



Newsletter



August 2023

Dear parents and carers

It has been wonderful to welcome back Primary 2-7 and meet our new Primary 1 children and families. The first full week back has been very positive and the children are enjoying making new friends.

Please note that Primary 1 parents can now leave children at the gates to be supervised by school staff in the mornings, gates open at 8.50am. Children using the trim trail after 3pm must be supervised by their own parents/carers. Dogs are not allowed on the school grounds and should avoid blocking exit gates as some of our children are frightened of dogs.

I thought it would be useful to remind parents that teachers are entitled to time out of class each week for planning and preparation, this means that your child will be taught by another teacher for a short while each week. This happens in all classes in Scottish Schools.

Mrs Dolan and Miss Hicks will be working with groups of children supporting reading, as this is our Raising Attainment focus this year. If your child will be involved, we will send a letter home.

We have new teachers working at Blairdardie, welcome to Miss Toland, Miss Davidson P7 and Miss Alarcon P4. We have advertised for a new Support Worker/Classroom Assistant and we hope this post will be filled soon. Congratulations to Ms Parlane who got married during the summer, she is now Mrs Tracey.

We would like to invite you into school to **meet your child's new teacher** on Friday 8th September, Primary 1-3 from 2pm and Primary 4-7 from 2.15pm. Children can be signed out afterwards if you wish.

We also hope to see parents/carers at our **Blairdardie Blether** which re-starts on Monday afternoons in September. Linda our Barnardo's Family Support Worker will be there as well as the leadership team. We have a food bank which parents/carers can make use of at the Blether or by asking at the office.

Wishing everyone a successful year in school!

Mrs Pears Head Teacher

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At Blairdardie Primary School we value:

Honesty Hard Work Respect Helping Others Positive Healthy Attitude.

Important Dates

September

- Friday 8th September - Meet the teacher
- Wednesday 13th September - P7 Eye Tests
- Friday 22nd & Monday 25th September - Holiday
- Thursday 28th September - Family Games Night

October

- Friday 13th October - In-Service Day
- Monday 16th to Friday 20th October 2023 - Holiday
- TBC - Halloween Disco

November

- Thursday 2nd & Tuesday 7th November - Parents' Evening

December

- Friday 15th December - P1-3 Nativity Performance
- Friday 8th December - Christmas Fayre
- Friday 22nd December - School closes at 2.30pm

January

- Monday 8th January - School reopens

February

- Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th February - Holiday
- Wednesday 14th February - In-service day
- Thursday 22nd & Tuesday 27th February - Parents' Evening

March

- Thursday 28th March - School closes at 2.30pm, for Spring Holiday

April

- Monday 15th April - School reopens

May

- Thursday 2nd May (In-service day to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but might change)
- Monday 6th May - May Holiday
- Friday 24th & Monday 27th May - Holiday Weekend
- Friday 31st May - Sports Day

June

- Friday 21st June - Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly
- Wednesday 26th June - School closes at 1pm

Healthy Eating

We encourage children to bring **one healthy snack** to school for playtime, such as fruit, baked crisps or cereal bars.

Please avoid sending your child with sweets or chocolate as these snacks can affect some children's ability to concentrate in class. No nuts please.

Children are encouraged to drink water in class. Fizzy drinks are not permitted in school.

At lunchtime all children can take milk, soup and fruit from dinner school.



Feeling Unwell?

If your child has a high temperature and/or cough please keep them off school until they feel better.

If your child has a sickness bug they must stay home for 48hours.

Children will be offered a flu vaccine soon, letters have been sent home with more information.

Let's work together to keep everyone safe. 😊

