

## Welcome Back!

I am delighted to welcome you to a new session at Bearsden Primary School. Newsletters are issued at the beginning of every month, either to your email address, or a paper copy to the eldest child in the family. They can also be found on the school website. These help to keep you informed about everything that is happening in school. Our school roll is now 427 as we have welcomed 58 new P1 pupils to school.

*Please share your email address with us if you have one as it makes communication easier, quicker and saves paper which saves trees (and money!).*

## Staff News

I would like to welcome Miss Pamela Gann in Primary 3, Mr Patrick Prunty in Primary 6 and Miss Lisa Mullen who will provide P.E. for many of our pupils. I am sure you will all join me in wishing each and every member of our staff and pupils success in the year ahead!

### School Security

The school operates a secure entry system. Parents should come to the main door, where there is a buzzer. All visitors must sign the visitors' book and wear a visitor's badge whilst in school. If your child is late for school, please bring her/him to the **office** and speak to one of the office staff. Pupils will be supervised by support staff during playtimes and lunchtimes.

Pupils who go home for lunch are to be picked up from, and returned to, the office. This is essential due to our fire safety regulations. If your child is to go home on their own, please contact the school office.

All school gates will be closed during the school day to help ensure pupil safety.

### Allergies-Nut Free Zone

Some of our pupils suffer an allergic reaction to nuts, including peanuts. In some cases this is a severe reaction and could be life threatening. In order to minimise the risk to those pupils, please do not send packed lunches or snacks containing nuts. Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated.

Staff have received training to ensure the safety of our pupils with severe allergies but we require that you are vigilant regarding our Nut Free policy.

Unfortunately, we are also not able to accept cakes, sweets or other treats from parents to be handed out to classmates to celebrate a pupil's birthday. Although this is a lovely gesture, due to our procedures in regard to allergies, this is prohibited.

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### Medication in School

If your child needs to take medicine during the school day, including inhalers, the appropriate parental consent forms must be completed. Please speak to Mrs Johnston in the office if you require a form.

If your child needs to use an inhaler in school, please make sure that this has been returned to school after the summer. All medication must be clearly labelled with the child's name and the dosage.

# S e p t e m b e r

We will be having an **Open Afternoon for all pupils and parents on Thursday 22nd September from 1.30-2.30pm** This will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see their classroom and explore some of the activities and resources that your child will be working with this session. You will also be able to ask any general questions regarding the classroom experience.

Primary 1 parents will also have their own specific **P1 Information Evening on Thursday 15th September starting at 6.30pm**. Our P1 teachers will share information on teaching strategies, resources, ideas on how you can support your child and other general information. You will also be able to ask those questions that have arisen over the first couple of weeks of your child's P1 experience.

For the first time at BPS, **Pupil, Parent and Teacher Meetings** will take place over one single evening on **Wednesday 12th October 3.30pm-8.30pm** with teachers taking a short break at 6pm. This will give you a chance to discuss your child's learning including specific strengths and areas for development.

Our current format involves pupils in the process and was very well received last session. I am sure this will continue to be the case as pupils, parents and teachers become more familiar with this way of sharing pupil learning. Appointment time letters will be sent home in advance to try and make the process as convenient as possible.

The 13th September is Roald Dahl's 100th Birthday! To celebrate we are having a 'Roald Dahl Themed Non Uniform Day'. Pupils (and staff) are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character. \*Please note this is for fun and is not a fundraiser as our Sponsored Run has been arranged.



## ECO News

Bearsden Primary has been an ECO school since 2004. This year we will be visited by Keep Scotland Beautiful ECO schools team to ensure that we are maintaining our ECO status. We will be nominating our ECO representatives for classes shortly. Throughout the year we recycle postage stamps; mobile phones and spectacles. Please send these items in to school.

**Rag Bag:** We also recycle old clothing and footwear to raise funds for school. The next **Rag Bag Recycling** collection will take place on Wednesday 16th November. More information and bags will be issued nearer the time.

## Wet Weather

Please ensure your child is suitably dressed for the changeable Scottish weather as pupils will be spending their intervals and lunchtimes in the fresh air of the playground unless the weather is extremely poor. Please send your child wearing a waterproof jacket or keep one in their school bags.

When the weather is extremely inclement, pupils will be allowed into the school and their classroom at 8.45am. Parents should "say goodbye" to their child in the playground and not come in to the cloakroom area as this can become very congested.

The **school photographers** will be in school on Tuesday 4th October to take photographs of individuals, families and our Primary 1 class photographs.

## The Joint AGM for the Parent Council and the Fundraising Group

will take place on Thursday 8th September at 7.00pm.

The next Fundraising Group Meeting is on Tuesday 4th Oct.

Also of note is the Ladies Night event being run by our Fundraising Committee which will take place on Friday 9th Sept. in the school hall. Thank you for your continued support of these events. All funds are used by the school to provide the best possible experience for you children.

## Important dates for your diary

Tuesday 6th September	Fundraising Group Sponsored Run
Thursday 8th September	PC/Fundraising Group AGM
Friday 9th September	Fundraising Group Ladies Night
Wed 14th September	STEM Evening
Thursday 15th September	P1 Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 20th September	P6 Millport Trip Information Evening
Thursday 22nd September	P1-7 Open Afternoon
Friday 23rd September	Holiday
Monday 26th September	Holiday
Friday 7th October	P7 Scottish Country Dance Festival
Tuesday 4th October	School Photographs
Wednesday 12th October	Pupil, Parent and Teacher Evening
Friday 14th October	In Service Day (holiday for pupils)
Monday 17th October	October Week Holiday

## The school flu immunisation programme

will be taking place in Bearsden Primary on Monday 24th October. Your child has been issued with a consent pack containing an information leaflet and consent form. Forms should now have been returned.

## Road Safety and Traffic Issues

Bearsden Cross is very busy at 9am and 3pm. Please allow time to park safely and make sure that your child crosses any roads with the Lollipop Person or at the pedestrian lights. Children should leave the car on the pavement side of the road.

## Homework Diaries

Every child in school has been given a Bearsden Primary School Homework Diary. These will be used to note homework tasks. Please ensure the diary is signed and use this diary if you wish to communicate with the class teacher.

This session we will be exploring how we can improve the homework experience for our pupils and parents. You will have an opportunity to share your views at our upcoming Open Afternoon and Parents' Evening.

## What is Talking Together?

Talking Together is a book collection available at your local library. Parents tell us they would like more information on growing up, puberty, relationships and sexual health and 'a way to start the conversation' with their children. So we have provided a range of books to suit all ages and stages from pre-5 to 16 year olds.

Why not visit your local library and have a look? The library staff will be happy to help you. You can also visit [www.sandyford.org](http://www.sandyford.org) for lots of information for parents and young people.

For a list of books click on this link: <http://www.edlc.co.uk/pdf/Culture/TalkingTogether%20Book%20List.pdf>

or go [www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk](http://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk), click on the EDLC button and search Talking Together

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Mr Meehan and the office staff would like to thank all parents for gifts they received at the end of June!

**Thank you**

