



Onthank Primary School Newsletter - November 2016

Children In Need

For Children In Need this year we asked pupils to be SPOTACULAR, wear Pudsey clothes or do your own thing. Pupils and staff took part in this event. Pudsey Bear visited the school and met many pupils. Thanks to everyone for their donation, we raised the fantastic amount of £1173.20. A special thank you Scott Thomson and Lloyds Bank who donated many Children In Need items to sell and raffle. The giant Pudsey bear was won by Owen Tonner and Alfie Campbell and Lewis Campbell won the smaller bears.



Christmas Fayre

The school's Christmas Fayre is due to take place on Tuesday 6 December. All classes in the school are busy making crafts and items to be sold at the Fayre. Each class will have their own stall and will be manned by pupils and helpers. There will be many other stalls including toys, DVDs, books, soft toys, raffles and tea/coffee will be available. We are being Eco Friendly and recycling toys, books and games. Please come along between 9.20 am and 12.00 pm. Christmas Fayre timetable - P1s 9.20 am, P2s 9.40 am, P3s 10.00 am, Gaelic Classes 10.20 am, P4s 10.20 am, P5s 11.00 am, P6s 11.15 am and P7s 11.30 am.



Christmas Tree

We are very pleased with our Christmas Tree this year. It was donated by Emma Whyte from Asda, Kilmarnock. We would also like to thank Emma for helping at breakfast club on a Wednesday morning. She also donates items to breakfast club and toy items for our treat tray.



Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch is on Thursday 15 December and costs £2 (to be paid through ParentPay) or free if your child is in P1, P2, P3 or is in receipt of free school meals. The menu is turkey and all the trimmings or steak and sausage pie with mash or roast potatoes, peas and carrots followed by Christmas ice-cream, trifle or cupcake.



P5/P7 Panto Pandemonium

Panto Pandemonium to parents is on Tuesday 13 December and 10.00 am and Thursday 15 December at 7.00 pm—tickets are on sale through ParentPay—£2 each including tea/coffee.

Gaelic Christmas Concert/ECC Party

Our Gaelic Christmas Concert is on Tuesday 20 December at 10.00 am to parents/friends and Gaelic ECC party is on Thursday 22 December at 9.30 am.

Christmas Jumper Day / P3 Concert

Pupils who have a Christmas jumper can wear it on Friday 16 December. If you don't have one, please wear school uniform. Please send in a small donation we are collecting for Save The Children. Also on Friday 16 December is the P3 Christmas Carol Concert to parents at 10.00 am. All parents/friends are invited to come along and feel Christmassy!



Christmas Parties

P4 party is on Tuesday 20 December at 1.15 pm, P5 party is on Wednesday 21 December at 1.15pm, P1-P3 party is on Thursday 22 December at 9.30 am (parents invited at 11.15 am to see Santa in main hall) and P6/7 party is on Thursday 22 December at 1.15 pm.



Headlice

We have recently had a few cases of Head Lice in school. Head Lice are caught from close head to head contact with an infected person. Young children are particularly vulnerable because head to head contact is more common in this age group. Momentary, close contact is enough. Prevention - look out for symptoms of head lice. Perform weekly checks to look for nits and head lice in your family's hair. Keep long hair tied back. Avoid sharing combs and brushes with other people. Avoid wearing other people's hair accessories (hairbands, scrunchies), caps or hats. It would be appreciated by the school if you could let us know of any outbreak - all information will be treated in confidence.

Medication

If your child requires medication during the school day, please call into the office to complete the necessary permission slip and hand in the medication. We ask that you do not give your child medication to take unsupervised by themselves.

Road Safety

We all want our children to be safe in and out of school. Inconsiderate parking and reckless driving continues to be a big concern. A parent has made us aware of a pupil being nearly knocked down by a car whose driver was careless with their attention to pedestrians. Please speak to your children about not crossing the car park and model this safe behaviour by using footpaths. We raise this regularly at assemblies. I ask that you drive considerably and park safely when dropping and collecting pupils.



Facebook

If you are taking photographs at a school event, we ask that you only take your own child/children.

We would appreciate that you do not post photographs of other children or members of staff on Facebook.



Anti Bullying Month 2016

The theme for Anti-Bullying Month this year was 'Cyber Safety'. Mr Simpson and Mrs Williams raised awareness across all stages of how to stay safe online. Anti-Bullying week encouraged pupils to "Make a Noise about Bullying". PC Calum Scott came into speak to P6 pupils about phone safety and social media awareness.



