

Spittal Primary School – Newsletter

September 2014



Our priorities this session

I had the opportunity to share with some of you at the parent council meeting about our improvement plan for 2014/15. Firstly, we plan to raise attainment in reading. Many of you will have seen some of the new books purchased over the past 4 months to provide a variety of texts for your children. Secondly, we plan to raise attainment in maths. The teachers have started to change the way that they plan and new resources will be used by your children over the next few months. This should help to provide a wider variety of activities.

Staffing

Unfortunately, Mr Houston had to move to another school due to an absence. We wish him well and no doubt will see him again very soon.

Barcaple – Primary 7

Miss Murray will be holding a meeting for parents of the P7 group on Thursday 2nd October at 2.30pm. More details about the trip will be sent home soon.

Breakfast Club

Children are welcome to a free breakfast from 8.30am onwards. Please do not drop off your child too early. Our wonderful parent helpers continue to provide an excellent service for the children.

Car Park

Thank you to everyone for giving priority to disabled badge holders and After School club buses when the school gates are open. Please drive slowly when in the school car park at any time or on the roads surrounding the school.

Parent Forum/Parent Council

Thank you to all of you who attended the recent meeting. I'm pleased to announce that new members were appointed.

Karate

Steven Miller from Shukokai Karate Club provided some taster sessions for the children. Information leaflets for this Karate club are available in school if you wish your child to take up lessons. The club also has a website containing information you may require.

Eco committee

Each class has chosen their Eco member and we had a great first meeting. Here are some of the children's ideas for the 2014/15 session:

- More outdoor learning – each class could spend the day in Castlemilk Park.
- Litter rota for a different class to have the opportunity to litter pick each week.
- Plant more flowers.
- Take part in the Keep Scotland Beautiful Big Spring Clean, involving parents as well.
- Encourage healthy eating including options at playtime. Senior Eco reps would like to create a presentation for a whole school assembly.
- Join with another school's Eco committee to share ideas.
- Continue to compost.
- Speak to 'Janny' to think of ways to keep our playground litter-free.

Important Dates

Thursday 18 th September	In-Service Day (school closed to pupils)
Friday 19 th September	In-Service Day (school closed to pupils)
Friday 26 th September	Holiday
Monday 29 th September	Holiday
Friday 10 th October	Harvest Assembly (in school) led by Primary 5.
Monday 13 th October-Friday 17 th October	Holiday Week

A list of all school holidays can be found at www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk

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