



Newsletter



August 2024

Dear parents and carers

It has been lovely to welcome back Primary 2-7 and meet our new Primary 1 children and families. The first few days have 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 McCallum and Mr Young will be working with groups of children supporting learning. If your child will be involved, we will send a letter home. Both Depute Head Teachers are also teaching a class (P1a - Mrs McCallum & P7b - Mr Young) for part of the week. This means I am the only person out of class to support children who are distressed or require additional support. This unfortunately reduces our time to return calls/emails to parents and to hold meetings. If you contact us we will get back to you later in the week, but it is unlikely to be the same day unless extremely urgent. Thank you for your understanding.

We have new teachers working at Blairdardie, welcome to Miss Yuill P1a, Miss Hopkins P2a, Miss Spence P3a and Miss Stewart P6a. We have advertised for a new Support Worker/Classroom Assistant and we hope this post will be filled soon. Congratulations to Mrs Hedley who had a beautiful baby girl during the summer holidays.

We would like to invite you into school to **meet your child's new teacher** on Friday 6th September, Primary 1-3 from 2pm and Primary 4-7 from 2.15pm. This is an informal session where your child will show you round their new classroom. Children can be signed out afterwards if you wish.

We hope to see parents/carers at our **Blairdardie Bletter** on Tuesday mornings from 9.05am. This is an informal way of meeting other parents and to chat with the leadership team.

Wishing everyone a successful year in school!

Mrs Pears Head Teacher

Our new Blairdardie School values:

Honest

Kind

Responsible

Hard Working

Important Dates



September

- ✓ Friday 6th September - Meet the teacher
- ✓ Friday 27th & Monday 30th September - Holiday
- ✓ TBC - Family Fun Night

October

- ✓ Friday 11th October - In-Service Day
- ✓ Monday 14th to Friday 18th October 2023 - Holiday
- ✓ TBC - Halloween Disco
- ✓ TBC - Parent/Teacher Meetings

November

- ✓ Friday 29th November - St Andrew's Day, wear tartan or blue/white, no football tops please

December

- ✓ Friday 6th December - Christmas Fayre
- ✓ Friday 13th December - P1-3 Nativity Performance
- ✓ Friday 20th December - School closes at 2.30pm

January

- ✓ Monday 6th January - School reopens

February

- ✓ Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th February - Holiday
- ✓ Wednesday 19th February - In-service day

March

- ✓ TBC - Parent/Teacher Meetings

April

- ✓ Thursday 3rd April - Easter Egg & Easter Bonnet Competition
- ✓ Friday 4th April - School closes at 2.30pm, for Spring Holiday
- ✓ Tuesday 22nd April - School reopens

May

- ✓ Thursday 2nd May - In-service day
- ✓ Monday 5th May - May Holiday
- ✓ Friday 23rd & Monday 26th May - Holiday Weekend

June

- ✓ Friday 6th June - Sports Day- parents/carers welcome in afternoon
- ✓ Thursday 12th June - Prom - TBC
- ✓ Friday 20th June - Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm
- ✓ Wednesday 25th June - School closes at 1pm

Healthy Eating

We encourage children to bring **one healthy snack** for playtime, such as fruit, baked crisps or cereal bars. We also have a fruit break in the afternoon. Please send a piece of fruit if possible.

Please avoid giving your child sweets or chocolate for playtime as these can affect some children's ability to concentrate in class. We can't accept birthday cakes unfortunately.

We are a nut free school.

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

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



Feeling Unwell?

If your child has a high temperature 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 will be sent home with more information.

