

Monday 25th February 2013

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came along to join in our Sharing the Learning Day on Friday 1st February. It was a wonderful afternoon and the feedback has been very positive. Mrs Brown has put up a lovely display with lots of photographs in our entrance corridor-please have a look the next time you are in the school.

Ardeonaig

Mrs Neil, Mrs Morton, Miss Murray, Ross and a group of Primary 6 and 7 pupils returned safe and sound from their residential experience at Ardeonaig on Friday. They had a great time participating in outdoor activities such as canoeing, high ropes and archery. Despite the cold weather, everyone had fun and enjoyed their time away. A big thanks to the staff for attending and making sure the trip was a success.

School Website

Our new school website is nearing completion. The finishing touches are being added and we hope to launch it some time this term. Mrs Morton and Mr Miller have been working with Teachers and children to help them prepare class pages. The children have been designing posters and leaflets to advertise our website. One shall be selected and this will be copied and displayed in local shops and a copy will come out to all families. The child who designed this one will have the privilege of switching on our website. This shall happen during an Assembly and all the boys and girls in school will be the first people to see it live. We hope you will find it useful and user friendly.

Red Nose Day

We plan to participate in Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March by having a Wear Something to Red Day in school. If children want to participate they should bring in a donation which will be sent to the Red Nose Day Charity. Primary 6 are organising an Assembly to tell the children all about Red Nose Day. We have ordered red noses and these will be on sale in school over the next few weeks.

After School Clubs

As you know we have a variety of sporting after school clubs running this term:

Monday Football for P6 and P7, Gymnastics for P2

Wednesday Netball for P6 and P7 girls

Thursday Basketball for P3 and P3/4

We always ask Parents/Carers to return a permission slip allowing their child to attend and these slips are used to make up registers for these clubs. It is then expected that a child attends every week. If, for any reason your child will not be attending a session, could you please put this in writing and hand in at the school office. This way the coaches and staff running the clubs can be notified of a change in numbers. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

School Uniform

I understand that there have been some difficulties with ordering and stock of uniform from Bright Sparks in Rutherglen. Therefore we have arranged with Gilmore Sports to be a supplier of our uniforms and online ordering is now available. The Website is: www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com.

If you wish to order online there is a Primary Schools section and our school should be listed for parents to choose which garment they require. Delivery will be to your home address.

There will also be an ordering service available if you prefer and that will involve an order form which will be available from the school Office. You include payment with your order, which will be delivered to school. Payment must be exact as no change will be given.

Health and Wellbeing

Could I remind all Parents/Carers of the importance of letting the school know if your child is going to be absent from school. We will attempt to contact Parents/Carers if we do not know why a child is absent from school and if we can't contact you then a letter will be issued and in some cases an Attendance Officer would visit the home to check that the child is ok. Our phone system provides an option where you can leave a message or you can hold and speak to a member of Office staff.

We have some booklets in school with information about head lice. Please ask at the Office if you would like a copy. Our school Nurse, Dawn Loudon is happy to

come into school to talk to groups of Parents/Carers. Please let me know if you would like this to be arranged.

Glasgow 2014-Commonwealth Games

Monday 11th March is Sport Your Trainers Day. Therefore, on this day we will encourage children and staff to wear their trainers to school. The purpose of this is to raise awareness of the Commonwealth Games.

Fairtrade Fortnight

We are highlighting fair-trade products by participating in Fairtrade Frtnight in school. This will run from today, Monday 25th February until Sunday 10th March. During this time, Primary 6 will be selling fair-trade items. They have been busy making posters to display around the school.

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 25.2.13 Money Week.

All classes will be learning about Financial Education. We have visitors from The Dogs Trust and Barclays coming in to work with the children. Teachers are also providing a range of learning activities and experiences including Financial Fairytales and computer programmes. Mrs Houston and Miss Murray have organised all these activities so a big thank you to them both.

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| Friday 8 th March | Bags to School Collection (9.00am) |
| Friday 15 th March | Red Nose Day. Wear Something Red to School |
| Tuesday 19 th March | Parental Consultations and Nursery Open Evening |
| Wednesday 20 th March | P5 Netball Festival at Stonelaw |
| Tuesday 26 th March | 11.00am Easter Service at Blairbeth Church |
| Thursday 28 th March | School closes at 2.30pm for Easter Holidays |
| Monday 15 th April | School starts back |

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any suggestions, queries or concerns.

Yours Sincerely,

Lorna Hunter

Head Teacher