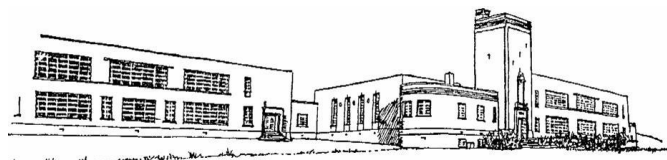


# CHIRNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Welcome to our February newsletter.

As you will see from the upcoming events and information contained in this month's newsletter, we are continuing to offer pupils new and exciting opportunities to develop their learning in as many ways as possible.

From science workshops, to Olympic sports taster sessions, to class assemblies, to Burns celebrations, the opportunities open to pupils are broad and varied.

This reflects our understanding of our pupils as individual learners. Each child is unique in terms of their interests, skills and aptitudes, and this is reflected in each child's learning journey both at school and at home.

We wish to develop our approaches to recognising children's wider achievements in their learning out with school. This will enable us to build a more holistic learning picture of all our pupils. We would like parents and families to help pupils in

recognising these achievements, no matter how big or small, as they are important to our children in their own unique way. Recognising a child's wider achievement will encourage them to continue with enthusiasm and motivation on their own learning journey and build resilience for the future. Encouraging children to have a 'love for learning' is an important life skill for their future.

Please see the information on 'Wider Achievement' in this newsletter for ideas in how you can encourage your child's love for learning.

Sincerely,

*Nicholas Trussler*

Kind regards,

Nick Trussler - Head Teacher



### Upcoming Events

- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Burns Lunch and P7 Burns Celebrations
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – In-service day – Pupil Holiday
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February – HOLIDAY
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Generation Science Workshop P6
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Berwickshire Schools' Cross Country Championships
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Generation Science Workshop P1
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Generation Science Workshop P5
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Rag Bag Collection
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Pupil Discos: See newsletter for times
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Council meeting at 7.30pm
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday Holiday
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Evening Appointments 5-7pm
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive) – Easter Holiday
- School reopens on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Week of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April-Big Pedal Initiative

## Resilient Schools Update

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I met with our Parent Council last week to explain the Resilient Schools procedures we have in place, should there be a need to close Scottish Borders schools due to adverse weather. As we have endured torrential rain, high winds and a variety of winter weather in recent weeks, we may still face some adverse weather before spring and therefore our Resilient Schools arrangements are listed below for your information.

- Parents will be notified by 'Group Call' that Resilient Schools arrangements are in place. This is the responsibility of staff at Head Quarters. Information updates will be available via Radio Borders and the SBC Website. **Please ensure we have the most up to date mobile number for you and contact the school office with your new number.**

### What does this mean for Chirnside Primary School?

Due to expected resilient schools staff being available on a vastly reduced basis, should Resilient Schools be invoked, the following arrangements have been planned for:

- Mrs. Jayne Waite, Head Teacher of Swinton and Greenlaw Primary Schools will manage the school.
- Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7 stages will be open Monday to Friday.
- Primary 4 will be open Tuesday to Friday only.
- ELCC (Nursery) will be open Monday to Friday.
- Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3 will be closed.
- **Only pupils who usually walk to school should attend.** The final decision for these pupils to attend lies with the parent.
- Due to reduced staffing numbers because of available Resilient Schools staff, we are able to open P4-P7 based on the known walking pupil numbers. Therefore, pupils who usually travel on school transport, or with parents from outside the village, **should not attend school.**
- A number of home-school learning activities are available for parents and pupils to download from the school website at the following links:
  - ELCC and Primary 1: <http://chirnside.weebly.com/nursery-and-p1-learning-activities.html>
  - Primary 2 – Primary 4: <http://chirnside.weebly.com/p2-p3-and-p4-learning-activities.html>
  - Primary 5 – Primary 7: <http://chirnside.weebly.com/p5-p6-and-p7-learning-activities.html>

## All Things Green

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Under the direction of Mrs Gordon and our Eco-Committee, classes have started work with Anna Craigen on a new project called 'All Things Green'. The project has the focus of developing ways of establishing wildlife and sustainable eco systems in school grounds. Anna explained the project at a recent assembly and then visited classes to gather the ideas of the children to develop a school plan. She is now exploring funding sources to bring the children's ideas to life.

## ***Parent Council Update***

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### **Easy Fundraising**

Support the school by SHOPPING! Over 2000 retailers, including Next, Amazon & John Lewis will make a donation to the school every time you shop. Follow the link below to find out more.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochirnside/?t=Easyfundraising-lo&v=a&](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochirnside/?t=Easyfundraising-lo&v=a&)

### **Up and coming events**


- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Pupil Discos 6-7pm ELCC to P3 / 7.15 – 8.15pm P4 to P7
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm Parent Council Meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Evenings – School Photographer exhibition and consultation.
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 10am in Chirnside Community Centre - Spring Coffee Morning

### **Easy Fundraising Opportunity**

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**Next  
PARENT COUNCIL  
Meeting**



**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
At 7.30pm**  
In Chirnside Primary School  
All Parents Encouraged to Attend

### **Contacting Chirnside Parent Council**

The Parent Council has a set up new email address. If parents would like to receive communications from the Parent Council such as minutes from our meetings or request discussion items to be added to meeting agendas, please send an email to the following email address - [Chirnsidepc@aol.co.uk](mailto:Chirnsidepc@aol.co.uk).

