

## Struthers Primary



### Bulletin 14 15/12/17

**This will be the last bulletin prior to the Christmas Holidays so I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2018.**

#### 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**

We have been preparing for our Christmas Service at St Meddans Church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00 am learning new songs, talking about the meaning of Christmas and brushing up on some performances we wish to share from events this term. We hope you can join us and the offering will be to support our partner organisation in Uganda, Capstone Orphanage. P3-7 then attended the Gaiety Pantomime on Tuesday. Oh Yes They Did!! On Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon we had the P1 and P2 Nativity "A Miracle In Town" and what a smash hit it was. The P2 Narrators told the story so well and with such confidence and the P1s performed the story in song, dance and demonstrating fabulous acting skills. A huge well done to everyone especially the staff who organised it Miss Campbell, Mrs Smith and Miss Wyllie and to Mr Hood for setting up stages when needed and putting out all the chairs and to the office/support staff for organising tickets and refreshments. This was a real team effort which was so well supported by the children's families and friends. On Thursday our Early Years children and P1 and P2 pupils all went to the cinema to see Paddington 2. Thank you so much to the Fundraiser group for contributing to these trips to help keep costs as low as possible. Well done to P5 for their terrific singing at the Rivergate to raise Funds for Hansel Village such a worthy local cause. I heard you were the highlight of the week. On Friday it was the turn of the Early Years boys and girls to take to the stage for their 2 Nativity performances of "Away in a Manger". Another smash hit!

There are still some calendars for sale at the school office. A great place to put all those important school dates on to keep you informed!

#### **Next Week**

Things do not slow down for the last week of term at this time of year. On Monday P7 have their first transition visit to Marr which will involve a walk around the school to introduce them to their new surroundings. The Early Years Centre will have their parties on Monday which may involve a special visitor. On Tuesday we have invited P1 parents in for Active Start in the hall and we hope to see as many of you as possible. P2 will be having a Christmas Story visit from the Library. In the afternoon P3 and P4 have their party. On Wednesday it will be the turn of P5, P6 and P7 to party the afternoon away and then finally P1 and P2 will be kicking up their heels on Thursday afternoon. Children can bring their party clothes in a bag with them to change at lunch or are welcome to go home for lunch which is **12.30pm-1.15pm**. They can be collected from the front door.

**We finish with our Church Service on Friday at 10 am and then school closes at 2.30pm and reopens on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 9am.**

**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.

**Website**

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 16<sup>th</sup> January or Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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. See letter below.

**Special Thanks**

We wish to thank Charlie & Harry's gran for her very kind donations to Struthers School and EYC. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Parent Groups**

**Parent Council/Fundraisers**

Well done to all who helped with the Christmas advent market and it appeared to be a very successful night. We look forward to hearing how well you did at our next Parents Meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January. At this meeting we will be looking to consult you on our new Anti-Bullying Policy and there may be representation from South Ayrshire Council regarding planned extension work to the school. We would love to see as many of you as possible in the Community Hub on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

Plans for the proposed extension of the school relating to a new hall are hopefully being submitted to South Ayrshire planning department prior to Christmas.

**Message from Struthers Fundraising Group**

Struthers Fundraising Group would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets for the Christmas Fayre Raffle - the profit made from the sale of the tickets will help increase funds for next year. We would like to thank everyone who came along on the day to support the school and to all who helped organise the event and manned stalls on the day (and also to all parents/guardians who provided prizes for the tombola stalls). We would also like to say a massive thank you to the following companies who provided raffle prizes – it would not be possible to hold the raffle each year without the generous support from local companies:

- The Cobble Shop
- Farmfoods
- September Skies
- Connors Butchers
- Costley (Highgrove Hotel)
- Charles Duncan Butchers
- Cafe 141
- Gulls Cafe
- Essence of Beauty
- Usborne Books
- Bearing Gifts
- Lomond Jewellery
- Key Store Deveron Road
- The Rustic Robot
- Morrisons
- Vito's, Ayr
- McCallum Bagpipes Ltd
- Various gifts were also donated by Struthers parents – thank you very much and sorry if we missed anyone from the list above

**To keep in touch with us:**

**School Website address is:** [www.struthers.sayr.sch.uk](http://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.

<b>Nursery party</b>	<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30 - 3.00pm</b>
<b>P7 first induction day to Marr</b>	<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11 am</b>
<b>P3 and P4 party</b>	<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30 - 3.00 pm</b>
<b>P5-7 party</b>	<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30 - 3.00 pm</b>
<b>P1 and P2 party</b>	<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1.30 - 3.00 pm</b>
<b>Church service</b>	<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 10 am at St Meddams</b>
<b>School close and reopens</b>	<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 2.30pm and re opens on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>All children will be part of our 1+2 Languages fortnight with an open afternoon for parents on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>New P1 Registration</b>	<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Creative Maths Workshops-Parents workshops available</b>	<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Parent Council/Fundraiser Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 7pm Community Hub</b>

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

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If phoning or calling ask for



Dear Parent/Carer

### PRIMARY 1 REGISTRATION – SESSION 2018-2019

Children who are 5 years of age between 1 March 2018 and 28 February 2019 should be registered for education during the week commencing Monday 15 January 2018.

You should register your child at your catchment denominational or non-denominational primary school during that week and you should check the day(s)/time(s) of enrolment with the school. On enrolment day you must take your child's birth certificate and proof of residence in the catchment in the form of a Council Tax Notice or Utility Bill along with you

Although it is customary for children to attend their catchment denominational or non-denominational school parents may make a placing request to any other school of their choice.

You should be aware that if you choose to make a placing request you will no longer automatically be considered for a place at your catchment school.

Placing requests for session beginning August 2018 should be sent to South Ayrshire Council's Educational Services, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr KA7 1DR by 31 January 2018. Information relating to catchment areas and placing requests is available at [south-ayrshire.gov.uk/schools](http://south-ayrshire.gov.uk/schools).

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Myra Pirry on 01292 612264.

Yours sincerely

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