



## BOTHWELL BULLETIN BOARD (October 2024)

### DIARY DATES

A little reminder of dates sent out via the annual events calendar in September. If it is an additional date that was not on the calendar, this will be shown by having \*\* beside it.

Please check annual calendar on school app or on the school website for further information of key dates across the whole year.

#### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

BOTHWELL, BREW AND A BLETHER - parents/carers can come to chat with SLT at the BBB. If you wish to join, please meet in the dining hall at 9.30 am. Focus School Communications and Cost of the School Day.

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

PARENT COUNCIL - Bag Packing at Tesco Uddingston. Please get in touch if you can help.

#### Week beginning - 4<sup>th</sup> November

WORLD OF WORK WEEK

#### \*\*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November\*\*

Themed lunch menu in the dinner hall - more information can be found in the yellow box to the right.

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

P7s 'up the street' lunch

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS - Inset day 3 for staff.

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Dress down day 2 - wear normal clothes with something in the colour of your house, e.g. red hairband, blue socks, yellow t-shirt. This marks part of our UNCRC Children's Day activities.

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

P4 Assembly @ 9.30 am - 2 adults per child invited to attend.

### THEMED LUNCH - TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

To celebrate Bonfire Night there will be a change to the normal lunch menu on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Please make sure your child knows this before ordering lunch that day. The menu is as follows:

**BLUE TRAY - Firecracker Pizza and Fries (V)**

Pizza with a spicy topping served with chips and sweetcorn

**RED TRAY - Banger and Fries**

Sausage in a finger roll served with chips and sweetcorn

**ORANGE TRAY - Cheese or Tuna Sandwich or a Ham Finger Roll**



Dessert for all trays - toffee apple sponge

### HALLOWEEN DISCO

A huge thank you to our Parent Council who organised our Halloween Disco and to all the parent helpers and staff who came on the night to support it.

The children's costumes were amazing, and it was great to see the children who made it having such fun!

Well done everyone!



### PARENT PAY AND PARENTS PORTAL

I am aware that there has been a little bit of confusion over the difference between PARENT PAY AND PARENTS PORTAL.

It is important to know that these are two separate tools for us in school, both of which have been introduced and paid for by South Lanarkshire Council.

As many of our families will know, Parent Pay has been in use for making payments in school for many years. Payments may include school dinners, school trips, school uniform etc.

Parents Portal is a different tool which all of our school community should be on. By the time we get to August 2025 we will no longer be sending data checks, EV5 forms etc via a letter in a bag. This is the expectation from SLC and is part of the authority sustainability agenda. As a school we are behind other schools and learning communities in the authority who have been using it for some time. As a parent myself, I have been using it for 18 months for my own children who attend a different school in SLC.

I know that having both Parent Pay and Parents Portal, along with the school app, can be a lot for families to navigate and in time it is my intention that we will stop using the app to send information and will only do it via Parents Portal. This will reduce financial outgoings for us as a school, as the app is an additional cost we need to pay annually from our school budget. However, during this transition period we need both until we get all our families on Parents Portal.

Permission for all class trips will come via Parents Portal this year, so even if you have paid for a trip on Parent Pay, this does not fully cover the EV 5 insurance form that we need for children going out of school, which means your child would not have permission to go. Room 10 will go the first trip of the year tomorrow and most of our families in Room 10 have given permission for the trip via Parents Portal.

I am going to send out a general EV 5 form for excursions within the community, e.g. walks to the park, the church, up the street to all of the families already on Parents Portal, which will cover us for general activities over the school year, so please look out for that. This will be a good chance to familiarise yourself with the system.

If you have any difficulties with accessing the system, please get in touch.