

Welcome to our February News Round up!

Congratulations

Our Sumdog Trophy arrived in school this week. Back in September pupils in Primary 5 – Primary 7 took part in this mathematical/technology competition and we came out as top school overall in Scotland. Now that we have our trophy, look out for picture in the local press!

Lateness

School begins promptly at 9.00am. We currently have a number of children arriving late. This can be unsettling for youngsters as they try to catch-up on early morning routines. Please help your child by leaving 5 minutes earlier in this cold weather. We are duty bound to record lateness on registers if after 9.10am.

Vanessa Riddle Appeal

Our Pupil council have decided to support the above appeal by holding a dress down day on February, 3 February. Children should come in casual clothes, making a minimum 50p donation in order to do so.

Scottish Coffee Morning

We have decided to do things a little differently this year. Since 25 January all pupils have been learning a Scottish poem and song. Usually we keep performances internal to school. This year we are opening our doors, holding a community coffee morning from 9.15am – 10.30am. During this time the children will provide the entertainment for all who join us for coffee. No set agenda, no stage, no set order or time for each class, just beautiful voices and entertainment throughout the morning, so come along and join us if you are able.

Reports and Parents' Evening

Parents' evenings (for Nursery – P7) will take place on Wednesday, 28 and Thursday, 29 March. Parents will receive a written report on their child's progress prior to this.

After school/ Lunchtime Clubs

This term sees the following clubs take place:-

Monday lunch time – Running P5, 6 and 7

Monday 3.00pm – Football P5, P6 and P7

Tuesday 3.00pm – Netball P5, P6 and P7

Wednesday lunchtime – Scripture Union P6 and P7

Wednesday 3.00pm – Active Schools Zumba P1 & 2 (ends 8 Feb)

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child's name is marked on items of School Uniform, especially Fleece Jackets and Sweatshirts.

We have a large pile of 'lost' items which have been gathering since the start of term. If your child has lost a sweatshirt or fleece it may be worth having a look in the lost and found box.

Water Bottles

Many of our pupils take advantage of the water supplied through our water cooler by bringing their own water bottles and filling them up daily.

Cashless Catering System

The Cashless system now used in the school cafeteria, on the whole, is working well. The envelopes used for topping up accounts are available from each classroom, the school office and from the cafeteria.

Absence

Parents are reminded that if your child is off School we would appreciate a phone call as early as possible (there are staff in the School from 8.15am) to notify us of your child's absence.

Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be in the School on Monday, 22 February at 7.00pm.

Fabric appeal

Our stock of fabric, which is used for art activities, (collage, etc), has become depleted. If you have any off cuts of fabric, old curtains, or cushion covers, which you do not require then we will be delighted to take them off your hands!

Diary Dates

Thursday, 9 February	Scottish Coffee morning
Friday, 10 February	School closed
Monday, 13 February	School closed
Tuesday, 14 February	School closed to pupils. Inservice for staff.
Wednesday, 22 February	Skipping workshop for all pupils
Wednesday, 28 March	Parents' Evening
Thursday, 29 March	Parents' Evening
Friday, 30 March	School closes for Spring holiday
Monday, 16 April	School re-opens for staff and pupils

Newsletter by e-mail

If you wish to receive your Newsletter by e-mail in the future could you please let us have your e-mail address by sending an e-mail to Symington.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

The children are often given additional letters about important matters. **Please look in your child's schoolbag regularly for these – please don't rely on your child's memory – otherwise you may miss some important message.**

Symington Primary School



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