

Struthers Primary



Our School Values: **Respect**, **Honesty**, **Inclusion**, **Responsibility** and **Kindness**.

Bulletin 15 Friday 12th January 2018

Best Wishes to you all for 2018 from everyone at Struthers Primary.

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.

Term 3 Focus

Reporting to Parents and offering a variety of Sharing our Learning opportunities.

Setting High Expectations and instilling our new Values which are listed at the top of this bulletin.

Promoting Positive Behaviour.

Tracking Pupil Progress and how we moderate and compare this with other schools.

This Week

It is lovely to be back and hearing how the children have spent their holidays. There still seems to be a few "bugs" going around but hopefully we can get everyone fighting fit for a busy term.

As usual we have hit the ground running and are straight back in to our 1+2 Languages fortnight with a focus on Scot's Language and French. We had a visit from one of South Ayrshire's development officers for French Fiona Gilligan who popped into a few classes to share her expertise. Children have all been issued with their Scot's poems to learn and finalists for the school poetry competition will be chosen by Monday 22nd January and the finals will be held at an assembly on 25th January. There is always such a high standard and we hope you have fun helping them practice their words and translating it for you! It is going to be a busy term so please keep checking this bulletin every Friday and let us know if you would like a paper copy of it. P5 also started their 10 week swimming block on Tuesday and we look forward to seeing how they progress over the block.

Next Week

Our 1+2 fortnight continues so we hope you will be hearing a lot of Scot's words and French vocabulary at home. The Parent Annual questionnaires will be sent home on Monday to be returned by Monday 29th January. This is an opportunity for teachers and management to look at how we are performing and what we can improve on. The results will be collated and shared with you and identified actions we plan to take in partnership with you. This may lead to us looking to form focus groups of parents to ensure you can shape the changes you feel we need to make. Individual concerns will be responded to as well but we would hope if you have any worries you would have approached a member of staff. The Parent Council play a key role in helping us analyse and take priorities for change forward so get involved with this group to have your say. They are meeting on Tuesday 16th January at 7pm. At this meeting David Strang will be attending to talk about planned school expansion.

On Tuesday 16th January we have paid for the group AsCreative to come in and support us to look at the teaching of Maths. They are offering a Parents Workshop from 1.45 pm-2.50pm which we think will be hugely beneficial. Letters have been sent home but please feel free to come along. The group will be working all day with pupils and then after

school are delivering a teacher's twilight session. It has been a significant financial outlay and it would good if we could get as many parents as possible involved.

Next week will be our new Primary 1 registration which is hard to believe. We will be available on Tuesday and Thursday all day for any new and returning parents to come in to our Community Room.

We would like to invite you in on Friday 19th January from 2.15-2.50 pm for children to share their learning from Languages fortnight. It is an informal drop in afternoon but I'm sure the children would be delighted to show off their skills to lots of visitors.

Scripture Union also starts this week on the 18th and letters have gone out to ensure pupils have permission to attend.

Poppy Scotland

Thank you to everyone who purchased poppies for Remembrance Day. At total of £75.87 was raised.

REQUEST

A huge thank you to all parents who have so kindly donated clothing to the school. This has been a huge help over the winter months and is very much appreciated. We still have a small clothing mountain of lost property which is located outside Miss McBean's office so please come in for a look! We would be delighted for any of it to be reclaimed. As one of our priorities is a focus on promoting positive behaviour we are setting up Friday afternoon Masterclasses for rights Time for P3-7. These will be focussed fun activities that pupils and staff have suggested and have the skills to deliver. We would ask if any of you have a particular talent or skill you think children may benefit from or enjoy we would love to hear from you. They will start on Friday 16th February and run for 4 weeks initially as we then have our Sports Relief day on Friday 23rd March and we are then finished for Easter. PLEASE come and share your talents!

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 16th January. The Parent Council play a key role in helping us analyse and take priorities for change forward so get involved with this group to have your say. They are meeting on Tuesday 16th January at 7pm. At this meeting David Strang will be attending to talk about planned school expansion. Plans for the proposed extension of the school relating to a new hall were hopefully being submitted to South Ayrshire planning department prior to Christmas.

At this meeting we will be looking to consult you on our new Anti-Bullying Policy. We would love to see as many of you as possible here in the Community Hub on Tuesday 16th January at 7pm.

Community Opportunity

FREE ticket offer to the *Burns Aicht* event being held on Saturday 27th January. Not only is this event an amazing spectacle, it is also a celebration of Scotland's poet Robert Burns.

There is still time for anyone between the ages of 8-26 to apply for a FREE ticket.

Burns Aicht Free Tickets—contact nicole.drummond@south-ayrshire.gov.uk Name, date of Birth & Postcode to be supplied

To keep in touch with us: 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.

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

New Pr1 Registration	Tuesday 16th January and Thursday 18th January
Creative Maths Workshops-Parents workshops available	Tuesday 16th January
Parent Council/Fundraiser Meeting	Tuesday 16th January 7pm Community Hub
Languages Sharing the Learning-open event for Parents	Friday 18th January 2.15-2.50pm
Parent Surveys to be returned	Monday 29th January
Visit from Golf Pros	Monday 5th February
Holiday weekend	Friday 9th February until Tuesday 13th February inclusive. Pupil return on Wednesday 14th Feb
Early Years Centre to Land O Burns	Wednesday 14th Feb
Rights Respecting Week including day for Change	Wednesday 14th Feb to Friday 16th Feb
Rights Time Masterclasses start	Friday 16th Feb until Fri 16th March inclusive
Early Years Registration	Monday 19th Feb and Friday 23rd Feb

P4s to Vikingar	Tues 20th Feb
School Disco	Thurs 1st March
Reports out to Parents	Monday 12th March
P7 Parent Meeting at Marr	Wed 14th March 6.30-8pm
P6 visit to Scotland Street, Glasgow	Wed 14th March letter to follow
Parent Meetings	Wed 21st March and Thurs 22nd March
Sports Relief	Fri 23rd March
P5 and P6 Easter Service and school closes	Thurs 29th March at Church at 10 am then school closes at 2.30pm
Easter Holidays	Friday 30th March to Sunday 15th April inclusive. Children return on Monday 16th April
P6 visit to Dynamic Earth	Change of Date now Wednesday 25th April

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

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