Parents can also receive information from the Parent Council by liking the school Facebook page.

## ***FAIR-AWARE Award***

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We were pleased to receive our FAIR-AWARE School award this month, in recognition of the work and developments led by Primary 6 last year on Fairtrade. Mrs Easton and our current Primary 6 class will continue this work and make a bid for our FAIRTRADE School award before the summer break.



## Breakfast Club

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A reminder that Breakfast Club is open to all primary pupils from 8.30am to 8.50am (last orders 8.45am). Breakfast Club is free to all pupils who wish to attend.  
On offer is cereal, fruit, milk and water.

## P5 Bikeability Level 1

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As we continue to develop our broad curriculum opportunities for pupils, we have enlisted the help of Keith Irving to deliver a Bikeability 1 course for all Primary 5 pupils on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March. The focus of the course is developing bike handling skills with pupils that are a pre-requisite for Bikeability 2 training offered in Primary 6 and Primary 7. All pupils will be provided with a bike and helmet to take part. More information to follow!

## Head Lice

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Dear Parent,

### Hitting The Problem on the Head!


Bug busting is a method of cleaning head lice from wet hair with a bug-busting comb. It is easiest to detect them with the Bug Busting comb straight after ordinary hair washing. Children can fill in a chart at home with the family.

So – starting on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January and every third night afterwards, we are asking whole families to follow the Bug Busting regime – **Wash – Rinse – Condition – Comb – see the attached leaflet.** If all headlice are removed, your child will come to school without fear of spreading or catching them.

Cases of head lice have been reduced by 90% where Bug Busting has been done. By holding this awareness campaign, we hope to reduce the head lice problem in school. You can easily buy headlice combs at local pharmacies and they only cost a few pence or you can apply to get the Nitty Gritty comb on the minor ailments scheme run by pharmacies. Conditioner does not need to be an expensive brand either.

If you wish any further advice about Bug Busting please contact Katrina Fairbairn – School Nurse for your child's primary school on 018907 50363.

Yours sincerely  
Katrina Fairbairn  
School Nurse



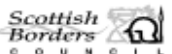



## Head Lice

### Wet combing ('Bug Busting') technique

A good way to detect head lice & get rid of the lice if done regularly

- Wash the hair and then dry until damp with a towel
- Make sure there is good light. Daylight is best
- Untangle with a normal comb and then wet with conditioner
- Examine for nits and lice with a special head lice comb
- Begin at the root of the hair to the edge of the hair
- Work round in sections. This may take 15 minutes or longer to do properly
- After each stroke, look closely at the teeth of the comb for lice. If necessary use a tissue to wipe the conditioner off the comb and look for lice in it. Head lice are small insects, often not much bigger than a pin head, but can be the size of a sesame seed
- Stick a moving living louse to a piece of paper and cover with clear adhesive tape. Show this to the nurse, pharmacist or GP for confirmation and advice if you wish to use a chemical method to kill them
- Clean the comb under the tap. A nailbrush may help
- Do this every 3 days for two weeks if a louse is found

- Continue if live lice are still found after two weeks. Seek advice from local pharmacist, school/practice nurse, community nurse, health visitor or GP
- Report any infection to a school or playgroup
- It is not necessary to wash sheets or pillow cases



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## Class Assemblies

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Remaining dates for class assemblies this school session are as follows:

Primary 3 – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 9.20am

Primary 4 – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.20am

Primary 6 – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9.20am

Parents of pupils in these classes are invited to attend and stay for tea and coffee afterwards in the canteen.

## Burns Winners

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We were joined by Mr Cockburn and Mr Turnbull of Whiteadder Burns Club on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February for our annual Scots and Burns Poetry Competition. Both judges were very complimentary of the standard of performance from all the class finalists. Results were as follows:

Primary 1 – ‘Mince and Tatties’ – 1<sup>st</sup> Millie Jane Shennan; 2<sup>nd</sup> Holly Myhill; 3<sup>rd</sup> Rhys Simpson.

Primary 2 – ‘Street Talk’ – 1<sup>st</sup> Miley Turner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Israel North; 3<sup>rd</sup> Tess Crilly.

Primary 3 – ‘Crocodile’ – 1<sup>st</sup> Wiktoria Demska ; 2<sup>nd</sup> Naomi Trussler; 3<sup>rd</sup> Carys Snowball.

Primary 4 – ‘Meg o’ the Mill’ – 1<sup>st</sup> Keira Pemble; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kenzie Halliday; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vaimante Bugenyte.

