

### **Strathesk Primary School**

### **Newsletter**

**February 2020**

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Is it February already? 2020 seems to be flying in! It’s a busy term ahead for us all in Strathesk with lots of exciting learning opportunities planned.

We are continuing to promote our values of success; tolerance; ambition; responsibility and respect through our daily practice. This term, our staff have come together to create a vision for the next few years. We would love to share our ideas with you and seek feedback at parents consultations in March.

**Donations**

We now have an indoor games club for pupils in P5-7 which runs during break and lunchtime. Good quality games which you no longer use would be gratefully received.

We would also love to increase our supply of loose parts to encourage open-ended play in the nursery and infants. Children’s minds continue to amaze us and it is so lovely to see the wide range of uses loose parts have. We would welcome donations of:

* natural materials eg straw, shells, stones.
* building materials and tools, planks, carpet scraps, old plant pots, old keys
* scrap materials- old tyres, off cuts of guttering
* normal clothing for dress up- different styles of hats, scarves

The list is absolutely endless; please hand in any donations to your child’s class teacher.



**School Uniform**

Please ensure your child comes to school in uniform every day. This consists of a purple, grey or black jumper/cardigan, white or purple polo shirt and dark skirt/ trousers. It really does encourage a sense of belonging and looks extremely smart. We do recognise the cost of the school day and we have collection of second hand clothes you can buy for a small donation, or simply do a swap for a different size. Please see the school office if you are interested.

**Keeping in Touch**

We are hoping to send out more correspondence in the New Year through email. Please update us with any changes to email addresses so we can ensure relevant information gets to you.

**Wider Achievement**

It is so lovely to see the range of interests the children have. This month we have celebrated Daltyn and Clancy’s swimming success. Such a vital skill; well done you two!



Thank you to everyone who came along to Scots Night. It was a lovely way to celebrate our culture and to hear our Scots poetry winners confidently recite their poems to a packed hall. This year we will enter four children into the Burns Regional Poetry competition. They will compete against other children from throughout Edinburgh and the Lothians. Give it all you’ve got folks!



Well done to our Sportshall Athletics team who represented Strathesk in regional heats. They valiantly defended our title but this just wasn’t our year. They’ve remained positive and are preparing for our next sporting challenge.

**REMINDERS**

**Dogs**

A gentle reminder that dogs are not permitted in the school playground. We have had a few instances of children trailing in dogs dirt which is a really unpleasant experience for all. Thank you for your support on this.

**Finance**

Make life easier by using ParentPay for payment of lunches, milk, trips, Nursery snack etc

For those who are already making use of this system we would ask that you top up regularly to avoid your account going into the red.

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**Diary Dates**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| **Thursday 6th February 2020** | Rotary Primary School Quiz |
| **Friday 7th February 2020** | Last day of term – normal finish |
| **Monday 17th February 2020** | All return |
| **Friday 21st February 2020** | Shared Learning |
| **Tuesday 3rd March 2020** | Nursery, P1 and P7 Vista Photos |
| **Wednesday 4th March 2020** | P4s – last day of swimming block |
| **Thursday 5th March 2020** | World Book Day |
| **Wednesday 11th March 2020** | P6/7 team Basketball @ Gorebridge |
| **Friday 13th March 2020** | Shared Learning |
| **Wednesday 25th March and Friday 27th March 2020** | Parent/Carer Consultations |
| **Friday 27th March 2020** | P6 team Euroquiz @ Stobhill PS |
| **Friday 27th March 2020** | P7 team – Eden Rock @ Loanhead |
| **Thursday 2nd April 2020** | P6 Health & Wellbeing @ PHS |

