

January 2017

Marykirk Primary



Dates for the Diary!

Thursday 9th Feb - Occasional day

Friday 10th Feb - Occasional day

Monday 13th Feb - Mid term

Holiday

Tuesday 14th Feb - In-service

Day

Wednesday 15th Feb - In-service

Day

Term ends - 31st March

Term 4 starts - Tuesday 18th

April

May Day Holiday - Monday 1st

May

Term ends - Friday 30th June

Dear Parent/Carer,

Burns Day - Wednesday 25th January 2017

This term is already in full swing and Children have been practising their Scottish dancing and poetry in preparation for Burns Day on Wednesday 25th January. Mrs Dickson will prepare a traditional Burns lunch of Haggis, neaps and tatties for those who have ordered and we will continue the Burns celebrations with dancing, singing and poems in the afternoon. Children were invited to wear tartan if they wish. There will be the opportunity for parents to share some of this at our Community Café on Thursday 26th January 10am-11am where the Burns winners will recite their poems and the choir and classes will sing a small selection of Scottish songs.

Every child has the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

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Staffing Update

As you are all aware, this term I am Acting Head Teacher at Luthermuir Primary and although initially this was to be for a 12 week period it has been confirmed that the dual headship will continue for the 22 months whilst Mrs Grant is Acting Head Teacher at Inverbervie. I am delighted that this will offer us many opportunities to work together and we are already seeing many positive benefits for both schools which I am confident will continue. I'd like to reiterate that I will be at Marykirk as much as possible and reassure you that our open door policy will continue. As I have previously mentioned we encourage parents to come in to school when they have any queries or concerns so they can be dealt with as and when they arise. If I am not available please speak to another member of staff or leave a message and I will be in touch with you as soon as I can.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Laura Anderson back following her maternity leave. Mrs Anderson will be supporting the delivery of Physical Education as well as working with small groups alternate Fridays.

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Unfortunately Mrs Currie, our additional support for learning teacher has been absent due to ill health and although we hope to see Mrs Currie return soon we are delighted to welcome Mrs Claire Inglis to our team. Mrs Inglis will be in school on a Monday, providing additional support to pupils and classes.

Celebration Assembly

Just a reminder that our 'Celebration Assembly' will be held on the first Friday of each month. Please encourage your child to share their successes by bringing in photographs, certificates or any other information that shows any achievements made.

Primary 1 enrolments

We are delighted to have 6 Primary 1's enrol for August 2017. The formal induction process will begin after the Easter holidays when we look forward to welcoming the new pupils to Marykirk School. More details and dates will be sent out shortly.

Tempest Photographer

Tempest photographer will be in school on Tuesday 31st January. Class photos will be taken as well as individual photos of our P1 and P7 pupils. If your child(ren) are in P2-6 and you would like an individual/sibling photo then please let the office know.

Pupil Profiles

Pupil profiles will be sent home on *Tuesday 7th February*. They should be returned to school by *Friday 17th February*. The children are looking forward to sharing their work with you and we would encourage you to look through the profile with your child, adding any comments as appropriate and highlighting any of the 'life skills' your child has achieved. Feel free to add any evidence from home e.g, photos, certificates, pieces of work etc. The profiles form part of our annual reporting calendar and your feedback is much appreciated.

MPCC

The MPCC still have a selection of Christmas Puddings as well as hessian shopping bags if you would like to purchase either at a cost of £5. They will be available to buy at our Community Café on Thursday 26th January or can be purchased at the school office. As always we would like to encourage parents/carers to get involved in our fundraising efforts and would welcome new ideas and suggestions at our MPCC meetings. The school and your child(ren) greatly benefit from the work of the MPCC.

Active Schools Clubs/Activities

As always we try to encourage our children to make healthy choices and try our best to offer opportunities for children to engage in physical activities. Although our running club is aimed at P4-7 pupils, if your child has a particular interest or passion for running and you feel they could keep up with this group then please let us know and we will give them a go! Also, if you are able to support any of our clubs, then please get in touch as with more adults we could then cater for a wider range of abilities.

Burns Poetry Competition

Ms. Miller our visiting drama teacher judged our Burns competition on Tuesday 24th January 2017 and the winners were:-



P1/2 - Callum

P3 - Logan

P4/5 - Leah

P6 - Arianna

P7 - Maddie

Well done to all who took part, Ms Miller was very impressed with the effort the pupils made.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona Thomson.
Head Teacher

**PARENT
COUNCIL
NEWS**

Next MPCC meeting **Tuesday 21st March @ 6:30pm. ALL WELCOME!**
Please feel free to come along and support your children through our very successful Parent/Carer Council. You do not have to commit to attending every meeting but if you would like to know more about what we do and how you could get involved then this is the time to do it!

Comments, Compliments, Concerns

Tell us what you think! We want to hear good or bad! We are always trying to improve. Please write below.

Name Date