



## STRATHBLANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

January 2010

### NEWSLETTER



#### Happy New Year

We hope that everyone who managed to come along to see Stable Manners, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009, enjoyed the children's performances.

Thanks to the Parent Council and Fundraisers for their contributions to the school's Christmas festivities this year. We had fun at the parties and loved having the man in the red suit come to visit us. As well as enjoying the School Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January – the children loved having crackers to pull.

#### P7 Pantomime Sleeping Beauty

We are delighted to announce that the Primary 7 pupils will be putting on a performance of Sleeping Beauty in the **Edmonstone Hall**. Tickets are now on sale for

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm and 7.30pm**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm**

Tickets can be purchased from the school office for **£4.00 adult, £3 per child**.

We are hoping to hold a raffle and any profits made will be donated to the charity CHAS. We would therefore gratefully receive any donations! We hope you will support this worthy charity and look forward to seeing a fabulous turn out!

#### Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15 pm, in the school computer suite. The minutes of the previous meeting are on the school notice board and the Parent Council website - <http://strathparentcouncil.org/>

If you go to the Parent Council website and add your own email address to the mailing list, you will receive the latest information direct to your own email inbox!

#### T-shirts in House Colours

New school PE t-shirts will be launched in January. These will be available in the three house colours (purple, red and yellow) in sizes from 3-4 to 11-12. These are plain dye cotton t-shirts with the Strathblane Primary School crest on them. Children will be encouraged to wear either the school PE t-shirt or an alternative t-shirt in their house colour for PE in school, extra-curricular sports and sports day. School PE t-shirts will cost £3.90 and will be available to order in the New Year.

For any further information, please speak to Traci Leven (01360 770362) or Ruth Reynolds (0141 956 6909).

#### Scripture Union

Scripture Union Club meets in the school's computer room every Wednesday at 12:45-1:15p.m.

#### Active Schools Activities

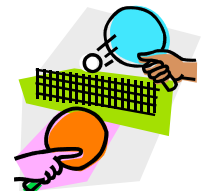
**Cross country** training sessions are planned for pupils in Primary 6 and 7 on the following Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime: 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January. We will then enter a 4 teams of 6 ; one for primary 6 boys, one for primary 6 girls, one for primary 7 boys and one for primary 7 girls to the Stirling Schools Cross-Country Event on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.

#### Tops play for Primary 1 pupils will be at 3:15p.m. on the following Mondays:

11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> February

#### Table tennis for Primary 4 pupils will be at 3:15p.m. on the following

**Thursdays:**  
14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup>  
February 2010



There will be **Health workshops** held, by the Scottish Rocks Basketball Team on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010, for the pupils in **Primary 5,6 and 7**.

### **Somersault into 2010**

There is a new and exciting development in sport for the Balfron cluster with the launch of the new Balfron Gymnastics Club.

The club will run on a Saturday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm and will be based at Balfron High School. Children over 5 years of age and of all abilities will be welcomed into the club. The first session will be on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of January so come along and join in the fun.

If you would like to join the club or for more information on how to join please contact Hazel Dean (Sport Development Officer – gymnastics) or Lyndsay Morrison (Active Schools Coordinator) on 01786 432323.

### **Pupil Health and Safety**

Please note that children should not bring any nuts or peanut butter etc. to school. This could endanger the health and well-being of some children who have severe allergic reactions to nut products.

To help reduce the likelihood of illnesses circulating within the school, could we ask that parents please follow guidance to keep children off school for 48 hours after vomiting and/or diarrhoea? The guidelines are in place to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Your co-operation with this will be greatly appreciated.

### **Support for Learning Assistant**

Interviews were held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010. An offer of appointment has been made to Marian Hoyle. Marian is an experienced Support for Learning Assistant, and we look forward to welcoming her to the staff team on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### **Additional Support for Learning Teacher**

I'm delighted to announce that Mrs Linda Stewart started with us on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Mrs Stewart is currently working on a temporary contract until the Easter school holidays. She will be working with children every morning on Mondays to Fridays until Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

### **Student Placements**

This term we will be working with a student from Stirling University. Mr Sam Simpson starts his placement with us on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, and will work in the school until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

### **Some Dates for your Diary**

#### **Enrolment of Primary 1**

Children due to start school in August 2010 should be enrolled this week on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January or Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January (10 – 11:30a.m. or 2 – 3:15p.m.)

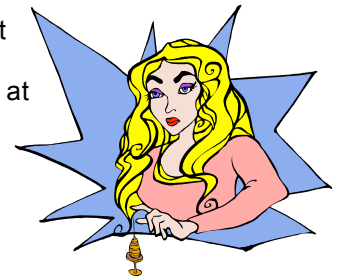
#### **Celtic Connections Concert**



The local Burns' Club have kindly arranged, and paid for the transport for the pupils in primary 5 and 6 to attend one of the free educational concerts that form part of the Celtic Connections programme of events. The pupils in Primary 5 and 6 will go to the Burns Concert, at the Royal Concert Hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

#### **Sleeping Beauty Panto**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm  
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#### **Holiday dates**

The school will closed from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010(Inclusive)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February are the allocated days for the mid-term holiday. Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February are staff development days.

Please find attached to this newsletter the holiday dates for school session 2010 – 2011. There's also a letter detailing the procedures for ordering and paying for school lunches.

#### **Working in Partnership with Parents**

To help further improve the working partnership that we have with parents and carers, Miss Spencer and Miss Logan would like to provide parents with the opportunity to meet with them informally, once a month. We hoped to be able to discuss topics that are relevant to education and the school setting. Our first focus topic will be Child Protection. We propose to meet on the first Friday of each month at 2:15p.m.

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

We look forward to meeting with as many parents as can make it.