

FORDBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER
HAPPY 2018 TO ALL OUR FAMILIES



Nativity

Well done to our **P1 and P2 pupils** for performing the Nativity **A Twinkly Treetop** - it really was a unique show and the children were brilliant! Thank you to all the teachers and support staff for leading a great performance. Thanks also to all our parents and carers who came along to watch the performance - it was a magical time!



Christmas Fayre

Thanks to all the pupils for their hard work in creating crafts to sell at our Christmas Fayre- they really put their enterprise skills to good use!

Thanks to everyone who attended the event - it was very busy and it was lovely to see our hall opened up. The fayre raised £1390 profit which will be used to support the purchasing of resources and pupil experiences throughout the year.



Parent Council & PTA

I would personally like to say a very huge thank you to all of our Parent Council and PTA members. It is a big commitment to help take forward school priorities and plan fundraising events throughout the year - your support and hard work is greatly appreciated!

We are always looking for new members - please come along if you are interested - you will always be welcome! Our next meeting is on **Monday 29th January at 6pm.**

Our next Parent Council agenda will provide an update on the School Improvement Plan and will take a look at ways of further enhancing parental engagement including a look at homework.

New P1 Registration Dates 2017-2018

Parents of nursery pupils are reminded that the **P1 Registration dates** are **Wednesday 10th January 2017 1.00 - 3.00 pm** (A - L surnames) and **Thursday 11th January 2017 1.00 - 3.00 pm** (M - Z surnames) at Fordbank Primary School.

Please see our Events diary from January to April 2018

What's Going On In January 2018?

12 Jan - Martin Luther King Day celebrated in school.

19 Jan - Sports for School Assembly - visitor

26 Jan - Robert Burns Day celebrated - children may wear tartan on the day! Classes have been set a Scottish song, poetry or story challenge.

Enhancing Communication

We are always looking for ways to continually improve and have taken on some helpful suggestions on how we can enhance our communication with parents/carers.

A recent survey carried out at the last parents' evening in October showed a great response to the use of e-mails to enhance communication. I am currently working on this with our Service Delivery Officer and will keep you updated on our progress.

We will continue to communicate through paper newsletters, fliers and texts so hopefully we will meet the needs of all!

Parents' Meetings - Reporting to Parents

Another survey carried out at the parents' meeting in October showed that the majority of parents would be keen to have 1 meeting led by the pupils whilst ensuring that parents have 1 meeting where they can speak with the teacher on their own. With this in mind, we may provide the opportunity for children P5-7 to lead their Learning Meeting in March where they will be able to talk along with the teacher about their achievements and next steps. This will be discussed at the next Parent Council and staff meetings before a final decision is made.

ARDMAY RESIDENTIAL TRIP - P7

7 - 9 February



We are very excited about the forthcoming trip to Ardmay House for our P7 pupils. **Please ensure that you have contacted the school regarding payment if needed.**

If your child is not attending Ardmay, they will be supported by Mrs Reynolds on the Wednesday and Thursday.

Friday 9th February is an In-service Day so children not attending Ardmay will be at home. When children return from Ardmay they need to be collected by an adult. Information regarding rooms, clothing etc will be issued to families shortly - thanks.

PE KIT

A little reminder that all children are required to bring PE kit - indoor shoes and shorts for PE. If your child borrows kit please can you ensure that it is returned to school .

Jewellery should not be worn at PE. If your child has earrings, these need to be taped up by a parent/carer - teachers are not able to do this.

Thanks for your support.

HOME LUNCHES

A little reminder of our school policy on home lunches. If your child goes home every day, only 1 letter is required per year.

If your child goes home on different days, a letter is required each day. This helps us to keep the children as safe as possible/

