January 2020

Georgetown Primary School Newsletter

WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year to you all, may we extend our best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy 2020 It is the start of another busy term in school and, as usual there are lots of different activities planned for pupils.

Xpressions App

Can we ask that if you haven't already signed up, that you consider downloading this App onto your mobile phone. This will allow free communication between home and school and we expect that this will become a major route for sharing information with you. This in itself should be quicker and helps us in our quest to reduce paper and copying costs and become more eco-friendly. Please see attached information sheet if you have not already downloaded.

Internet Safety

Can we draw your attention to an ICT Safety Event being held by Police Scotland at The Nith Hotel, Glencaple on Tues 14th Jan from 6.30pm. Social Media Safety representatives from O2 will also be in attendance. If you want to learn more about how to keep your children safe on-line, this will be worth a visit.

INSET DAYS DEVELOPMENT

Over the two In-service Days in school this week, all staff were involved in initial training on 'Respect for All' which is our guidance and policy on anti-bullying. Further development in this will continue along with both pupil and parental engagement. Staff also looked at features of our school rationale – which details all aspects of learning across our school curriculum both within and outwith the classroom. Further development work is planned for the February Inset as well as consultation with parents and pupils on what they see as the future direction of learning in Georgetown.

Pupil Enrolment.

A reminder that enrolment for our new Pr 1 pupils next session takes place on Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th next week. Please note parents should attend their catchment school with the following documents: - Child's Birth Certificate and proof of address.

1140 hours Information

As part of the government's move to increasing childcare for pre-school children, we will move to the 1140 hours model in our nursery from August. The immediate impact of this will mean pupils will have the choice of longer sessions (whole days). This will therefore reduce the number of spaces we are able to provide. Another change will be the removal of the nursery class teacher, being replaced by a Nursery Manager. We are currently advertising for this post and will keep you updated with further information.

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Polite Reminders

Meeting with class teachers at the beginning and end of the day at the class door is not a suitable time or venue to meet with staff, If you wish to pass on a simple message this can be done by calling the school office or using the Xpressions app. Please note that our facebook messenger is not checked regularly and should not be used for communication with school.

Car Parking in the interest of safety the school car park should not be used to drop off children. Parents should not use the Library Car Park for dropping off or collecting their child.

PARENT LEARNING FAYRE

A key date for your diary is Thursday 6th February where we will be holding a Parent Information Evening. This will be an opportunity for us to share many ongoing aspects of school work with you and to consult with you on plans for future developments. The evening will take the form of a 'fayre' where staff will host a number of 'stalls' and will explain different aspects of ongoing work. Our Parent Council will offer free refreshments; soft drinks, wine, cakes, etc and we hope that within a relaxed atmosphere, parents will enjoy learning about the many positive features of our school.

Non Uniform Day

*The Pupil Global Gang would like to support the Red Cross for the Australian Bush Fire Appeal. **Friday 17th Jan** will be a Non Uniform Day with donations requested please.*

CITIZENSHIP WINNERS - TERM 2

The following pupils were selected as Confident Individuals at the end of last term.

P1 D Madeline McQuarrie, P1 C Quincy Francis, P2S Leah Dalziel, P2HS Lucy Paterson. P3I Cian Pentland, P3/4 Ebony Murray, P4M Eva Currie, P5S Kayleigh Irving, P6F Courtnie Gardner, P6T Alexandra Armstrong, P7C Rebecca Irving, P7I Andrew Creighton and QLC Murray Bouse

THE TERM AHEAD

JANUARY		
13th & 14th	P1 Enrolment	
14th	P7 'Burns on the Beat'	
16th, 23rd, 17th	P6 Rugby Non Uniform Day	
27th	P6 Curling	11.30am - 2.30pm
28th	Parent Council Meeting	6.30pm
30th	P7 Burns Supper	6.15 pm
FEBRUARY		
6th	Learning Fayre for parents	6pm -
10th	Girls Football competition	
17th - 21st	February Mid Term Holiday	
March		
27th	Pupil Reports sent home	
April		
3rd	Last day of term.	