

# Bonnyrigg Primary Newsletter

December 2017



## **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

The last day of term will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. We will close at 12.00 noon for all school pupils. Only morning nursery children will attend on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. (Afternoon children will attend on the last morning of the summer term). Nursery will close at 11.40am on that day. Please ensure that all children are collected on time.

## **STAFFING**

Miss Herbert will be leaving us at the end of term to start her maternity leave. Mrs Douglas is returning from maternity leave and will replace Miss Herbert in P1C. Miss Henderson will now teach the class on a Monday and Tuesday with Mrs Douglas teaching on a Wednesday and Thursday and alternating on a Friday.

Mrs Brandwood will be leaving on 12<sup>th</sup> January to start her maternity leave. We welcome Mr Yin Cheng who will be with P3B for the remainder of the year. Mr Yin Cheng has been with us for a few weeks now and is getting to know the pupils in school.

## **CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

If you do not want your child to take part in any Christmas activities – ie church service, parties or nativity performances etc please send a letter in to the class teacher detailing your reasons.

## **HEADLICE**

Please check your child's hair regularly for headlice. There have been cases in both school and nursery. We have information on our website in how to treat these.

## **LETTERS HOME**

We have had queries as to how we communicate with parents. We try to email most letters to save paper. However we do send letters in paper form if a tear off slip is required or a permission slip needs completed. We only send texts as a last resort to chase, as texts cost the school money.

## **PARENTPAY**

We are now using Parentpay as our method of accepting payment for trips, milk and lunches in school. Nursery parents can pay their TOPPS through this too.

Please remember to activate your Parentpay account using the information given in previous correspondence. If you have lost your activation letter or are having problems please call the school office on 0131 271 4570 for help.

## **SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION AND/OR POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSURE**

In anticipation of adverse weather conditions, I would like to remind everyone of our procedures. Severe weather can result in school closures due to both pupils and staff being unable to come to school, experiencing difficulties in getting home or due to loss of services, e.g. power failure.

The most up to date information can be found on the Midlothian Council website:  
[www.midlothian.gov.uk](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk)

Midlothian Council updates the website whenever a decision has been made, gives details of when to expect further information and notifies the radio stations below:

**Forth 1 - 197.3fm, Forth 2 - 1548am, Heart FM – 100-101fm, Black Diamond FM –107fm**

Radio Forth also update their website very frequently throughout the day: [www.forth2.com](http://www.forth2.com) and [www.forthone.com](http://www.forthone.com)

If Bonnyrigg Primary School is not mentioned on Midlothian Council's website, or the radio, then the school is open.

If you make a decision not to send your child to school because of concerns regarding the weather, please phone the school on 0131 271 4570, as soon as possible. Please avoid phoning the school to check if it is open as this ties up lines which may be needed for an emergency.

Unexpected or Unplanned Closures: If it becomes necessary to close the school during a school day we will text you, or your contacts, to arrange for your child to be collected. Decisions taken will give paramount importance to the welfare and safety of the children and staff. Please ensure that the school has your most current contact details, and emergency contact details.

- Staff in school will liaise with staff in the After School Club in this event
- When you, or a designated adult comes to collect your child, please come to the front door (nursery door on a Friday afternoon) to sign your child out

### Access to School on Icy/Snowy days

At Bonnyrigg, to help provide safe access to school on icy/ snowy days, please refer to the adjacent plan, showing the footpaths which will be cleared by facilities staff.

The janitor will try and assess the playground on a daily basis.

Children should enter by the nearest cleared doorway and then access their own area from inside the building, including Nursery pupils. The three prioritised routes will be at the lower atrium entrance, nursery entrance and the Front entrance to the school. We would rather children arrived a few minutes late, than line up outside. Please ensure that children are dressed appropriately as we try to let them play outside if at all possible.

### Rainy Days/Wet Mornings

When it is raining first thing in the morning children are allowed into school at 8.40 am. Please allow your children to enter themselves and do not come in with them to get changed. We encourage children to do this for themselves and there are always Learning Assistants available to help.

