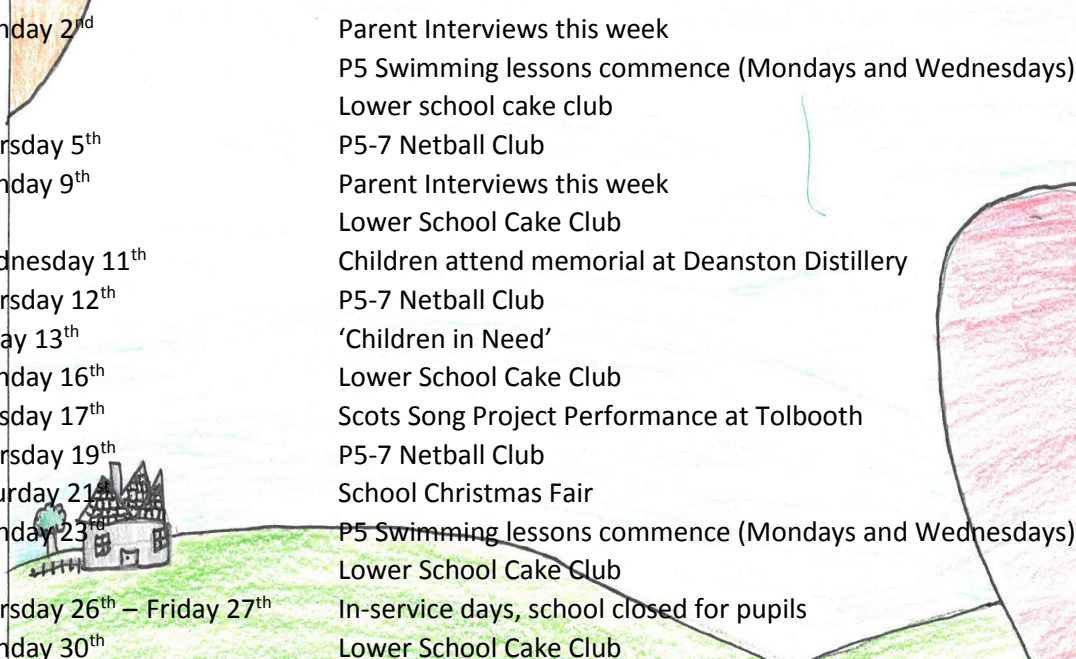


Deanston Primary School October Newsletter

Our Pupil Council ran a competition to design a logo to go with our school motto of 'Small School, Big Heart'. Competition was fierce and we had lots of very good entries but Tilly Crawford's was the winning entry. Well done Tilly! We will use Tilly's logo for newsletters and other school communications.

We have a very exciting and busy time ahead! Auditions have taken place and rehearsals are starting for our Christmas show which will be Road Dahl's "Jack and Beanstalk". There will be 2 performances, 2-3 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. on December the 10th. We will be in touch soon re costumes etc.

Please find below some dates for your diary for November:



Monday 2 nd	Parent Interviews this week P5 Swimming lessons commence (Mondays and Wednesdays)
Thursday 5 th	Lower school cake club
Monday 9 th	P5-7 Netball Club Parent Interviews this week
Wednesday 11 th	Lower School Cake Club
Thursday 12 th	Children attend memorial at Deanston Distillery
Friday 13 th	P5-7 Netball Club
Monday 16 th	'Children in Need'
Tuesday 17 th	Lower School Cake Club
Thursday 19 th	Scots Song Project Performance at Tolbooth
Saturday 21 st	P5-7 Netball Club
Monday 23 rd	School Christmas Fair
Thursday 26 th – Friday 27 th	P5 Swimming lessons commence (Mondays and Wednesdays)
Monday 30 th	Lower School Cake Club

Enrolment

The following information is for anyone who has a child starting in P1 in August 2016.

The 2016/2017 school year starts on 23rd August 2016. This is the only date for beginning primary school education for that year. All children who are five years old on or before 23rd August 2015 are of school age and **must** start their primary education on that date. Children who are five years old between 23rd August 2016 and 28th February 2017 **may** start their primary school education on 23rd August 2015 for the above school year.

Please enrol your child on **Tuesday 12th January 2015 between 9.00am and 10.00am or 2.00pm and 3.00pm or Friday 15th January 2015 between 9.00am and 10.00am or 2.00pm and 3.00pm**. If any parent is unable to attend on these dates please contact the school. As part of this process Stirling Council now checks the residency of all parents wishing to enrol their child at their catchment school. To avoid delay parents should attend their catchment school with their child's birth certificate, child benefit book/award letter, Tax Credit award letter, and a recent Council Tax Bill.

Placing requests for session 2016/2017 should be made in writing no later than 15th March 2016. Application forms and guidelines are available from Children, You People & Education, Municipal Buildings, 8-10 Corn Exchange Road, Stirling on 01786 233185. Your right applies to a request that your child be placed in a school other than the school which normally serves the area in which you live. **Please note however, it is essential that you enrol your child at the school that serves your local area even if you are making a placing request for another school.** Please note that if your placing request is successful school transport will not be provided for your child.

Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who returned the recent questionnaire asking how well you think we are doing and the things we need to improve; we always appreciate your feedback.

Scots Song Project

The children have been working hard and enjoying learning the songs and are really looking forward to sharing their performance with you on the 17th of November. Please remember to send back any extra tickets as I have a waiting list of people who would like to come.

Poppy Appeal

If your child wishes to have a poppy, there are poppies for sale in school until 11th November. Memorial service 10.45 at Deanston Distillery, all welcome.

Autumn/Winter Days and Nights

The luminous safety vests for lower and arm bands for upper school children will be distributed next week. Children should wear them coming to and from school every day. We will collect them back in again when the clocks 'spring forward'!

Please ensure that children bring jackets to school with them every day; we endeavour to try and get the children outside wherever possible and this is not always manageable when children don't have coats or jackets with them.


Citizenship Groups

Our health group is running a healthy tuck shop on Friday mornings; a note of items for sale and prices is sent home with the children each Thursday as well as information posted on the Parent Council Facebook Page. The Pupil Council is responsible for fundraising and events; their next event is Children in Need on 13th November 2015, there will be more details to follow. The Eco Group have been preparing our school grounds for autumn; tidying and weeding.

Parent Council

A huge thanks to the Parent Council for organising and running the Hallowe'en disco – the school was host to wide variety of ghosts, ghouls and vampires and a great time was had by all!

The Christmas Fair is on Saturday 21st November 12-2 p.m. Please come along, bring a friend and bring money! This is our main school fundraising event for the year and is always great fun!

Angela Maxwell

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