



## Moorfoot Primary School, Moorfoot Nursery Class and Garvel Deaf Centre



### Weekly information leaflet

[Please take time to look at our school website. It has been updated with new parent/carer information, planned events and activities for this session.](#)

You can also keep up to date with school news and photographs on our school TWITTER account @MoorfootPr or request to be a friend on our school Facebook, which is a closed group to parents/carers of pupils attending the school and Nursery Class.

Some classes also have their own twitter accounts.



**Please note we encourage positive comments in our school Facebook. If you have any concerns or issues regarding the school we would ask you contact us by telephone/email or your purple newsletter return. We thank you in anticipation of your support**

PLEASE NOTE: Although parents/carers will receive their weekly newsletter by email it can also be found on our school website. If you wish to receive your newsletter as a hard copy, simply call into the school office to collect one.

We will continue to send home the weekly comment sheet to be signed and returned to school on Monday mornings. Class newsletters, if issued, will continue to be sent by hard copy. Thank you.



School website: <http://moorfoot.inverclyde.sch.uk/>

#### Documents Enclosed:

- **ParentPay Activation Letter - for every child. Start date 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. 'Activation Guide' will be e-mailed separately.**
- **P1 & P7 Dental Inspection Letters.**
- **Consent forms for Miss Greenwood's class re. Singing Project. Please see below.**
- **Badminton Consent forms for the team & reserves. These must be returned by Monday.**

#### Severe Winter Weather

During any severe weather, updates will be posted on Inverclyde Council website at [www.inverclyde.gov.uk/winter](http://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/winter)

There will be regular updates on how local services are affected as well as handy links and information to help prepare for severe winter weather.

You can also follow the council on twitter at [www.twitter.com/inverclyde](http://www.twitter.com/inverclyde) for regular updates.

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## Week Beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2018

**PLEASE NOTE IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS, ITEMS RELATING TO THE NURSERY CLASS ONLY ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW.**

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| Sat 20 <sup>th</sup><br>January  | ➤ <del>CANCELLED 9.30-10.30am: Cross-Country Challenge Race 1 of 3 at St Columba's High School. Pupils to meet Mrs Murray at 9.30am for registration.</del>   |
| Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>January  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ P7 Lockerbie Manor Bank open every Monday morning for deposits.</li><li>➤ P7 Ski Club -Total of £47.50 for block of ski lessons should now be paid. £30 bus money to be paid by today. Thank you.</li><li>➤ Newsletter returns - Please sign and return your child's lilac newsletter on Mondays at registration. Thank you.</li><li>➤ Bus slips for all P1-7 pupils to be completed &amp; returned <u>every Monday morning at registration.</u> Please inform office of any changes by 2.30pm.</li><li>➤ Brass Lessons with Mr Hutcheson for Cameron S, Justin Bruce, Zac Bancroft, Hollie J, Anna C, Maddison C, Emily P, Andrew H, Leo V and Adam MacB.</li><li>➤ P5 Lunchtime Book Club led by volunteers Brodie and Mia from P7, supported by Mrs Buchanan. P5 pupils who indicated an interest to meet at the office area of the school at 12.50pm.</li><li>➤ 3-4pm: Football with Mr Phillips on the MUGA.</li><li>➤ 3-4pm: Netball with Mrs Murray in the Gym Hall. Please note there will be no netball on the 29<sup>th</sup> January.</li><li>➤ Parent Council badminton club: P6: 6.30-7.30pm P7: 7.35-8.30pm. Cost to pupils to attend is £1 per session. A tuck shop is also available. Please see note below.</li><li>➤ 6.30pm: Parent Council Meeting. Please note John Ferrie from the Schools Estates team will be starting off the meeting at 6.30pm for an update regarding the school refurbishment.</li></ul>   |
| Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>January | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Breakfast Club for pupils who have registered.</li><li>➤ Woodwind Tuition with Mr Young for Lucy C, Lilly M, Mya McN, Lexi B, Jessica R, Noah P, Rhys M, Zoe A, Amy McI &amp; Ellie L.</li><li>➤ Brass Tuition and Band Practice with Mr Hutchison for P7 brass instrumentalists &amp; the following P6 pupils - Sarah A, Sophie McL, Kadie R, Macy R, E McL, Craig W, Callum T &amp; Joshua B</li><li>➤ 10am: Today there is a second opportunity for ten more of our pupils (one from each class whose name has been "pulled from the hat") to have the chance to visit the Moorfoot Drive site. Brodie B (P1), Max S (P2/1), Fraser C (P2), Robbie McL (P3), Sophie Q (P4), Cameron C (P5), Emma W (P6/5), Leo VDW (P6), Kerr McK (P7a) and Leeanne P (P7b). Hopefully we'll have lots of photos to share next week. Can pupils please wear <u>wellie boots</u> with their school uniform as the site is muddy. Red sweatshirts too please.</li><li>➤ 1.00pm: Renfrewshire Area Badminton Competition - Barrhead Sports Centre. Selected children will be accompanied by Nicole Bryce from Active Schools. Parents/carers of selected pupils and reserves have been issued with consent forms. Only the team will be taking part but reserves may need to be called on if anyone is absent.</li><li>➤ P5 Year will be having rugby taster sessions during gym time - Week 1 of 2 (due to last week being cancelled) All P5 pupils please bring gym kit. Thank you.</li></ul> |

