

Struthers Primary



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

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Article 3 The best interests of a child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.

Article 27 Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical, social and mental needs

Article 28 Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free. Secondary education must be available for every child. .

Article 29 Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Can you please send in the last Haiti Sponsor money and we will accept any old shoes on Monday morning before they are uplifted on Monday afternoon.

School Closures – please also be aware that you may check the South Ayrshire Website to keep informed in the event of emergency closures.

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

Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding this week caused by the very extreme weather. Wednesday was a challenging day with road conditions and lack of a working salt machine in school made the school grounds tricky. We also had a lot of staff who could not get in as they live in areas affected by the snow. I know many of you who work in Glasgow and were told not to travel appreciate the severity of the weather. The closure on Thursday was a result of many schools being in our situation and having no staff. Hopefully as we head into March we will see a quieter spell. It was a shame the school Disco did not take place but I am sure the Fundraiser group will do their best to reorganise. We enjoyed seeing all the pupils dressed up for World Book Day and look forward to seeing all the children on Twitter sharing the books they are reading. This is the focus for us taking part in this event to encourage everyone young and old to read for pleasure.

Next Week

Mrs Love will be back with us for a *keep in touch day* building up to her return in May from maternity leave. P2 are looking forward to learning more about Robert Burns who they have been studying for the History topic. I am sure they will find their trip to the Burns Centre very interesting and will maybe show the staff there how much they know!!! On Thursday as one of the tasks I wish to complete before I go Miss McBean and I will be looking at Class Structures for next year. Could I ask that if you have any concerns and thoughts on this matter to please get in touch.

In the last bulletin the date of the next Parent Council was highlighted as Tuesday 20th March. On that week we have 2 late nights for staff for Parents Meetings so it would be too much to also have a Parent Council meeting therefore this meeting will be rearranged.

REQUEST

Can we ask you to encourage children not to bring mobile phones to school but if they do can you remind your child they must be switched off all day and not be taken out of bags until they leave the school premises. Phones will be taken from pupils if we see them being used or out of bags and an adult will be asked to come and collect them from the school office. This is vital to keep all our pupils safe.

We would also ask that if your child will not be in school you call the office **before 9.30** to save the office staff having to make numerous calls each morning to check all children are safe and accounted for.

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 th March |
| Handball | Tuesday until 4 | P5-7 | 27 th March |
| Drama | Wednesday until 4.15 | Ongoing but new pupils welcome to join | Until end of year as they will lead our school show |
| Dance | Friday until 4 | P1/2 | 23 rd March |
| Football | Friday until 4.15 | P6/7 | 27 th March but there will be no training if a match is being played. |
| Tennis | Thursdays until 4 starting 8 th February until 22 nd March | P3 & P4 | |

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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| P2 trip to Land o Burns | Tues 6th March |
| P7 Rotary Quiz Marr | Friday 9th March |
| Reports out to Parents | Monday 12th March |
| Read Write Count Parent and Child Workshop | P3 Mon 12th March 2.45-3.30 P2 Tues 13th Mar 9-9.45 |
| P6 trip to Scotland St & Riverside Museum | Wed 14th March |
| P7 Parent Meeting at Marr | Wed 14th March 6.30-8pm |
| P6 pupils and Mrs Boyd to speak at Fairtrade event | Thurs 15th March at Kyle Academy |
| Swimming Gala at Troon Pool | Saturday 17th March |
| 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 trip to Dynamic Earth | Wednesday 25th April |

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

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