



# Newsletter



October 2023

Dear parents and carers

We were delighted to welcome our children and staff back into school this week. Term 2 is one of our busiest terms with lots of exciting learning opportunities to look forward to. Last term groups of children visited the City Chambers and we enjoyed hosting several visitors in school, including the local police and nursing staff. Children learned about keeping safe in the community and helping others who are suffering from an asthma attack or allergic reaction.

Staffing - At the end of last term we said farewell to Miss Elvin one of our Support for Learning Workers, she has supported our youngest children for a number of years and we would like to wish her well as she moves onto her next adventure.

Ms McLaughlin retired at the end of last term, having worked in Blairdardie for over 20 years. Thank you for your commitment to the young people at Blairdardie, we wish you a happy and healthy retirement.

Mrs Dolan has been off for a number of weeks and we hope to welcome her back to school soon. Finally, we are joined by a new Support for Learning Worker, Miss Todeschini who will be working in Primary 1 and 2.

Assemblies - Every Friday we meet together for assembly, our focus has been on developing 'responsible citizens'. This has included promoting kindness, helping others and looking after our school/community. This Friday we would like to invite each child to bring ONE TIN of food into school, this should be a tin of food that is 'in date' but perhaps not liked. Children can then swap their tin with a tin that they do like. Any spare tins will be put into our Food bank which can be accessed on Mondays at 'The Blether' or any other day via the school office/Linda from Barnardo's.

Walking Bus - Our Walking Bus starts next week! A group of staff have kindly agreed to give up their own time to run this for us. We also have a rota of volunteers from the Parent Council. The bus starts at 8.30am at the Keystore on Great Western Road. We hope this will help children come to school every day, on time.

Wishing everyone a wonderful term 2!

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**At Blairdardie Primary School we value:**

**Honesty   Hard Work   Respect   Helping Others   Positive Healthy Attitude.**

## Important Dates



### October

- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Halloween Disco, organised by Parent Council

### November

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Possible Strike Day, school closed.
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Parents' Evening
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Flu Immunisation
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Open Day for pre-entrants (New P1s)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November - P7 French Café

### December

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - P1-3 Nativity Performance
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fayre
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Pantomime (in school performance)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Parties
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - School closes at 2.30pm

### January

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - School reopens

### February

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

### March

- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Primary 7 Paris Trip
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - School closes at 2.30pm, for Spring Holiday

### April

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - School reopens

### May

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

### June

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

## Enrolment

Our school handbook is now on the school website. This is useful to access information about the school day, uniform and our curriculum. Please share this with any new parents who have children starting Primary 1 in August 2024. Enrolment opens in November.

## Football Colours

As per GCC policy, football strips and bags/pencil cases are not permitted in schools. Thank you.

## Nails

False/acrylic nails are not permitted in Primary Schools for health and safety. Children with false nails are not permitted to take part in P.E. lessons, which is an important part of the curriculum.

## Dogs

We have had a few complaints from concerned parents about dogs being in the playground at home time or around our entrances/exits.

Please remember that dogs are not allowed in the school grounds and that dog owners should avoid blocking exit gates as some of our children are frightened of dogs.

Staff are unable to leave the gates to collect children on parents' behalf. Staff stand at the gates to ensure that all young children leave with an adult.

