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The core values for our school community are:-
Responsibility, Courage, Equality, Respect and Honesty

Dates for your diary

October

4th
P4-7 visit from community librarian.

4th & 11th
P4-7 after-school ball skills club. 3-4pm

10th
P4-7 tag rugby festival at Biggar Rugby Club. 10-12 midday. Parents can come along to spectate.

Work experience pupil from Biggar High will join us for the week.

11th
P1-7 tooth brushing visit from Pamela Duffy.
13th
Parents’ Evening

14th
Coulter pensioners invited along to our annual soup day.

17th-21st
Holidays

24th-31st October 14th 28th November
P4-7 tag rugby coaching in school.

25th
P7 parent and child Open Evening at Biggar High School.

27th
Library van visiting. Please remember to return any books you have borrowed.

28th
Halloween disco in Lamington Primary for pupils of Coulter and Lamington and their friends. We would once again appreciate donations of Halloween treats, so we can give each child a goody bag (no nuts please). Donations can be sent to the school office at your earliest convenience.
Tickets £2 per child. 6.30-8pm. Please complete slip below to order tickets.

November
1st
Photographer
Thursday 13th October now changed to Tuesday 1st November. Photographer from Tempest.
Childsmile visiting

3rd
Parent Council meeting 7pm.

7th
P4-7 netball and benchball at Biggar High School

10th
Flu nasal sprays available for P1-7 if you have completed consent form. [Link](http://www.immunisationscotland.org.uk/vaccines-and-diseases/seasonalflu/childflu.aspx?utm_campaign=childflu&utm_source=print)

16th
Bag2school uplift. Please return bags before 9am. Our May collection raised £74.40

18th
Coulter Christmas Fair in Coulter hall. Please come along and support this event. (more information to follow from Parent Council)

Children in Need (more information to follow from Pupil Council)

21st
In-service day. Pupils should not attend

22nd
P7 Rotary quiz

28th
P1-3 Skipping at Biggar High School
**Useful information and returns**

- The felling of Coultershaw Wood will be starting this week. No timber lorries will be passing the school during the following times:-

  8.15-9am school start (Mon to Fri)
  
  2.30-3.30pm school finish (Mon to Fri)
  
  4- 4.30pm After School activities (Tue & Thur)
  
  10.30-10.45am & 12.15-1pm Break times (when children are in playgrounds/walking home for lunch)

  The link below takes you to a YouTube video showing lorries similar to those that will be used at Coultershaw. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZG3KrUQqa2A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZG3KrUQqa2A)

- We raised £30 from our August dress up/down day. The Pupil Council has still to decide what charity we will be supporting. Thank you once again for your support.

- Our school chaplaincy team consists of Biggar minister Mike Fucella and Alex Kelly. The team visits 6 times per session.

  This session our RME lessons focus on:-

  **P1-3**
  - Relationships with others
  - Weddings in different religions (probably will compare Hindu and Christian)
  - Winter traditions - Christmas
  - Ramadan and Eid

  **P4-7**
  - Relationships : Rights and Responsibilities
  - Seasonal festivals of world religions
  - Key figures from Christianity and Judaism - what can we learn from them?

  Can I remind parents that you have the right to withdraw your child from Religious Moral Education lessons, visits by the Chaplin, nativity and school services, Christmas parties, receiving of Christmas party gifts, are also at the discretion of the parent. Please let the office know if you wish to withdraw your child from any of the above mentioned.
- Please remember to check annual calendar for dates Blantyre Credit Union collection. Please bring passbook and money. Deposits can also be made fortnightly on Thursdays http://www.blantyrecreditunion.org.uk/ Applications for membership can be requested from the school office.

  Thanks to Mrs Poole for supporting the children with the collections.

- Help us to keep healthy over the winter period by following the advice below from NHS Health Scotland.

  I have also included the official NHS guidance on exclusion periods for a variety of illnesses your child may contract. If in doubt please contact the school for advice on whether you should send your child when they are unwell. Copies can also be downloaded from our website.

**PE**

P1-3  Monday & Wednesday
P4-7  Tuesday & Thursday

- Please ensure your child has their kit (shorts, t-shirt and suitable gym shoes) and anyone with long hair has it tied back.
- P1-3 no ties and shirts please on PE days so we can speed up changing!
- Wellies and waterproofs can also be sent on wet days so your child has the choice to play outside.
Art
Please send an old top to school that can be used as an apron during art lessons.

- We can no longer allow electronic devices to be brought to school for Golden Time. Can I remind parents if your child brings a mobile phone/ipod to school we would ask for it to be handed in to the school office for return at 3pm. Our mobile phone policy can be downloaded from the website. Children should also only bring toys in on a Friday for Golden Time. Please nothing precious as accidents can happen! NO toy weapons are allowed in school e.g. SWORDS, SHIELDS, LIGHTSABRES etc.

- Please send your child to school with a bottle of water. Refills are available after lunch.

- Please note we can't administer medication to your child unless you have completed a medicine consent form. Forms can be requested from the office or downloaded from the website.

