

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.

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

We hope everyone had a very relaxed and enjoyable Easter break and is ready to hit the ground running into our last term. Primary 1 and 7 have had their group photographs taken by Tempest which will be available to purchase shortly. On Thursday, Primary 7 enjoyed another visit up to Marr College, this time for a sports event which was enjoyed by all.

Following a meeting today with the local authority, there are now display boards in the Community Hub of the proposed plans for the new extension. Please feel free to pop in at any time the hub is free to have a look. It is currently in use at the times below.

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| Mondays | | | | |
| Tuesdays | 24 th April Book Bug | 9am | Babies & Bumps | 10-12pm |
| Wednesdays | | | | |
| Thursdays | Baby Yoga | 9-10.30am | Babies & Bumps | 2-3.30pm |
| Fridays | | | | |

Next Week

Primary 1, 4 and 7 will continue to undertake their Scottish National Standardised Assessments. All children in these stages will have received an information letter but if you require any additional information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

As of Friday 27th April the weekly bulletin will be created by Mrs Lockie and the pupils using Videoscribe Technology. This will be accessible via the school website and on Twitter. The information provided will remain the same, just presented in a different format. If you would prefer to have an original version emailed or given a paper copy, please let the office staff know.

School Absences Authority Reminder

Due to an increased number of absences across the authority we have been asked to remind parents/carers of school protocol regarding authorised and unauthorised absences:

Family holidays during term time

Children and young people who are absent from school due to a holiday in term time miss out on important learning. A leaflet for parents is available on the Council website; however, hard copies are also available in school.

<http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/school-holidays/>

Family holidays which are taken during term time should not be recorded as authorised absence, except in exceptional circumstances. The fact that a holiday is cheaper during term time is not an exceptional circumstance and head teachers should not authorise absence purely for the reason of a family holiday. Exceptional circumstances are much more likely to be unique and/or one-off situations, for example: where a family needs time together to recover from bereavement; where a parent's/carer's employment is of a nature where leave cannot be accommodated within the school holidays (e.g. armed services or in exceptional circumstances, emergency services); where a parent, grandparent or other close relative is seriously ill; where there may have been a significant trauma in the family recently; where the holiday might be a unique, one-off never-to-be-repeated occasion which can only take place at the time requested.

These are not exhaustive but merely serve as examples. Schools should judge when exceptional circumstances apply on an individual basis and authorise absence accordingly.

Parents should be advised that they must speak to the school prior to making any arrangements or taking any absence, stating the exceptional circumstances which they feel apply. If the request is not approved and the parent/carer proceeds to take the child/ young person out of school for a family holiday, all of the absence during this period will be recorded as unauthorised.

Extended leave with parental consent

Almost all family holidays will be recorded as unauthorised absence (see below), but extended leave with parental consent will not be considered the same as a family holiday. Extended leave with parental consent will be recorded separately, outside the figures for attendance and absence, and include circumstances such as:

- o Extended overseas educational trips not organised by the school
- o Short-term parental placement abroad
- o Family returning to its country of origin (to care for a relative, or for cultural reasons)
- o Leave in relation to the children of travelling families

NHS Oral Products

Orders for these should be in school by Thursday 26th April. Order forms are available on our website.

After School Clubs Overview

| <u>Club</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Age Group</u> | <u>Finish date</u> |
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| Drama | Wednesday | P5-7 | 6 th June 2018 |
| STEM | Wednesday | P3-5 | 6 th June 2018 |

To keep in touch with us: Website

We are still having problems with our 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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| P6 trip to Dynamic Earth | Wednesday 25th April |
| 1+2 Dolphin House Event (4 P6 pupils) | Wednesday 2nd May |
| Holiday | Monday 7th May |
| Dam Park Relay Competition | Wednesday 9th May |
| K-Nex Competition Final | Friday 11th May |
| Fund Raising Group Bag Packing day @ Morrisons | Saturday 12th May |
| New Life Boat Launch | Saturday 12th May |
| Parent Anti-Bullying Workshop | Wednesday 16th May |
| School Discos | Thursday 17th May |
| P7 Team building day at Marr | Friday 18th May |
| Sports Day from 9.30am in front field | Thursday 24th May |

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| Holiday | Friday 25th May |
| Holiday | Monday 28th May |
| In-Service Day | Tuesday 29th May |
| SPCA Visit | Wednesday 30th May |
| P3 trip to Amazonia and strathclyde Park | Wednesday 6th June |
| Summer Cup | Friday 8th June |
| Whole School Show | Wednesday 13th June |
| Winning House – Odeon trip | Wednesday 13th June |
| Bump up days | Thursday 14th & Friday 15th June |
| P7 Marr Induction Days | Thursday 14th & Friday 15th June |
| P7 Leavers night at L.A.Bowl | Wednesday 20th June |
| P7 Leavers concert 2-3pm | Tuesday 26th June |
| Church Service @ 10am | Thursday 28th June |
| Schools close for summer @ 1.00pm | Friday 29th June |

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

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