

## 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 426 as we have welcomed 48 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 Saskia Leighton in Primary 3, Miss Chloe Kernohan in Primary 4 and Miss Kerry McGuire in Primary 7. Mrs Eilidh Irvine will provide music and Mrs Nicola Johnson 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 should be signed out 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.

## Meet the Teacher

We will be having a Meet the Teacher for all pupils and parents on **Thursday 14th September from 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.

**Can we please remind all parents to move well away from the lines once they have dropped their child off. This will enable the teachers to view their lines clearly. There is still a lot of congestion around the lines and the children are not getting into the school till after 9am. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.**

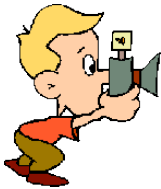


**Rag Bag:** We also recycle old clothing and footwear to raise funds for school. The next **Rag Bag Recycling** collection will take place on Wednesday 13th September. More information and bags will be issued nearer the time.



**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 into the cloakroom area as this can become very congested.



**School Photographs**

The photographers will be in school on Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th October to take photographs of individuals, families and class photographs.

**The Joint AGM for the Parent Council and the Fundraising**

**Group** will take place on Thursday 14th September at 7.00pm.

The next Fundraising Group Meeting is on Tuesday 6th September.

Also of note is the Ladies Night event being run by our Fundraising Committee which will take place on Friday 15th September in St Andrews 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

**Important dates for your diary**

- Thursday 14th September P1-7 Open Afternoon
- Thursday 14th September PC/Fundraising Group AGM
- Friday 15th September Fundraising Group Ladies Night
- Friday 22nd September Holiday
- Monday 25th September Holiday
- 3rd & Wed 4th October School Photographs
- Friday 7th October P7 Scottish Country Dance Festival
- Friday 13th October In Service Day
- Monday 16th October October Week Holiday
- Monday 23rd October Pupils return



**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.



**The school flu immunisation programme**

will be taking place in Bearsden Primary on Thursday 16th November. Your child will be issued with a consent pack containing an information leaflet and consent form as soon as they arrive.

**Dojo**

Please remember that Dojo is no longer a way of communicating with the teachers. If you wish to contact them, please do so through the school office. Thank you.



**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.

**Contact Information**

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

**Thank you**