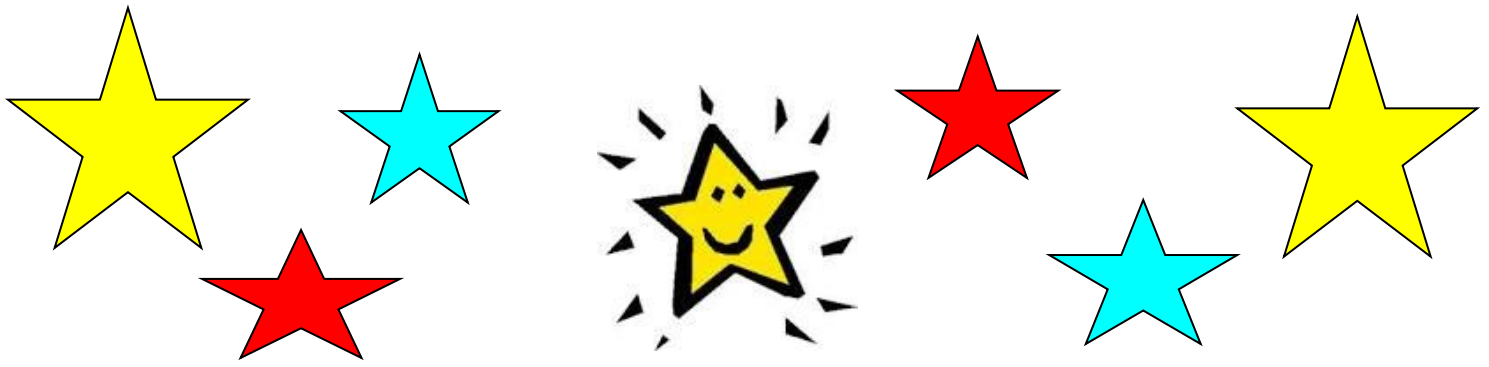
Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school please contact the office by 9.15 am on 525477. If we haven't heard from you by 9.15 am you will receive a text message in the first instance and if you are unavailable we will contact the emergency contact. All Data Forms have been updated with new contact details, if this changes at any time throughout the session, please let us know.



Nut Allergies

We are committed to a whole school approach to the Health and Safety of all pupils. We have two pupils in school who have severe nut allergies. We ask that pupils do not bring nuts/or nut related products to school.



November Star Pupils

Primary 1: Scarlett Robertson, Alistair Krupp, Zak McReynolds, Shaw Saxelby, Tajveer Kaur, Pyper Allen, Molly McMahon, Brooke Hannah, Iona Patrick, Ollie Shopp, Kaylah Boyd, Kyle McIntyre, Leigham Williamson, Harris Merrick, Blake Gorrie, Willow Townsend, Sophia McIlvanney.

Primary 2: Ethan Sloan, Luke Callaghan, Rudy O'Brien, Lewys Cairns, Lukas Chisholm, Harry Mackay, Ethan Lewis, Gemma Greig, Isabella Blackwood, Lennon McPartland, Emily McPhail, Robyn Orr, Calin Wyper, Holly Nimbley, Brooke Morgan, Molly Muirhead, Oliver Smith, Cerys Cunningham, Hamish Nicol.

Primary 3: Kyle McGowan, Fraser Ritchie, Lewis Boyd, Sophie Harrison, Kyra McGaw, Kelsie Dorans, Frankie Brown, Millie Gower, Emma Gillies, Chloe Kirkwood, Steven Black, Niamh Lochrie, Logan Rogers, Sophie Hopkins, Kerr McDowall, Gabriella Fulton, Max Young.

Primary 4: Pheobe Black, Carrie Lithgow, Lotte T'Anson, Callum Thomson, Ethan Simpson, Erin Mooney, Tom Sneddon, Emily Tosh, Kieron Queay, Jennifer Sharpe, Kirsten Robertson, Gregor McMillan, Blair Gibson.

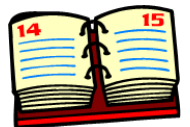
Primary 5: All of P5, Nathan Lochrie, Ethan Hamilton-Booth, Sophie Dickie, Eve Gregory, Liam Ross, Glen Miller, Eve Shirkie, Emma McCulloch, Eubh Baillie.

Primary 6: Abby Coulter, Daniel Hettrick, Jordan Armstrong, Charlie Gray, Ruby Newlands, Alesha Grant, Lucy Fullarton, Callum Baird, Aaron Fulton, Charli Fulton, Kyle Speirs, Emily Black, Ellie Ramsay.

Primary 7: Sophie Stewart, Emma Fraser, Fraser Clive, Taylor McLean, Katy Dudgeon, Ellen Harrigan, Rachel Hadley, Lorena Scott, Lewis Sloan, Marcus Campbell, Ben McHendry.

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Dates for your Diary



As per previous sheet in October's Newsletter.

Can also be viewed online at www.onthankprimary.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE ON FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER WE CLOSE AT 2.30 PM AND REOPEN ON MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2017 AT 9.00 AM

K. McCartney / G. Findlay



Onthank PTA News

Follow Up to the Halloween Disco

The PTA Group carried out a review of the recent disco to consider those elements which had worked well and some which might need amendment. As a result some changes will be implemented for the summer disco. Further information will be issued nearer the time but one of the proposals under consideration is that the discos will be split into 3 age groups to make administration of the sign in and out process a bit quicker and easier.



Upcoming Events

The PTA has agreed to hold a further disco in the summer time. We will also issue a quiz sheet to all pupils in February for a chance to win some prizes, and hope to arrange a bingo evening for parents and kids for some time next spring.



Where the money is spent.....

The PTA has purchased a set of 10 litter pickers at the request of the school. It has also recently purchased two Go Pro cameras to film the activities of the pupils as part of the digital learning project. The aim is for the children themselves to record their activities and make films which can be shown at Assembly.

Further items are also under consideration.



If anyone is interested in coming to the next PTA meeting (date to be confirmed) please pass your name to the office and we will be in touch with you. It would be great to see some fresh faces at the next meeting.