



### **Parent Council & PTA**

Thank you to all the Parent Council & PTA members for their continued support this session.

The children had a ball at our recent Valentine Disco where love was in the air! They also helped to organise our Daffodil Tea as part of our Spring Into Action Day where all the children took part in a range of outdoor activities to develop our garden area - despite the rain!!

We will be continuing to develop Outdoor Learning as part of our School Improvement Planning this session.

The PTA have helped to fundraise for story bags for use in the infant department as part of our Literacy Developments and have supported the P7 Leaver's Dance as well as contributing to the School Fund account which is used to provide resources and experiences across all classes.



### **Pupil Equity Fund**

As you may be aware, the government has given all schools a sum of money to raise attainment and close the attainment gap for children living in poverty. I have met with staff and parents to discuss my proposals for Fordbank and will also be meeting with pupils. My aim is to increase staffing to provide additional support for literacy and numeracy which will help to raise attainment and achievement for all children as well as targeted pupils who may be experiencing barriers to their learning.

More information will follow for all parents/carers when the final proposals and plans are in place. If anyone wishes to discuss this further, please contact me at any time.

### **Parental Engagement**



Thanks to all our parents/carers & grandparents who have volunteered or who are helping to support or lead pupil experiences across the school! We have parents who have offered to help run Book Clubs, a parent who is helping to lead Community Cafes, a gran who is helping to lead our Knit & Natter sessions, parents who are helping and who have offered to help our Outdoor Learning & garden area and parents who have helped our football team and who are keen to develop sports activities including Bikeability. We also have some parents who are willing to do anything!! (well, maybe not anything!)

I really can't thank you all enough - you are all stars!!

Thanks also to all of you for helping to support all the learning and homework challenges throughout the year - we appreciate your hard work and we hope you see the value in the activities when the children achieve and produce great things that are shared and celebrated in the class and on Open Days.

## CHARITY FUNDRAISING - HELPING OTHERS



Thanks to all parents/carers and family members for helping us to fundraise over the session. Your donations make a huge difference to people in need either in the local community or around the world. So far this session we have helped St Vincent's Hospice, the local Foodbank, Children in Need, Roja (our sponsored child in Channai, India) and some Fairtrade charities.

Our Pupil Council are organising a Talent Show for the last day of term. On that day we will be asking families to make a small donation of £1.00 to help raise money for Glasgow Children's Hospital. This is to support our wonderful janny Mr Hughes who will be talking part in a 'Biker' event to help raise much needed funds - thank you!!

We have been selling red noses to support RED NOSE DAY on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - we will not be asking for any additional donations on this day.

### EASTER SERVICE

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 10am

St Paul's Church

ALL WELCOME!

If weather is too rainy, service will be held in school - text will be sent to update if needed - thanks.



### ANNUAL REPORTS & PARENT'S MEETINGS

Annual Reports will be issued for all children on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. We are looking forward to welcoming parents along to our Parents' Meetings on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Thanks again to our P4 parents for your patience - a date to meet Mrs Gilmour will be arranged for after Easter.

### Fordbank Focus Days

The children have been taking part in Focus Days learning about important values this term. We have looked at Equality, Friendship & Bullying, Teamwork, Fairtrade, the 8 Wellbeing Indicators (safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible & included) and Growth Mindset. Please look at our facebook page for some examples of assembly powerpoints.

### Y Dance - P5 Performance

We are very excited about the Y Dance event which is taking part Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck to all the boys and girls!

### P1 Theatre Visit

We are delighted that P1 will be visiting the Paisley Arts centre on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March to see a performance of 'Moonbeam on a Cat's Ear'.

### Inter schools Quiz

Good Luck to all the boys and girls taking part in the P7 Schools Quiz on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March - the quiz will take part in Howwood Primary at 7pm. We hope to bring the cup back to Fordbank Primary!

### P1 & 2 Fairyland Open Day

We are looking forward to welcoming our parents/carers along to the grand Open Day of Fairyland on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 1.45. I'm sure you will be proud and delighted at all the wonderful work!