

Dear Parents and Friends of Paisley Primary School

Where does time go? As you read this, I am just finishing my first year as the head of our wonderful school! I have thoroughly enjoyed the last twelve months and it has been a real pleasure meeting so many of you, working with your children and helping the school to maintain and build on the high standards of work and behaviour achieved over the years.

As promised we have not made big changes, but there have been important new developments which will continue to benefit our children.

Most parents and children have now signed the new homework policy and we will re-offer the opportunity to complete this and other parts of the "Home-School Agreement" in the New Year. We completed a review of the highly successful "Assertive Discipline" policy and the curriculum is under constant review to make sure that all of our children enjoy their work and achieve the highest possible standards. Information about other initiatives and achievements can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Thanks for your continued support, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Yours

R. Petch



Recycling

Our efforts to become a more environmentally friendly school and achieve the Eco-Schools Green Flag are being led by Mr Gillings and the

Eco-Schools Committee.

Community Recycling Centre* – you can now deposit your glass, plastic, steel and aluminium in the bins near the car-park. We also recycle our own paper in school.

Print Cartridge Recycling* – a box is available in the main entrance for all those used cartridges.

**We receive a small amount of money for our recycling as well as the educational and environmental benefits!*

Christmas Card Recycling – There will be boxes in school to receive all your Christmas cards when the festivities are over. We also have information posters on display to let you know where your Christmas tree can be recycled too.

We also want to take action to reduce litter and have initial plans to develop our school grounds and consultations with children, parents and the community will take place during 2005

Newsflash



There are only a few Paisley 2005 calendars left! Buy now or early January!

The Christmas

Fayre raised over £500 - Thanks for your support.

Positive Health in Schools Award

Paisley was awarded the PHISA certificate 4 years ago. This was because of the school's commitment to teaching the children to make healthy choices in their life, including personal safety, health and hygiene, drugs including tobacco and alcohol, diet, fitness and sex and relationships. This is at least as important now as it was then and Miss Bell is leading our efforts to develop our curriculum in this area and achieve the award for a second time.

"5-a-day" Free Fruit and Vegetables

This has been very popular with most of the children although there have been some concerns expressed that children might not like the particular fruit or vegetable offered on a given day. In practice we have not found this to be a real problem as they are increasingly willing to try new things and we can often offer an alternative from the previous day's delivery to the one or two who have a genuine problem. We will continue to monitor this and look for other ways to encourage the children to develop healthy eating and snacking habits



Park and Stride!

Our School Council, and a number of parents, have again asked what can be done to prevent a few parents parking on the yellow zig-zags outside school which is a real danger to children arriving and leaving.

The presence of the traffic warden helps but I would like to point out again that the car-park at the rear of Albert Avenue baths has been approved for our use. Parking here, or even in Lowther Street, would allow children to enjoy a bit of exercise as they walk the last part of their journey and would be safer for all the children as there would be no need for cars to manoeuvre in Paisley Street. We hope to launch a "Park and Stride" scheme next year to encourage this.



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