

Struthers Primary



Bulletin 12 1/12/17 Christmas has arrived at Struthers!



School Improvement Priorities

Priority	How we will achieve this?
1. To raise attainment in Literacy with a particular focus on pupils who are not achieving expected outcomes.	We will continue to look at our reading strategies and how we can support pupil's comprehension skills. This will be in conjunction with our focus on encouraging reading for pleasure and independent reading. We had a very successful year with Reading for Gold and the development of our new library and this will continue to be developed.
2. To raise attainment in Numeracy with a focus on pupils who are not achieving expected outcomes.	We are going to study all the new approaches to teaching Numeracy and Maths we have recently introduced and look at how the approaches can be brought together in more meaningful lessons. We aim to help children understand more readily how to apply the skills they learn and be able to identify when to use the correct strategies.
3. To measure and track Pupil Health and Wellbeing.	We will be looking at all the Health and wellbeing outcomes for pupils and the benchmarks for their assessment and create a programme for Struthers that will ensure all children meet all outcomes and we will have measures to show this.
4. Develop Parental Engagement to support all our families.	Our 2 newly appointed Acting Principal Teachers are going to be responsible for this area which will look at developing our new Family and Community room and provide opportunities for Parents to come in and learn with us.

If you have any skills or interests in any of these particular areas and you feel you could help us please get in touch.

This Week

Struthers have been displaying their talents this week with P5s taking part in the day of dance very confidently and a huge thanks to Mrs Brown for her weeks of teaching them all the dances. You have amazing patience and we hope to see you again next year! These are the skills they will not forget and use in years to come and it is a great opportunity to go out and work with other schools. We then had the senior Choir performing in St Meddans Church at the *Light up a Life* Concert in aid of the Hospice. Well done to all of you, staff included, for beautiful performances which you can view on Twitter. I heard it was a very emotional performance and showcased some wonderful talent. They choir will perform their songs at our Christmas Church service so come along and hear them. I was attending the opening of Marr College and what an amazing environment our children will experience to continue their education. It was also such a pleasure to see so many of our former pupils performing. At today's assembly we shared about our Conflict Resolution and got all classes to share what they have learned about handling fall outs and resilience especially at this time of year when everyone is very excitable. Thank you to the Health and Wellbeing committee for organising.

The week finishes with our pop up Advent Market opening for 1 night only. Please come along to support the children, staff and volunteer fundraisers. This is about raising much needed funds for the school and every penny spent goes to provide activities/trips and purchase resources for your children. Keep liking those tweets as well! We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Friday from 5.30-7 pm. We want every item made to be sold and have a complete clear out and the classes will be anxiously waiting to see who has made the most profit and will be crowned the winning business!

Next Week

On Monday afternoon our P7 pupils will be sharing the 3 shortlisted Scottish Book Trust award children's books with P1 pupils. The P7s have been learning how to share a book with a younger child, thinking about questions to help younger children understand a text and encouraging enjoyment of reading. The children will all then vote for their favourite book and each P1 pupil will be given a Bookbug bag with the 3 books to take home and share with someone at home. They are beautiful books and this is a lovely gift to have so we hope you enjoy them.

On Thursday will be Fish and Chip day this week as we have Christmas Lunches on Friday which children have ordered. Children will be asked to come in uniform but can wear a Christmas jumper or festive accessory like a hat or badge. On Friday P1 and P2 will have a dress rehearsal for their much anticipated nativity and Meadowgreen and a class from Muirhead will come to watch. As you can see Christmas is well and truly here!

REQUEST

At this time of year with all the excitement of Christmas and also a wet playground we can have many children who need a change of clothes. We would ask that you PLEASE return them to school after they have been sent home. We have had so many kind donations and clothing had been in good supply but with so many clothes going home and not being returned we will run out. Thank you for your help in this matter.

We are still having problems with website as it seems to be dropping the www. part of the url. Parents can still access on <http://struthers.sayr.sch.uk> at this time and it is important you keep checking the website as lots of important information is posted here.

Primary 1 Registration

We now have the dates for Primary 1 registration and we would welcome any parent to come in on Tuesday 16th January or Thursday 18th January with their child's birth certificate and the full version is preferable and a council tax notice or utility bill will be the **only** proof of address that can be accepted.

Scripture Union

This is now stopped until after the holidays and more information will be sent out in January for any child who might be interested. The meetings are held during lunchtime.

Parent Groups

Parent Council/Fundraisers

The group met recently and discussed a few issues. A plea was given for parents to sign up for the Round Table Santa Float. This involves one night of going out with Santa and collecting donations. You are also often offered food and drink too!!! The more parents we have helping the more we raise for the school so please get involved.

The **Santa Float dates** that are available are listed below. Volunteers can sign up using signup.com via the Round Table Facebook page.

6th Dec Wilson Ave area

7th Dec Harling Drive area

8th Dec Town Centre

11th December South Beach area

13th Dec Queens Drive area

14th Dec Beach Road area

15th Dec Commonwealth Drive

18th Dec Central Ave area

19th Dec Coxswain and North Deveron Road

20th Dec Barassie Wimpy area

The next meeting will be Tuesday 16th January and at this meeting we will share our new Anti-Bullying Policy for consultation. I have just received the new authority guidelines and have worked with cluster colleagues to write a policy which meets all requirements but also gives consistency across schools.

There has also been a request for parents sitting in cars outside the school to turn the ignition off as they wait.

Fairtrade Tuck shop

This is only available on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday so please ensure your child has a snack on the other days.

Support For Parents.

A member of staff came across this for supporting Numeracy on ipad and we thought it might be helpful to share with you.

<http://www.callscotland.org.uk/common-assets/cm-files/posters/ipad-apps-for-learners-with-dyscalculianumeracy-difficulties.pdf>

To keep in touch with us:

School Website address is: www.struthers.sayr.sch.uk and phone number is 01292 690073

Please keep checking the dates as some are being amended and new ones are being added.

Advent Christmas Market	Friday 1st December 5.30-7 pm-Change of time
Christmas Lunches should now all be ordered Children will be in school uniform but can wear a Christmas jumper or hat or badge	Friday 8th Dec
P3-7 Pantomime Trip	Tues 12th Dec am
P1 and P2 Nativity	Tues 12th Dec 6 pm and Wed 13th Dec 2pm
P5s to Sing for Hansel at the Rivergate, Irvine	Thurs 14th Dec at 11 am
Early Years and P1 & P2 to Odeon to see Paddington	Thurs 14th Dec ETD 9.15am
Nursery party	Mon 18th Dec 1.30-3
P7 first induction day to Marr	Mon 18th Dec at 11 am
P3 and P4 party	Tues 19th Dec 1.30-3
P5-7 party	Wed 20th Dec 1.30-3
P1 and P2 party	Thurs 21st Dec 1.30-3
Church service	Fri 22nd Dec 10 am at St Meddans
School close and reopens	Fri 22nd Dec at 2.30pm and re opens on Mon 8th January

These dates **can be subject to change.**

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