Primary 5 – ‘My Love is Like a Red Red Rose’ – 1<sup>st</sup> India Sadler; 2<sup>nd</sup> Madelaine Clark; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sally May North.

Primary 6 – ‘Willie Wastle’ – 1<sup>st</sup> Rebecca Richards; 2<sup>nd</sup> Keira McGregor; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ashley Girdwood.

Primary 7 – ‘Scots Wa’Hae’ – 1<sup>st</sup> Sam Brady; 2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver Stewart; 3<sup>rd</sup> Archie Langley.

Overall P1-P3 Winner: Wiktoria Demska

Overall P4-P7 Winner: Rebecca Richards

This year’s Burns Lunch will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a menu change on this day for all pupils.

Primary 7 will be holding their Burns Lunch for visitors from 13.15. This year we would like to invite parents of Primary 7 pupils to attend and join in the festivities with their children.

Class winners will perform at the Burns Lunch. P4-P7 class winners will have the opportunity to travel to the Borders Burns Festival in March.



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**Safer Internet Day 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

The UK Safer Internet Centre is running again a Safer Internet Day on **9<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.**

Have a look at the following link **sign up and join in.**

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2016/spread-the-word>

## Wider Achievement

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From Week beginning **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February**, we would like to ask parents to encourage their children to bring in items from home that demonstrate their achievements out with school.

Examples such as photographs, badges from Cubs or Brownies, certificates, a short note of praise from a family member or friend etc. should show an achievement or success related to the child's interests or hobbies.

Pupils will have regular opportunities in class to record these in a 'scrap book' format in their Learning Logs. Through exploring and discussing the evidence recorded in their wider achievement section, pupils will have the opportunity to share their wider achievement with their peers, class teacher, parents and visitors.

### Why is it important to recognise and celebrate wider achievement?

In these areas of wider achievement, it is likely that pupils will have been able to pursue these interests due to the support and encouragement of their parents and family. In partnership with parents, we can help to recognise and celebrate pupils' wider achievements. This is important so as to:

- Promote pupil's self confidence
- Broaden children's aspirations and future interests
- Encourage future progress and commitment to their individual interests
- Promote children's development as confident individuals, effective contributors, responsible citizens and successful learners.

"Pupils will need help from parents in order to bring in sources of evidence such as photographs, drawings, pieces of writing, and copies of certificates. The value to the child comes from the conversation parents have with their child about their success and the effort that has led to their achievement."

### How will we celebrate a child's wider achievements?

At Chirnside Primary School, we use several approaches to recognise and celebrate wider achievement for a variety of purposes and with a wide range of audiences.

- Whole School Assemblies – we provide opportunities for individual pupils and groups of pupils to share their achievements with the whole school.
- Class Achievement Books – classes record the achievements of individual pupils in their Class Achievement Book, providing an opportunity to promote individual identity and team recognition within the class group.
- The Chirnside Chat – provides an opportunity for classes to share their learning and successes with our school community.
- School Website – each class has a page on our website to share their learning journey with the whole world.

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## Would you like our newsletter by email?

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## Olympic Passport Opportunities Coming Soon

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Marianne O'Brien has been in touch to let us know that the following opportunities will be open to pupils at Chirnside Primary School on Friday afternoons. Initial information is as follows:

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – 11<sup>th</sup> March ( Olympic Sessions of Rugby/Basketball (P1-3)/ & Tennis)

- P1-3 12.20 – 1.20pm
- P4 – 7 1.30 – 2.30pm

Further information and registration forms will be sent home in the next few days.

## A Photograph from the Past

*We were recently contacted via our website and sent the photograph(right) of Chirnside pupils circa 1937 (when our current school building was under construction). Pupils in the photograph are named below.*

*We were wondering if there were any family connections to current pupils and their families? We're looking forward to your comments below. Please share!!*

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BACK ROW.  
A. UMPHERSON. A. BLACK. J. ROBSON. W. PERRIE. H. SIMMONS. D. BARLING. J. BLACK  
MIDDLE ROW.  
A. HUNTER. (MR. FRAZER)  
F. OLIVER. G. PATTERSON. F. FRANK. J. DUNN. D. BLYTH. G. SOUTHALL. B. GREY. L. HAY. J. BROWN.  
FRONT ROW.  
M. YOUNG.  
B. DUFF. J. ROBERTSON. A. STEWART. K. STEWART. C. DEWAR. N. COWIE. K. STEVENSON.  
D. WILSON. L. MILLAR.

## ***Term, holiday and closure dates for the remainder of 2015-16***

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### **Winter term**

Thursday 11 February 2016	Pupils break, February holiday
Friday 12 February 2016	Staff in service day
Wednesday 17 February 2016	All resume
Friday 25 March 2016	Good Friday, school closed
Friday 1 April 2016	All break, term ends

### **Summer term**

Monday 18 April 2016	All resume
Friday 29 April 2016	Staff in service day
Monday 2 May 2016	May Day holiday, school closed
Wednesday 29 June 2016	All break, term end
Casual holiday: Berwickshire Monday 30 May 2016	