



# Burnside Primary School

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Dear parents/carers, staff and pupils,

**Happy New Year to you all!**

Thankfully, pupils seem to have escaped many winter bugs so far. However, should your child be unwell, please contact the school office on the number above before 9.30 am and leave a voice-mail message stating your child's name, class and the reason for absence.



As you know, planning for the new Burnside Primary is now well underway—we are beginning to get just a little bit excited! We will keep you updated, how-



ever I can now confirm that we will finish this session in the current school, so our last day here will be 24th June 2015 which will allow pupil to finish the session in our current school. **We will start the new session at the old Spittal Primary on 20th August**, following 3 days exceptional closure, to allow for staff to set up in the decant building where we expect to be for around 18 months. More information to follow!

We will be ***Celebrating Scots*** over the next week or so, when pupils will enjoy a range of fun activities to develop their knowledge of the Scots language as well providing a focus on Scotland. Thanks to funds raised from the Christmas

shows, we are looking forward to a visit from Scottish Storyteller, Stuart McHardie who will visit all classes. Pupils will also take part in a mini Highland Games and Scottish Treasure Hunt as well as being entertained by our recent competitors at the Bridgeton Burns Competition. In addition, each class will learn some basic Scots in a fun context. Thanks to Mrs. Yardley and Mrs. White-side for organising!

Thanks to all of you who have subscribed to the Education City Homework Module; passwords will be sent home soon.

Please see our school **calendar** on the website for diary dates.

### Physical Activity

This session we will be aiming to deliver a minimum of **2 hours weekly activity** in line with Scottish Government recommendations. So unless the weather is not on our side, the children will undertake additional physical activity outdoors on a weekly/fortnightly basis. Your child can keep a P.E kit in school for both indoor and outdoor sessions which can be taken home for washing. Gym bags can be purchased from the school office.

### Staffing Updates

As you are aware, Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Mason retired at Christmas. Both teachers would like to thank pupils and families for the many kind wishes and gifts received.

Welcome to Miss Louise Aitken who is now Room 11's teacher and Miss Arlene Tees who will be joining us shortly as the teacher for Room 12.

Congratulations to Mr. Campbell who has been appointed as the Acting Depute Head Teacher due to the school's role increase. A new teacher will be appointed soon to Room 15. I will keep parents informed.

### Assemblies

Focus for **November/**

**December**

Citizenship and Secret Superstars awards.

Children in Need.

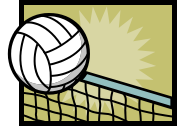
Remembrance Day

Christmas—gifts and giving.

## November/December Highlights .....

Rooms 9 and 10 enjoyed an exciting visit to Amazonia linked to their study on Rainforests.

P.7 pupils took part in the Stonelaw Volleyball Tournament—well done everyone!



Room 10 held their 'Art Saves the Amazon' showcase for families. They raised £180 and through WWF, are now able to protect 3 acres of land and adopt a jaguar and an orang-utan. Well done to our confident individuals and effective contributors!

Parents/carers enjoyed an afternoon Burns Showcase with all pupils involved in the competition—a real talented bunch!

### Healthy Burnside



Please remember to check your child's head regularly for head lice. If you would like any further advice you can contact Dawn Lowden, our School Nurse on 0141 643-4459.

**Please do not send nuts in to school in any form. We have several children in school with life threatening nut allergies. Please also inform the school if your child has an infectious disease, especially chicken pox, we have both pupils and parents who are immune compromised and could become very ill if infected. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.**

#### Medicines

All inhalers should be kept with children within school bags in order that they have them at hand at all times. 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 all children.

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.



#### Healthy snacks

We welcome your support in encouraging healthy snacks each day in school. Pupils should bring a drink, usually water, and **one** item to eat each day.

## Partnerships.....

While we are in the decant building, we are looking for some volunteers to give some of our plants a home. If you are in a position to 'plant sit' for us please contact the school office. All plants need to be removed by the end of March and sadly all those left, will be demolished.



Education City passwords will come home shortly for those of you who have signed up. We will send home your child's password, instructions for logging on and an indication of working level. Although teachers will not set homework directly relating to an Education City module used in class, the activities are similar to those accessed in school. Please keep your child's password in a safe place. Have fun!

Class newsletters for term 2 will be uploaded to the website in the next few days. We hope you find these informative. As always, any questions—just ask!

**50/50**

**Congratulations to 50/50 winners for October and November:-**

*Elaine Wilders andCarolynn Sneddon*

## Staying in touch.....

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

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. Currently, I am the **Named Person** for Room 2 to 6 and Ms. Mooney is the **Named Person** for Rooms 8 to 15. You can also use your child's home/school communication diary if easier and general feedback/comments can be posted in the box on the Parents' Noticeboard in

the foyer.

**School newsletters** will be posted on the school website at the beginning of each month. A copy is also displayed on the outdoor noticeboard at the main entrance and in the foyer. Please ask for a paper copy at the school office if you do not have internet access.



As part of our ongoing commitment to Eco , we aim to use e-mail for most communication. In all cases, especially in an emergency, it is quicker. **If you find that you are receiving paper copies of whole school communication and would prefer e-mail communication, please contact our school office.**

