

**Please note that school is closed for Inset on Thurs 15 Nov and Fri 16 Nov.**



## 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.

Absences have to be monitored daily by the School Office and recorded and reported upon. If there has been no notification of absence by the Parent/Carer then the School Office will follow this up by either

phoning or texting you to ensure that your child is not missing.

All Parents/Carers have a legal responsibility to ensure their children attend school regularly. Perth and Kinross Council have set an expected standard of 96% attendance for all pupils. We monitor and record absences and you may be contacted by us if your child's attendance at school is causing concern.

Further information regarding Pupil Attendance can be found on [PKC Pupil Attendance](#)

## LATECOMING

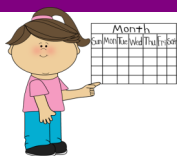
Pupils should be at school ready to start the school day at 9.00am. Occasionally something might happen to cause you to be running late, please don't worry if this happens, bring your child to the front office and we will ensure that they are registered and a school lunch ordered. Occasionally though,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

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

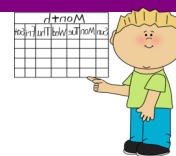
**SMOKING:** You may have noticed some no smoking signs around the school recently. Please do not smoke around the school building. Smoke travels into classrooms and offices and is not pleasant for pupils or staff.

**DOGS:** 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 still have a number of parents who continue to park selfishly and inconsiderately and we again urge you to think about all of our children and their safety. If you choose to park on double yellow lines you are greatly reducing our children's view of the road and their ability to cross the road safely. It also impacts on other drivers being able to see children and anticipate them crossing, they are only little!



## 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)
22.03.19	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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