

Monthly Roundup

Friday 30th August 2025

Bellsbank Primary School



September Diary Dates

Wednesday 3 rd September	6pm	P1-P7	Parent Council AGM	All Parents Invited
Monday 8 th September	2pm	P1-P7	Meet the Teacher/ Shared Learning	All Parents Invited
Monday 8 th September	3pm	P1	P1 Curriculum Information Session	P1 Parents invited
Thursday 16 th September	9am	P1-P7	Rag Bag Collection	ECC carpark
Friday 19 th September / Monday 22 nd September	All day	P1-P7	September Weekend holiday	School Closed

Paper copies of Annual Diary Dates will be sent home with pupils in the next few weeks. These dates will also be uploaded on to the school app.

Annual Data Forms and Permissions

Annual data check and permission forms have been sent home for out P2-P7 pupils this week. Please return these as soon as possible. If you would like any help in completing these, or you have any questions, please ask at the school office and Jess will be happy to help.



Meet the Teacher/Parent Drop-in

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into classes on Monday 8th September at 2pm. We will have regular dates throughout the rest of the school year for class visits and special whole school and class assemblies - Watch this space!

**MEET THE
TEACHER**

Staff Update

We are pleased to welcome Miss McArdle to the school. Miss McArdle will be teaching P5/6 this session. We also welcome Miss Downie and Miss Greig who have taken up posts as Pupil Support Assistants and will be working with pupils across the school. Mrs Droy has also joined us on supply at the beginning of the session. Mrs Droy has been successful at interview to cover Mrs Ferguson's maternity leave. She will be teaching in most classes over the week.



We would send Mrs Ferguson our best wishes as she begins her maternity leave. We will update you on Baby Ferguson's arrival in due course.

Pupil Groups

Next week, pupils will vote for their preferred pupil group. They will meet for their first meeting later in September. Pupil groups will meet twice a month over the course of the session. This year we have Pupil Council, ECO Committee, Inclusive Schools Squad, Rights Respecting Schools Group, Health and Wellbeing Champions as well as a new addition of JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officers. Have a chat with your child at home about their top 3 choices.

Outdoor Learning and Wet Weather

Please ensure all pupils are coming to school with a waterproof jacket and suitable outdoor shoes each day. We have regular opportunities for learning outdoors and continue to have breaks outside throughout the school day, including on rainy days. More details on specific Outdoor Learning days for classes will be available on Learning Journals in the coming weeks.



After School Clubs

Ross, our active schools coordinator is starting up a badminton after school club for our P5-7 pupils after the September holiday. Mrs McLurkin will also continue with after school football for P6 and P7 pupils after the September long weekend. Miss Greig is keen to start an afterschool dance group too. Look out for permission letters in schools bags over the coming weeks. We hope to have drama and choir clubs up and running after the October holidays as well as additional active school afterschools classes for our younger pupils - Watch this space!



Music Tuition

We are pleased to welcome our strings instructor back into school this year. All pupils in the school will have the opportunity to learn to play a string instrument.



P1 Curriculum Event



Our annual P1 Curriculum Event will be held in the P1 classroom on Monday 8th September at 3pm. This event is open to all new P1 parents and will be an opportunity to find out more about the learning taking place at Early Level in P1.

PE Days

Pupils are entitled to 2 hours of quality physical education each week. Classes do this in a variety of ways both in the gym hall and making use of our outdoor spaces. Please ensure no jewellery is worn to



school on PE days. If your child has a new piercing or a piercing that cannot be removed please speak to the school office for the relevant form to give consent for the children to participate.

P1/2 - Tuesday and Thursday

P2/3 - Monday and Wednesday

P4/5 - Wednesday and Thursday

P5/6 - Wednesday and Friday

P6/7 - Tuesday and Thursday

Parent Council Update

The PC AGM is being held in school on Wednesday 3rd September at 6pm. New members always welcome.

We look forward to working closely with our Parent Council throughout the year ahead.



The Learning Lab

We have created a new learning space in the school - The Learning Lab. The Learning Lab allows for a quiet working space for some of our groups and individuals throughout the school day.

Learning Journals

We continue to use Learning Journals as a way to share class news with parents and carers. If you are having any problems logging into Learning Journals please speak to the school office and we can reset your account.



School Gates

Our school playground is supervised in the mornings from 8.45am. School staff are in the playground to support pupils at this time. We would kindly ask that when parents are dropping pupils off at school that they then stand away from the gates to allow our pupils to access the playground with ease. Some pupils can be anxious about arriving at school and we wish to make their entry in the morning as simple as possible. Thank you for your understanding.



School Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform at Bellsbank Primary School and it is great to see our pupils return looking fabulous in their smart uniform. Our new supplier at Donsport in Cumnock will stock our uniform all year round should you need a top up throughout the year. In school we also have a large amount of pre-loved uniform that is available to any of our families at no cost. Please speak to any member of staff and we will arrange a time for you to look through what we have. These items will also be out at reception during our Meet the Teacher afternoon - please help yourself.