- School Uniform orders can now be placed on website. A £2.99 delivery charge will apply. [http://scotcrestschools.co.uk/Find-Your-School/South-Lanarkshire](http://scotcrestschools.co.uk/Find-Your-School/South-Lanarkshire)
New goods are on offer - cardigans, v-neck sweatshirts, slipovers, knitted hats, PE t-shirts, elasticated ties and bags.

- School uniform
Children should wear school colours - burgundy sweatshirt/hoodie/cardigan, white polo shirt and grey or black bottoms. I'd like to thank you for your support with this matter. Please do not send your child to school in jeans or football colours. All jewellery should be removed for PE days. Could you please also ensure your child's clothing has his/her name on it.

- School ties priced £2.60 (not £3.25 as stated on order form) are available to buy from school office. Elasticated ties can be ordered from the website.
• Please note we can no longer accept homemade birthday cakes. If you wish your child to bring a cake to school it must be bought from a shop!

• Please check out www.parentzonescotland.com This website is jam packed with useful information for parents/carers.

• Please note that the school owns the copyright to any photographs displayed on the school website. If you wish to copy them onto facebook/other social media you need (a) the consent of the school and (b) the consent of the parents of the other children in the photos. Please note if the picture is of your individual child(ren) then the school has no objection to you using the image.

• Microsoft Office is available to download for free on to your home computer via your child’s glow page. There is a tile (picture opposite) Download Office Now. Click on tile and office will be downloaded to your device. Please contact Mrs Kennedy if you need support with the download.

• Our school handbook is available to view on our website - http://www.coulter-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/handbook.htm

• Head Lice
It is good practice to check your child’s hair regularly. Further information can be found at http://www.healthscotland.com/uploads/documents/25-HeadLice.pdf

• Bus Information
Please stand inside the school gates when you are picking your child(ren) up at 3pm so the bus can quickly and safely turn right on to the road. Your support with this matter is appreciated.
Classic Cars, Symington

We are very keen to see your child’s journey to and from school is happy and safe. Please let the driver know if your child is absent or if they will not be returning home by taxi. Pupil behaviour is the responsibility of the parent/guardian whilst travelling on school transport.
If your child is having problems on the taxi, let the school know and we will do all we can to sort things out.

Contacts
Education Support Services 01698 454102
South Lanarkshire council
Education Resources
Council Offices
Almada Street
Hamilton
ML3 0AE

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) 0141 333 3360
131 St Vincent Street
Glasgow
G2 5JF

Complaints can be recorded online at :-
http://www.spt.co.uk/corporate/about/our-services/subsidised-bus-services/schools-transport-complaint-form/

- Fundraising
  Remember you can help raise funds for the school by going to our website homepage and clicking on easyfundraising link and registering www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/coulterprimary. You can also download the easyfundraising app!

- School dinners are payable daily (P1-3 free, P4-7 £1.60 Only water is available with meal but milk can be bought for 20p). Can I please ask that your child(ren) know what they are having for lunch each day. This will ensure they are ordering meals that they will eat. Your support with this matter is appreciated. Current menus can be requested from office or can be downloaded from website. Please let the office know by calling/email if your child is a home lunch.
The links below can be used to apply for free school meals (P4-7) and clothing grants:-

http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/291/school_lunches/3
http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200153/benefits_available/159/school_clothing_grants

- Please try and send correct money to school. We can struggle to have change on the premises. Please note the office can now only accept money until 11.30am. Money received after this time will be returned and payment will need to be the following morning.

  All cash collected in school will not be held on the premises overnight.

- **Important information **ABSENCE**

  If your child is unable to attend school for any reason you should let the school know by calling and leaving an absence message. The message should state why your child is absent and the likely date of return. Notification should be before 9.30am. Where no notification of absence has been received the school will make all reasonable attempts to contact parent/carer or emergency contacts.

  - School Day
    
    Start 9.00am
    
    Break 10.30am
    
    Lunch 12.15-1pm
    
    Finish 3pm

  - If dropping/ picking your child up from school please remember to park in the village hall car park.

  - Playground Supervision
    
    Please note that there is only supervision from 8.45-9am

  - Please let the school know if your child has any hobbies outside school. We would love to share their successes with the rest of the school at assemblies. Photographs can be emailed or brought into school. **Remember your child’s Learning Journey will be sent home once a term to allow them to record out of school achievements.**

- Website
Please log on and see our weekly award and values winners! Also let me know if you would like to see any additional information on the site. Remember there are lots of Parent Information leaflets to support you and your child with homework, GIRFEC, Behaviour, etc. Medicine forms can also be downloaded.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or queries at all about your child's educational progress or welfare.

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Returns
Name _________________________________

Halloween disco Friday 28th October 6.30-8pm in Lamington Primary

Tickets cost £2 each

I require 1 2 3 4 5 6 tickets
I enclose payment of £

RESIDENTIAL TRIP 6-10th November 2017 for P6&7 (current P5&6)

Name ______________________

A Biggar Learning Community small schools residential is being organised for 2017. The approximate cost is £185 per pupil. We are returning to Kingswood in Hexham.
http://www.kingswood.co.uk/centres/dukeshouse-wood
Please return slip if you would like your child to take part

I would / would not like my child(ren) to attend the Kingswood residential.