



Glassford Primary School

Newsletter

February 2017



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2017. Thank you for your very kind gifts and cards that we received at Christmas time.

The end of last term was also the end of Ms Lerrys time with us at Glassford, through the recruitment process Ms Lerry took the opportunity to move to another post. In her place we have Mrs Houston who will be a permanent member of staff at Glassford and for the remainder of the year will work with P1-4.

Miss Bailkoski will return to work mid-February and will return to her post within P5-7 working alongside Mrs Garner.



Official Opening

The Official Opening of Glassford Primary School will take place on Tuesday 7 March. Invitations for a representative from each family will be issued in a week or so. Please keep an eye on school bags over the coming weeks.



Credit Union

Attached to this newsletter is an application form to join the Glassford Primary Credit Union. We have a new logo following a school competition and the new logo will appear on all the savings books.

Thanks to all the children for their fabulous designs, the winner was Seby McCormack whose design will be on the Credit Union notice board as well as the savings books. So as our new logo say "Save today, put your money away".

Please return all completed application forms to school as soon as possible. Information on when we will officially start and the collection day will be with you shortly.

Thank you for your support with this.



Lollipops

Please do not send your child with a lollipop as a playtime snack. If your child brings a lollipop to school they will be asked to keep it in their bag or a member of staff will take it from them to be returned at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support with this matter.



School Website

Our new school website is up and running. We will be adding to it regularly to try and keep news up to date. We are working towards the pupils keeping the website up to date with blogs and photographs of events and activities within the school.



JRSO

Our Junior Road Safety Team are working with Marion Shearer – South Lanarkshire Council School Travel Plan Co-ordinator to look at Safe Travel to school. The JRSO team are going to survey all pupils, parents and staff and identify any areas that we can improve the safety of pupils travelling to school.

Thank you in advance for your support with this activity. Your support completing the survey for the JRSO team is very much appreciated. We will update you on their findings in the next newsletter.



Pupil Council update

Our Pupil Council are meeting with Mrs Pollock every week and we have a few projects started this term. They have created a new achievement board to celebrate pupil's achievement in and out of school. Pupils can share their achievements at assembly on a Friday morning.



Sainsbury's Active School Vouchers

The Pupil Council have launched the school collection zone and are looking for your Active School vouchers. The vouchers help us get new equipment for the school, over the last few years we have purchased playground equipment, cooking resources and PE equipment.



Clyde in the Classroom

Our p5-7 pupils are working on a project that involves 21 primary schools in the Clyde and Avon Valley area. The purpose of the project is to enhance the numbers of Salmon and Trout in the Avon water. The pupils will be looking after 200 fish for a period of 6 weeks and then releasing the fish into the River Avon. This project will give the pupils opportunities in Science, Outdoor Education, Literacy and Numeracy. Look out for updates on the P5-7 page of the website.



University of the West of Scotland – Student Nurses

As part of the community focus within the Student Nurse training at UWS two teams of nurses will visited the school on the 9 February to deliver a session of health education. The P5-7 pupils learned more about “The benefits of not smoking” while the P1-4 pupils got a chance to check out their hand hygiene skills.



School Uniform – Lost Property

We have had a few incidents recently of pupils having lost items of school uniform. We have endeavoured to re-unite pupils with the correct items but this is only possible if names are put on all items, in particular jumpers and cardigans.

Please ensure all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with your child’s name.



Cross Country

Some of our P5-7 pupils are now training for the East Kilbride/ Strathaven Cross Country event on Friday 3 March. This is an annual event in Strathaven Park and gives our pupils a chance to take part in one of the largest cross country events in Scotland.

Our team will consist of Glassford, Gilmourton and Sandford pupils, good luck to everyone taking part.



Rotary Concert

The Strathaven Rotary International Concert will take place on Monday 6 March. Glassford primary will be singing at the concert and more information will be available soon. We hope as many of the children as possible will take part. More information on this event will be given after the February break.



World book Day

Towards the end of February every child will receive their World Book Day Token. This entitles your child to a special World Book Day book or £1 off the cost of a book. The new Scholastic magazine will be out soon and the tokens can be used with any purchase from that.

Parent Council News

The new chairperson for the Parent Council is Richard Wilson. We wish Mr Wilson well in his new role within the Parent Council.

The date of the next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday 22 February at 7pm. All parents and carers welcome.



Rag Bag

There will be a Rag Bag Collection on Thursday 9 March. Further information and collection bags will be issued nearer the time. In the meantime hold onto old clothes, unwanted bedding curtains etc.

The Parent Council have managed to secure a Rag Bag bin that will be situated near the school gate. Hopefully this will encourage people from within the village to deposit clothes etc. on a daily basis.



Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be held on Thursday 30 August at Glassford Parish Church. Following on from the service the Parent Council and some of our more senior pupils will be hosting a daffodil tea for the community.

More information on this will be found in the next newsletter.

Dates for Your Diary



February

- 13** **Holiday**
- 14** **Holiday**
- 15** **In service day – school closed to pupils**
- 16** Pupils return at 9am
- 20** Childsmile – Fluoride varnish for P1 and P2
- 22** P5-7 Curling, 12.45-2.30pm

March

- 1** P5-7 Curling, 12.45-2.30pm
- 3** EK and Strathaven Cross Country
- 6** Road safety play
- 6** Strathaven Rotary Concert
- 7** Official opening of the school
- 9** The Great Glassford Book Camp – to celebrate World Book Day
- 20** Active travel workshops; P4/5 and p6/7
- 22** Residential week at Lockerbie Manor
- 31** **School closes at 2.30pm**

April

- 18** **School re-opens to pupils at 9am**