

## 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**

What a fabulous week of weather – we couldn't have asked for better for our P1 and P3 trips to Kelburn Country Park and Amazonia. All pupils had a fabulous learning experience and their behaviour was excellent, as always. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our parent helpers, without whom, these outings would not be able to happen. It was unfortunate that the P3s returned slightly later than anticipated due to a broken down bus but they still all came back smiling!

I was privileged to be able to attend a 'Cluster Choir' rehearsal this week at St Ninian's church with some of our P5 pupils. Mrs Nelson, our vocal coach selected 8 pupils to be part of a very special choir, alongside St Patrick's, Barassie, Troon, Dundonald and Muirhead Primaries. The choir will perform next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at St Ninian's church to celebrate St Ninian's Sponsored Community Art Project 'The Great Troon Wallhanging' which celebrates shared values of Respect, Commitment, Compassion and Community. We will also have two of our Rights Respecting Schools ambassadors attending the event. Unfortunately this is not an event for parents to attend but we will hopefully be able to get a sneak preview on Twitter!

On Wednesday morning, we were frustrated and deeply saddened to find that the school had been vandalised. A large stone was thrown through a window at the infant end of the school. This made a huge mess both inside and out-with the school building and the staff and pupils were extremely upset by this. We also had reports of people climbing on the school roof and in to the courtyard area. These incidents are now a police matter. We are lucky that some of our

own pupils witnessed this happening and have reported names which have been passed on to PC Harrower at Marr College.

The Parent Council held their last meeting of the session on Tuesday evening. Unfortunately, it was a final meeting for one of our Fundraising Group members, Mrs Andrea Baird. Andrea has been part of the group for the past 7 years and has been an invaluable member. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Andrea for all she has done for Struthers Primary School.

In addition, Mrs Corrie Duncan has decided to step down as Chair Person of the Fundraising Group. Corrie has made a huge impact to the group in the past year, but is ready to pass this role on to someone new. Thank you Corrie for everything you have done! We will be appealing shortly for any new members, in particular, a new chairperson. If anyone would like to volunteer for this role, please pass your name to either myself or Kirsten Gallagher, chairperson of the Parent Council.

Please could I ask that all parents and carers remain considerate when parking in the streets round about the school? I have had a couple of phone calls from frustrated residents this week who are concerned about the number of cars parking across driveways, on pavements and at corners on the road. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

### **Community Hub**

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

### **Next Week**

On Monday morning our P7 class will attend Marr College for a Numeracy Cluster Challenge. This is another exciting part of the transition experience for them and I'm sure they will thoroughly enjoy the experience

On Monday, all pupils will receive a letter advising of the new class structures for next session. The letter will also contain the name of their new class teacher. Please note that we have three new members of teaching staff appointed for next session: Mrs Kimberley Bloomer, Miss Rachel Alexander and Miss Ashley Pryde. Also, Miss McKay gets married in the Summer Holidays and will return to Struthers as Mrs Devlin.

This year's winning house for school house points is Craiksland. Congratulations to the red house! On Wednesday morning, all pupils in the winning house will go to the Odeon as a special treat to see the film 'Peter Rabbit.' I hope they all enjoy their morning.

Tickets have been flying off the shelf for our School Summer Show! This takes place in the town hall next Wednesday evening at 6pm. Pupils are asked to arrive at the Walker Hall no earlier than 5.30pm and no later than 5:45pm to register for a 6pm start. We are all extremely excited for this event and hope that you enjoy the performance!

As part of the promotion of the Active Schools leadership programmes for 2018-19 there will be a 'Leadership Roadshow' information evening for P7 pupils and parents/guardians at Marr College on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June from 6:30-7:30pm. The evening will provide information for pupils and parents on all the leadership opportunities available at Marr, outline the commitment required for each programme and highlight the skills and qualifications which may be gained by taking part. Unfortunately, this event clashes with our Summer Show, but if any parent is not planning to attend the Show and is therefore able to attend, they would be more than welcome to do so!

Whilst our P7s attend their transition days at Marr College on Thursday and Friday, the whole school will 'Bump Up' to their new classes for next session. With three newly appointed class teachers, I hope you understand that we are unable to have all new teachers in place for Bump-Up days, but we have made arrangements for all new teachers to be introduced to their classes before the end of term. New primary one pupils will attend school between 9:30am and 10:30am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to meet their teacher. Following this, they will join us for a trial lunch! New P1 parents will receive further information in their letter on Monday.

Next week will be a very busy, exciting week!

### After School Clubs Overview

| <u>Club</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Age Group</u> | <u>Finish date</u>                               |
|-------------|------------|------------------|--|
| Athletics   | Tuesday    | P3-4             | 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 (due to start 1/5/18) |
| Dance       | Thursday   | P1-2             | 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 (due to start 3/5/18)  |
| Football    | Thursday   | P4-5             | 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2018                        |
| Ball Games  | Friday     | P1-2             | 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 (due to start 4/5/18) |
| Football    | Friday     | P6-7             | 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018 (Excl. matchdays)      |

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

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| <b>Summer Cup</b>                             | <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>                                 |
| <b>P7 Numeracy Challenge day @ Marr</b>       | <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>                                |
| <b>Whole School Show</b>                      | <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>                             |
| <b>Winning House – Odeon trip</b>             | <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>                             |
| <b>Cluster RRS Ambassador Event</b>           | <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>                                |
| <b>P1 'Meet Your Teacher' and Trial Lunch</b> | <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>                              |
| <b>Bump up days</b>                           | <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> |
| <b>P7 Marr Induction Days</b>                 | <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> |
| <b>P7 Leavers night at L.A.Bowl</b>           | <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>                             |
| <b>P7 Leavers concert 2-3pm</b>               | <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>                               |
| <b>Church Service @ 10am</b>                  | <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>                              |
| <b>Schools close for summer @ 1.00pm</b>      | <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>                                |

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

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