

## Struthers Primary



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<b>Letters out</b>		
<b>Primary 7</b>	<b>Secret Santa trip to Irvine</b>	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>

Struthers are raising awareness for CLAPA the Cleft Lip and Palate Association and we have collection points for used stamps, old ink cartridges and old mobile phones at the front door.

**Article 23** A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to provide support to disabled children.

**Article 24** Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must work to provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

#### 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.

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**

I hope all the children enjoyed Halloween whatever they chose to do and are not on too much of a sugar high! On Tuesday our P5 pupil were TV stars for a Christmas STV2 special. They had been learning some Christmas songs and went to Ayr with 5 other South Ayrshire Schools to be filmed. We will send out more details nearer the holidays about when you can watch them. On Wednesday our First Ministers Reading challenge was launched by Mr Kerr and Mr Cole so please ask your child about the challenges they have and we look forward to seeing lots of bands appearing on wrists soon. The key to this project is to encourage a reading culture with children no matter the text. Please try and encourage children to read at home, read with you and take every opportunity to understand the importance of reading. Our Early Years Centre were so disappointed not to be able to get to the Pumpkin Trail at Fullarton Woods on Wednesday due to the weather. I am sure they will have plenty of opportunities to get out into the local community for other events. Thank you to everyone who came to our Big Scottish Breakfast and a special thanks to the catering team who fed us all so well. We raised £124.94 for this great cause but a huge thanks to everyone who attended. Our Community Hub is being well used and we had our first babies and bumps group in and we have Jo Jingles coming in this Friday at 1.30pm. There are also Baby Yoga classes and it is a space available to all our parents just to meet up for a chat.

On Friday P1 and P2 got to be artists with input from the Little Art School which they really enjoyed.

Everyone is now up and running or walking with the Daily Mile and look out for their chosen destinations and where they plan to walk to! Can you please ensure they have suitable outdoor clothing especially jackets as we will be walking in most weather conditions. We have been providing a lot of children with jackets to wear as they have not brought one with them.

Congratulations go to Grace Taylor in P6 who is our *Christmas Lamppost Banner* winner and we look forward to seeing her picture on a lamppost in Ayr.

### **P3-7 Christmas Outing to Gaiety**

Tickets have now been purchased for all primary three to seven pupils to attend the performance of Cinderella on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Thanks to everyone who has paid so far - if not can you please send payment in as soon as possible.

### **Next week**

It is the Flu vaccination day on Tuesday and only children who have sent in letters of permission will be treated. The health service organise all of this we simply pass on all returns but if you have any queries or anything has changed please let us know. On Tuesday night we will be having our next Parent Council and Fundraiser meeting at 7pm in the Community Hub. We will be launching our new Curriculum Rationale at this so please come along and see it and we would appreciate any feedback before it goes live. A huge thank you to everyone for their feedback allowing us to create a really personal rationale and well done to Mrs Lockie for creating the animation.

From **Monday** we will be selling Pudsey Ears for £2.50, Pudsey Wristbands £1 and Pudsey badges for £1. We will be having a Fundraising day for Children in Need and our designated Toilet Twinning charity on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Can we remind you that we have children with nut allergies in the school so please do not bring in any snacks or lunches containing nuts.

### **Parent Drop In Meetings with School Chaplains**

Our 3 school chaplain play a huge role in our school from sharing their knowledge and expertise to supporting our assemblies and services to helping with the football team to providing pastoral support. At a recent meeting they were keen to extend that Pastoral Support to our Parents. Starting on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September Mr Woods will be available in the Community Hub to meet with any parent who wishes to pop by. He will be available from 9.15am until 10 am. Please come along and take up this really valuable opportunity and meet with Richard or Tom who are here to support you.

### **Parent Helper Request.**

Struthers fundraising group need your help! We are in the midst of organising all things Christmas and thoughts have once again turned to the raffle prizes. Whilst the group has offered a cash prize for the last few years, we also rely very much on the goodwill of local businesses to help with donations of items and vouchers. Can we ask anyone with their own business, or contacts in the town to assist with this on behalf of the school? We will also be issuing a letter to local businesses to ask for donations and the personal touch in delivering these was a real help last year. Please help us to make this a success by offering your help, either by donation of a prize or simply your time to hand the letters out. Any offer gratefully received! Contact us on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Struthers-Fundraising-Group-364614150262879/timeline/> . Thanks

### **Fairtrade Tuck shop**

This is only available on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday so please ensure your child has a snack on the other days.

### **Daily Mile**

Miss Neil has been developing this initiative for us and a letter has come out to you. To support this we would ask that children come to school every day dressed for the weather conditions. We have recently had children in school on windy and wet days with no jackets. We will provide jackets from lost property but they can often be reluctant to wear them. Children will be out walking in most weathers so can you please ensure they are dressed for this.

### **To keep in touch with us:**

**School Website address is:** [www.struthers.sayr.sch.uk](http://www.struthers.sayr.sch.uk) and phone number is 01292 690073

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

<b>Flu Vaccination day</b>	<b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>
<b>Parent Council/Fundraiser Meeting- all welcome</b>	<b>Community Hub Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm</b>
<b>Finance Fortnight begins</b>	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>
<b>Parents Meetings</b>	<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 6-8 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 3.30-5.30</b>
<b>P7 Secret Santa shopping Irvine</b>	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November am</b>
<b>Dress Down day for Christmas Fayre</b>	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>

<b>donations. If children make a donation of chocolate or to the bottle stall they can wear their ordinary clothes.</b>	
<b>Day of Dance for P5s- Parents welcome to go and watch in Town Hall</b>	<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>
<b>Health and Wellbeing Day</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>
<b>Advent Christmas Market</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 5.30-7 pm-Change of time</b>
<b>Christmas Lunches- Letters will come out to order</b>	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>
<b>P3-7 Pantomime Trip</b>	<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec am</b>
<b>P1 and P2 Nativity</b>	<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 6 pm and Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm</b>
<b>P5s to Sing for Hansel at the Rivergate, Irvine</b>	<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11 am</b>
<b>Nursery party</b>	<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30-3</b>
<b>P7 first induction day to Marr</b>	<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11 am</b>
<b>P3 and P4 party</b>	<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30-3</b>
<b>P5-7 party</b>	<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30-3</b>
<b>P1 and P2 party</b>	<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1.30-3</b>
<b>Church service</b>	<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 10 am at St Meddans</b>
<b>School close and reopens</b>	<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 2.30pm and re opens on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>

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

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