



Redwell Primary School

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May/June Newsletter 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a really busy term and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the summer holidays! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the school, as well as the staff and children for all their hard work and enthusiasm.



Plant Sale

A huge thank you to our Parent Council who organised and ran our recent plant sale to raise money to support our school. The café in our foyer was a huge success and there were lots of plants on sale, as well as a very busy tombola!



Primary 7 Leavers Celebration

This year our P7 children have chosen to have a Leavers Celebration day which will take place on Tuesday 25th June. They will be attending the AMF Bowling in Stirling followed by lunch at Frankie and Benny's. I am sure they will have a wonderful time celebrating their move onto Secondary school.

Primary 7 Leavers Assembly

Just a reminder that the Primary 7 Leavers Assembly will take place on Friday 21st June at 1.30pm. All parents/carers are welcome to join us! Please remember your tissues as I am sure it will be equally happy as it is emotional!

Primary 1 Information Evening

An information evening for parents and carers of our new P1 children starting in August will take place on Monday 17th June (6:00pm - 7:00pm approx). New P1 families will have already received separate information about transition arrangements.

Shorts and Shades Summer discos:

Once again, our Parent Council have organised the Shorts and Shades summer discos. Information will be sent in school bags, so please keep checking and return the slip to purchase a ticket for £2.50.



P1-3: 6pm - 7pm

P4-7: 7.30pm - 8.45pm

Please note that all children **MUST** be collected by an adult at the end of the discos.

Church Service

Our summer church service will take place on Wednesday 26th June at 9.45am at St Mungo's Parish Church. Please join us if you can!

Last day of term arrangements

On Friday 28th June, children in P1-7 will be dismissed at 1.15pm. They are able to have a school lunch or packed lunch, or wait until 1.15pm to have a home lunch. Nursery children finish at the usual time of 3.30pm.

Staffing Update:

Moving on...

Congratulations to Mrs Strang on her new post as Headteacher at Park PS. We wish her every success and our whole school family will miss her greatly. As part of our cluster developments we know that we will still regularly see and work with Mrs Strang moving forwards.

Congratulations to Mrs Black and Miss McLean for securing teaching posts for next session. Well done to you both and we wish you every success in your future career.

Congratulations to Miss Borwick who will be leaving us in June to take up a place at University next session. We wish her every success in her teacher training course and future career.

Retirement

Mrs Hilary Parkhouse, one of our Learning Assistants will be retiring at the end of June. She has worked as a Learning Assistant at Claremont PS, and then Redwell PS for many, many years. We thank Mrs Parkhouse for her hard work, dedication, enthusiasm, and her calm in a crisis first aid skills over the years. We wish Mrs Parkhouse a happy and relaxing retirement and all the very best from our staff team and pupils.

Session 19/20:

An overview of teachers and their classes will be sent out along with the end of year reports on Tuesday 18th June. Children will have had the opportunity to meet their new teacher on the same day.

School Information:

Parent Council

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the Parent Council for all their support this year. They play an important role in working in partnership with the school, both strategically and most importantly providing a parents' perspective in school developments. New members are very welcome to join our Parent Council and the

smallest offer of help at various events throughout the year is much appreciated.

A huge thank you to the Parent Council for using our school app - please download it if you haven't already (and remember to update your message filters when your child changes class).



School Uniform

When thinking about purchasing new items of school uniform for next session, please be aware that black jeans and leggings are not a part of our uniform and should not be worn to school. We would also appreciate if shoes could also be black or blue in colour.

Advance notice for Session 2019-2020

During session 2019-2020 there will be 2 additional in-service days Tuesday 20th August 2019 and Friday 1st May 2020. Therefore, the new school term in August will start for pupils on Wednesday 21st August.

First day back: Wednesday 21st August 2019

As part of their transition, all children will have been shown where their class will line up at the start of next session. A map showing this will be posted on our school website, the school app and on twitter during the last week of term. Primary 1 children will start at 9:15am on the first day back.

Period poverty

As part of the 'Period Poverty' initiative, sanitary products are always available for use in school. These will also be made available to our pupils who wish to take a supply home over the Summer holidays. This information will be shared with older classes in school prior to the holiday.

Medication

Any medication that we have in school will be sent home via pupils on the last day of term. Please watch out for it in school bags.

Celebrating Achievements:

Rag Bag Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes for the Rag Bag collection - we raised £30.80. Our clothing collection point next to the Kidzone entrance is available for any bags of unwanted clothing to be added.

