



# Burnside Primary School

## December 2016

*Learning together, growing together to be all that we can be.*

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Dear Parents/Carers,  
Hello December! Burnside Primary will be a very busy school over the next couple of weeks.

Thank you all for your recent support with our **Christmas Fair**; it was such a successful day and was lovely to see everyone getting together to have fun while raising vital funds for the school. The total amount raised will be with you very soon. Thank you so much to the team of parents who gave up their time to organise such a successful event.



Christmas countdown dates are noted on page 2 and can be found on the school's website calendar.

As we approach the final few months in our decant building, I ask for your continued support in ensuring the **safety of all children at the bus pick-up points**. Unfortunately, concerns have been raised again recently regarding the unsafe parking of vehicles near the buses on Crawford Road which is putting the safety of all children at risk. **Please ensure that you park safely away from the buses.** We have asked the Police and Support Services to provide support with this.



**Final library sessions** will take place this week as other events take over. Library visits will resume in January 2017.

Pupils across the school recently took part in the first **'Burnside Big Blether'** where everyone's voice, from P1 to P7, can be heard about an aspect of our school's improvement planning. This time pupils discussed writing and the use of our new school grounds ~ thank you to all P.7 leads for an outstanding leadership job! We will share collated results with you soon.



Thank you for your support in helping the children prepare for next week's **Sleigh Days** shows. There are a small number of tickets available for performances next Wednesday and Thursday. Please see the letter issued if you would like to request more tickets.

*Best wishes from us all at Burnside for a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year!*

*Vision & Values*

Together at Burnside Primary we will:

**Harness children's abilities, encouraging ambition and resilience through a varied, challenging and enjoyable curriculum. We will foster personal achievement and skills for life in an inclusive, nurturing, respectful and shared environment.**

Happy High Fives

**Safe  
Healthy  
Respectful  
Responsible  
Active**

**School finishes on Thursday 22 December at 2.30 pm and returns on Monday 9th January 2017. We wish all of our pupils, families and staff a wonderful holiday!**

### Assemblies

~ October/November ~

Wisdom  
Wellbeing Wednesday  
Secret Superstars  
Playground Awards  
Children in Need

## The month ahead.....December 2016

- 2 Pantomime in school for all pupils, '*Dr. Denby's Great Circus Rescue*'. Thanks to Baldy Bane for Scots language input and to the Parent Council for funding.  
Selected P6 & 7 pupils take part in Sportshall Athletics.  
Pm–P.3 pupils perform Nativity, '*A Special Delivery*' to Spittal Community Art Club.
- 5 7 pm ~ Parent Council meet, all welcome!
- 6 Polar Expeditions visit to Rooms 6 to 9.
- 7 7 pm ~ P.7 Parents' Evening at Stonelaw.
- 12 A.m– P.1 heights & weights screening.
- 13 Room 8 visit the Science Centre and Room 14 visit the Riverside Museum.  
Afternoon ~ P.5 Christmas party.
- 14 Christmas lunch  
Afternoon ~ P.4 Christmas party.
- 15 Pm ~ Room 3 visit Scotland Street Museum.  
Afternoon ~ P.3 Christmas party.
- 16 P.m ~ P.6 party.
- 19 9.30 am–2017/18 catchment parents visit.  
Pm ~Room 11 showcase for parents. P. 2 Christmas party.
- 20 P.m ~ P.1 Christmas party.
- 21 P.1-3 quiz in school.  
P.m ~ P.7 party.
- 22 P.4-7 quiz in school.  
**2.30 pm–finish for Christmas holidays. Have a wonderful holiday with your families!**

### Healthy Burnside



#### Medicines

All inhalers should be kept with children however, for your child's safety, we would be grateful if you would send in a spare to be held at the office. If your child needs any medicine to be administered during the school day, a form must be completed at the school office before we can help. Please do not send painkillers etc. to school in a schoolbag as this can pose a danger to other children.

#### Mobile phones

We would prefer that children do not bring mobile phones to school. However, if your child has a phone in school, please remind them that it must be switched off during the school day and should never be used to photograph or film anyone in school. If your child is travelling on school transport, please support us in discouraging them from using their phone on the bus at all. Unfortunately older pupils are accessing games/apps and sharing these with younger pupils. Please discourage your child from doing so.



#### Healthy eating



Well done to Room 3 who were our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' winners for November! Great to see all your healthy snacks!

#### Toileting

Your child will always be allowed to visit the toilet when needed however staff will also encourage children to ensure they go at break times in order to establish good habits and minimise disruption to learning. We welcome your support in this matter. Please contact us if you have any concerns regarding toileting.

## Working Together

Thank you for your ongoing support with recent school activities. The children enjoyed this year's **Children In Need 'Spotacular'** event, especially Pudsey's visit. Pupils, staff and bus helpers raised £370—well done everyone!



Thank you for the many **offers of support** with school activities. We have been working our way through these, with those of you who hold current PVGs first. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Thanks to the support of parents and the Parent Council the children are looking forward to the pantomime performance from **Baldy Bane Theatre Company**....oh yes they are!!

Also, thanks to the Parent Council for agreeing to fund a second excursion for all pupils ~ already 2 classes have benefitted from this.

We would like to encourage pupils to enter the Reformer's **Brian Logue Photography Competition**.



Photographs should be e-mailed to [news@rutherglenreformer.co.uk](mailto:news@rutherglenreformer.co.uk)

Children should include their name, age, school and story behind the photograph as well as a contact number for a parent/carer.

Now that school photographs have gone home, we would like to ask you to complete a brief survey ~ more information to follow.

**Parents of catchment children due to start school in August 2017**

have been invited along to hear about Burnside Primary on **Monday 19th December at 9.30 am**. We look forward to meeting them!

## Community Links

**Rooms 6 to 9 can look forward to a visit from Craig Mathieson on 6th December. Craig will share his experiences of Polar Expeditions with the children.**

**Parents of P.7 pupils who will be attending Stonelaw High next session are reminded that there is a Parents' Evening at the high school on Wednesday 7th December at 7 pm.**

**Anne Donaldson, our new Head of Education for Cambuslang and Rutherglen will pay us a visit before Christmas. Anne is looking forward to hearing about all our school activities and plans for the new school.**

Please remember no worry or concern is too small! You can contact us by phone or e-mail.

In line with GIRFEC (Getting it Right for Every Child) legislation, every child has a **Named Person** within school who has pastoral responsibility for them. I am the Named Person for Room 1 to 3, Mrs. McGovern looks after



Rooms 4 to 9, while Mr. Campbell oversees Rooms 10 to 14. You can also use your child's home/school communication diary if easier.

Please follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/BurnsideParentCouncil/](http://www.facebook.com/BurnsideParentCouncil/) and Twitter [@burnsideprim](https://twitter.com/burnsideprim)

**School newsletters are posted on the school website at the beginning of each month.**



# Burnside Primary ~ the story so far.....

Mrs McGovern, Mr Campbell, Mr Woods and I enjoyed a recent visit to the new school which is coming along nicely! Some walls have been painted and furniture is beginning to arrive. Our new MUGA pitch is also in situ

**The MUGA pitch**



**We love the rear entrance**



**The new infant playground with bike racks  
(old staff car park)**



**View of the hall from the new stage**



**New classroom coming along nicely**