<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 3-4pm Athletics training is now finished this session until further notice.</li> <li>➤ 2.30pm P7 Learn to Ski Club to Bearsden dry Ski slope (week 1 of 5). Please refer to letter issued in December for requirements. Pupils return to Westmorland Road at approx. 5.30pm.</li> </ul>
<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Breakfast Club.</li> <li>➤ AM Singing Lessons with Mrs Beck.</li> <li>➤ AM Percussion Lessons with Mr Deveney.</li> <li>➤ PM Violin Lessons with Miss Potter.</li> <li>➤ Mrs Beck working with Miss Greenwood's class in preparation for a video in which they will be singing. Please see below</li> <li>➤ Drake Music for Garvel pupils this afternoon.</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Come as You Please Day - £1 donation per family requested for school funds please.</li> </ul>

Future Dates	
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan - Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> March (omitting 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb due to holiday)	P7 Learn to Ski Club at Bearsden Dry Ski Slope.
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Football Tournament at Inverclyde Academy - Further details will be issued to the team.
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb & 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross country at St Columba's School.
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	3 Exceptional Closure Days to enable staff to move back to Moorfoot Drive Site. <span style="color: red;">Please note these dates are subject to change.</span> Please refer to past newsletters for further information.

### SCHOOL FUNDS: MONTHLY COME AS YOU PLEASE

We will be having monthly "Come as You Please" events on the last Friday of every month. This is to raise funds to help finance items and resources to enhance learning. Pupils are invited to wear their own clothes for a forfeit of £1 per family. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

<b>Dates for Come as You Please</b>	Pupils are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes for a donation of £1 per family.
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 18</b>	
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 18</b>	

## W E E K 1 M E N U

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Starter	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Soup of the Day	Melon
Option 1 (Blue)	Chicken curry with rice	Chargrilled chicken with potato croquette	Steak and sausage pie with mash potato	Grilled Sausage with Mash potato	Fish and Chips
Option 2 (Red)	Pizza with salad & coleslaw	Turkey meatball sub or with spaghetti	Breaded salmon with mash potato	Burrito Wrap	Chicken burger in a bun or with chips
Option 3 (Yellow)	Pasta Pot	Sandwich selection	Panini selection	Baguette selection	Wrap selection
Baked Potato (Green)	Various fillings				
Served daily	Seasonal Vegetables, Fresh Fruit and Salad Bar				
Dessert	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt Jelly	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt Shortbread	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt Jelly	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt Iced sponge	Fruity Friday Yoghurt

## Nut Free Zone

We would like to remind you that there are pupils in Moorfoot Primary who have severe nut allergies. Please ensure that you do not provide snacks or anything for your child's snack or packed lunch which may contain nuts. e.g. Nutella / Nutella products/ Kinder Bueno / Kinder Hippo etc. For this reason we discourage pupils from sharing food and snacks. **Thank you**



## Level 1 Rights Respecting School Awards

The pupils in Moorfoot Primary School are working towards achieving the Level 1 Rights Respecting School Awards.

One aspect of achieving Level 1 means there is evidence that we have promoted knowledge and understanding of the Convention of the Rights of Children throughout the whole school community. As part of this we would like to set all pupils some **Talk Homework**. Talk to someone at home about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (*UNCRC*).

