

## Struthers Primary



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

**Bulletin 16 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

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

### School Improvement Priorities

| Priority  | How we will achieve this?  |
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| 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**

The children have been very excited in school with the snowy weather conditions however I am sure you have all found it less exciting! We have been lucky that almost all staff have made it in each day and a huge thanks to them for braving some very difficult journeys! We had 2 busy days on Tuesday and Thursday registering all our new P1 pupils and it was a pleasure to meet so many new and returning faces. We look forward to having your official transition programme starting in May. On Tuesday *AsCreatives* joined us and got us all fired up for teaching maths in new and exciting ways. Thank you to all the parents who braved the weather to come and join us. Mrs Lockie has worked really hard to promote Numeracy in school and provide opportunities for Parents to get involved and we hope you found it helpful. We held our first Parent Council meeting of 2018 and I have summarised this meeting in the later Parents section. Minutes will also be available on the website soon.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our sharing the learning for our Languages Fortnight on Friday. The children always enjoy this learning experience and love being able to show off their new skills! We have introduced Spanish this time which has been well received.

#### **Next Week**

This is the last week to complete our Parent Surveys for all staff and Senior Management to evaluate and we thank you for your contributions. P5 continue with week 3 of swimming and we hope everyone remembers all their necessary clothes! At the beginning of the week we have our final Poetry auditions and will be looking for 4 finalists from each class. They will then perform for the judges from the Irvine Ladies Burns Club on Thursday afternoon when a winner from each stage will be chosen and a trophy presented for the overall winner.

#### **REQUEST**

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.

Can you remind your child that if they walk to school they must come directly here unless they have permission to go to the shop/friend's house and must not come to school and then leave again. We just want to ensure that everyone gets here safely and we know where children are.

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 16<sup>th</sup> February and run for 4 weeks initially as we then have our Sports Relief day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and we are then finished for Easter. PLEASE come and share your talents!

### Parent Groups

### Parent Council/Fundraisers

Despite the weather we had a very busy meeting on Tuesday night and a huge thank you to all who came out in the snow. David Strang and his team from Property Management in South Ayrshire attended the meeting to share proposed building work and extensions to the school. This will be to expand our gym hall, change the entrance area and access to the school and extend the Early Years Centre. Plans should be submitted in the next 3 weeks and building work hopefully to commence in the summer and should take about 10- 12 months. There are plans in my office that I can share if anyone wishes more information.

The next meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm and I am sure there will be further discussions on this matter.

Please consider responding to the link below which is a consultation regarding the proposed budget cuts planned. It is very lengthy but we would especially like you to put forward your thoughts on education cuts.

[www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/balancing-the-budget](http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/balancing-the-budget)

### After School Clubs Overview

| <u>Club</u>   | <u>Day</u>           | <u>Age Group</u>                       | <u>Finish date</u>   |
|---------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Cross Country | Mondays until 4.15   | P6/7                                   | 19 <sup>th</sup> March   |
| Handball      | Tuesday until 4      | P5-7                                   | 27 <sup>th</sup> March   |
| Drama         | Wednesday until 4.15 | Ongoing but new pupils welcome to join | Until end of year as they will lead our school show                              |
| Gymnastics    | Thursday until 4     |  |  |
| Dance         | Friday until 4       | P1/2                                   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> March   |
| Football      | Friday until 4.15    | P6/7                                   | 27 <sup>th</sup> March but there will be no training if a match is being played. |

### Community Opportunity

FREE ticket offer to the Burns Aicht event being held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 age 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.

We are looking at submitting a bid for Funding through the Troon decides forum so any ideas would be welcomed.

### 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.

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| <b>Parent Surveys to be returned</b>                   | <b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>   |
| <b>Visit from Golf Pros</b>                            | <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>   |
| <b>P6 Bikeability Bike check</b>                       | <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>  |
| <b>Holiday weekend</b>                                 | <b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February until Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February inclusive. Pupil return on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> |
| <b>Early Years Centre to Land O Burns</b>              | <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>  |
| <b>Rights Respecting Week including day for Change</b> | <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>  |
| <b>Rights Time Masterclasses start</b>                 | <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb until Fri 16<sup>th</sup> March inclusive</b>   |
| <b>Early Years Registration</b>                        | <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>  |
| <b>P4s to Vikingar</b>                                 | <b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>   |
| <b>School Disco</b>                                    | <b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>   |
| <b>Reports out to Parents</b>                          | <b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>   |
| <b>P7 Parent Meeting at Marr</b>                       | <b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March 6.30-8pm</b>   |
| <b>P6 Visit to Scotland Street</b>                     | <b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>  |

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| <b>Parent Meetings</b>                            | <b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> March and Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>   |
| <b>Sports Relief</b>                              | <b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>   |
| <b>P5 and P6 Easter Service and school closes</b> | <b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March at Church at 10 am then school closes at 2.30pm</b>   |
| <b>Easter Holidays</b>                            | <b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. Children return on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b> |
| <b>P6 trip to Dynamic Earth</b>                   | <b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>   |

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

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