Eco Committee

Congratulations and well done to our Eco Committee who have earned our Eco Green Flag status, our new flag will soon be raised on the flagpole!

Sports Committee

For the third year in a row we have achieved our Sports Scotland Gold Flag award to recognise our commitment to

sport and physical health. Thank you to our Sports Committee, Mr Richardson and Mrs Morton for their efforts and dedication to reach this high level of award.

Sports Day House Shield Winners

We had a fantastic Sports Day in the middle of May. Thank you to all of you who came along to cheer on the children. House points were collected for each potted sports event and also for the races. We are delighted to announce the following winning houses:



Junior Sports Shield (P1-3) - Red Rowan
Senior Sports Shield (P4-7) - Red Rowan



Athletics Championships

Congratulations to our P6/7 Athletics team who attended the annual county sports at Lornshill Academy on the 22nd of May. For the second year in a row, Redwell came in 1st place with a total score of 126 points.

The team performed brilliantly and came home with a wide array of medals, 12 golds, 4 silver and 4 bronze. We are delighted with this fantastic sporting result!

Special mention to Robbie Truesdale, who won the best male athlete award for breaking a new County Record with his shot put throw. Also congratulations to Victoria Anestik for breaking a new County Record in the P7 girls long jump.

A huge well done to all our athletes who participated, you are a credit to our school, and we are very proud of your sporting achievements. Thank you to Mr Richardson and Mrs Morton for working with the team at lunchtimes and after school to prepare and practise for the event.



Twitter Success

We are delighted to announce that our Twitter account has now grown to 884 followers. This is a huge success for us and thank you for supporting our Twitter news feed. If you have yet to follow us please join in by searching on Twitter for **@redwell_ps**, the page is updated every day with news, sharing learning photographs and achievements.

Gardening Club

A huge thank you to Mrs Johnstone and our gardening club and Nature Explorers who have made such a difference to our school grounds, especially the planters. We have now been awarded the "RHS School Gardening Award" at Level 4 - congratulations and thank you for all your hard work, dedication and enthusiasm.

Have a lovely summer!
Miss MacLean

JUNE 2019	
Monday 10 th	P4 Trip to Glasgow Science Centre P1 Trip to Briarlands Farm

Wednesday 12th	P4 Scots Song performance at Alloa Academy at 1.30pm P7-S1 Parents information meeting at Alloa Academy at 6.30pm
Thursday 13th	P7 Alloa Academy transition day P5 Trip to Callendar House
Friday 14th	P7 Alloa Academy transition day
Monday 17th	New P1 information evening at 6.00-7.00pm
Tuesday 18th	Meet the teacher End of year reports sent home
Wednesday 19th	Mini Marathon fundraiser (further details will be shared in separate letter)
Thursday 20th	Summer discos - P1-3 at 6-7pm - P4-7 at 7.30-8.45 pm
Friday 21st	P7 Leavers Assembly at 1.30pm
Tuesday 25th	P7 Celebration day
Wednesday 26th	Church Service at St Mungo's Parish Church at 9.45am - all welcome
Friday 28th	Last day before the summer holidays School closes at 1.15pm Nursery closes at 3.30pm

Term Dates for 2019-2020

Event

Autumn term begins (**Staff only** - staff development days):

Autumn term begins (**Pupils**):

Autumn term ends:

October holiday begins:

October holiday ends:

Winter term begins:

Staff development days

Winter term ends:

Christmas holiday begins:

Christmas holiday ends:

Spring term begins:

Staff development days

Spring half-term holiday begins:

Spring half-term holiday ends:

Spring term ends:

Easter holidays begin:

Easter holidays end:

Summer term begins:

Staff development day

May public holiday:

Summer term ends:

Date

Monday & Tuesday 19th & 20th August 2019

Wednesday 21st August 2019

Friday 11th October 2019

Monday 14th October 2019

Friday 18th October 2019

Monday 21st October 2019

Thursday & Friday 28th & 29th November 2019

Friday 20th December 2019

Monday 23rd December 2019

Friday 3rd January 2020

Monday 6th January 2020

Monday & Tuesday 17th & 18th February 2020

Wednesday 19th February 2020

Friday 21st February 2020

Friday 3 April 2020

Monday 6th April 2020

Friday 17th April 2020

Monday 20th April 2020

Friday 1st May 2020

Monday 4th May 2020

Thursday 25th June 2020