How many rights and articles do you know? Can you share your knowledge of the *UNCRC* with someone at home? How many rights and articles do your parents know?

Thank you

The Rights Respecting Pupil Focus Group

## Consultation on Excellence and Equity for All: Guidance on the Presumption of Mainstreaming

One of the many Scottish Government consultations underway at the moment is the "Presumption of Mainstreaming". Scottish Government are encouraging all to take part in giving their feedback to this important consultation. You can do so through the Scottish Government platform "Citizen Space" which can be accessed through the link below. Please note this consultation closes on 9 February 2018.

<https://consult.gov.scot/supporting-learners/presumption-of-mainstreaming/>

### Singing to Learn, Learning to Sing

**Miss Greenwood has been asked to pilot a singing project with her class in conjunction with Education Scotland. The project involves the pupils in daily singing, breathing exercises and listening and responding to music. As well as developing musical skills it is also hoped the pupils will increase their confidence and social and emotional wellbeing.**

**Next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, the pupils will be filmed taking part in the musical activities. Please complete the consent forms which have been included in this week's newsletter as it is important we know who has permission to take part. School uniform should be worn. Shirt and tie if possible. Thank you**

## Parent Council Badminton Club

P6 & P7 Badminton Club takes place on a Monday night. The P6 session is 6.30pm - 7.30pm and the P7 session is 7.35pm - 8.30pm. Cost per week is £1 plus tuck shop if desired.

There are spaces for any P6 or P7 pupils who would like to join this session. Please take your child along and give staff details on the night.

Copies of rotas were issued to participating pupils last week.

## WHAT HAVE THE CHILDREN BEEN LEARNING?

Primary 1	We are learning about electricity. We are learning how to work out missing numbers.
Primary 2	We are learning to find the total of a group of coins. We are learning about mythical creatures. We are learning ball skills.
Primary 3	We are learning to add 2 digit numbers vertically and with carrying. We are learning to write stories. We are learning to spell 'se' words.
Primary 7a	We are learning about different shading techniques. We are learning how to create a newspaper article. We are learning how to multiply (long & short multiplication).

## SCHOOL MEALS AND CLOTHING GRANTS

Primary 1-3 pupils are entitled to free a meal daily. Children in P4, 5, 6 and 7 whose parents are in receipt of one of the following benefits, are also entitled to a free midday meal:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, and where income is less than £15,860 (as assessed by the Inland Revenue)
- An asylum seeker receiving support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- Parent or carer is in receipt of Working Tax Credit with an income below the threshold
- for receipt of maximum Working Tax Credit (currently income below £6,420)

Parents of children receiving one or more of the above benefits will usually\* be entitled to monetary grants for footwear and clothing for their children.

Information and application forms for free school meals for pupils in Primaries 4 -7 and clothing grants for those in Primaries 1 - 7 may be obtained from the school and Education Services, Wallace Place, Greenock, PA15 1 JB. In addition these pupils are entitled to free milk.

\*Approval of any requests for such grants made by parents in different circumstances is at the discretion of the Corporate Director of Education and Communities.

## P6 Ardentenny 2018

A selection of photos of our trip have been posted on our school Facebook page. Pupils and staff had a wonderful experience at the centre as can be seen in the pictures.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Sophie Sinclair in P1 who helped with the Lunderston Bay beach clean-up with her family. Sophie said 'it was fun picking up all the rubbish'



### RECOGNISING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT: PARENTAL REQUEST:



Please keep sending us your photos and stories. We love to hear about our pupils' successes!

One of the 4 contexts for learning is "opportunities for personal achievement". Your child may take part in Brownies, Ice Skating, Football Team, Athletics, Gymnastics, Dance Clubs, etc. Your child may also have special interests or talents which the school does not know about. We would like to find out! Does your child like "baking" or "gardening"? There may be important skills which your child has which we have not been aware of or have recognised.

We would like to display our pupils' achievements in the school and celebrate the children's successes at our Friday Assemblies. We would love to have photographs of your child taking part in these particular events or gaining awards outwith the school setting. These will be displayed in our Newsletter and "read out" at Friday Assembly. Please complete and send back to school through your newsletter return or alternatively complete in your weekly newsletter return sheet.

Thank you Mrs Irvine



Child's Name ..... Class .....

My child's achievement .....