



Newsletter



August 2025

Dear parents and carers

It has been lovely to welcome back Primary 2-7 and meet our new Primary 1 children and families.

We would like to invite you into school for an **Open Afternoon** on Friday 5th 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 and the school. Children can be signed out afterwards if you wish. (maximum 2 adults per child please) Formal one to one meetings with the teacher will take place in October and March. A report card is provided in June.

We have **new teachers** working at Blairdardie, welcome to Miss Wylie, Miss Hughes, Mrs Anderson and Miss Farrell. Miss Spence is joining us for a few weeks to cover staff absence. We have advertised for a new Support Worker/Classroom Assistant and we hope this post will be filled soon. Congratulations to Mr McKelvie who was appointed as our permanent Depute Head Teacher for P4-7. We will be advertising for a part-time P1-3 Depute Head Teacher, Mrs McCallum now only works Wednesday-Friday. Welcome to our new admin staff who started this week, Ms Black and Ms Russell. The start of term is an extremely busy time, if you have contacted the school we will get back to parents/carers within 5 days or sooner if urgent. Our new admin staff are just getting to know our school policies and procedures, thank you for your understanding. The school office is open from 8.30am-3.45pm.

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.

Please note that 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. We have a **car free zone** outside the school 8.30-9.15am and 2.30pm-3.15pm. Only blue badge holders may use the staff car park.

We hope to see parents/carers at our **Blairdardie Blether** on Tuesday mornings from 9.05am. This is an informal way of meeting other parents and to chat with the leadership team. We also have food available which is very kindly donated by Marks and Spencer.

Wishing everyone a successful year in school!

Mrs Pears Head Teacher

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Our Blairdardie School values:

Honest

Kind

Responsible

Hard Working

Important Dates

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September

- ✓ Friday 5th September - Open Afternoon
- ✓ Friday 26th & Monday 29th September - Holiday Weekend

October

- ✓ Friday 10th October - In-Service Day, school closed to pupils
- ✓ Monday 13th to Friday 17th October - Holiday Week
- ✓ Friday 31st October - Halloween Party/Autumn Activity
- ✓ Thursday 23rd October - Parent/Teacher Meetings

November

- ✓ Friday 28th November - St Andrew's Day, wear tartan or blue/white, no football tops please

December

- ✓ Friday 5th December - Christmas Fayre
- ✓ Friday 12th December - P1-3 Nativity Performance
- ✓ Friday 19th December - School closes at 2.30pm

January

- ✓ Monday 5th January - School reopens

February

- ✓ Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th February - Holiday
- ✓ Wednesday 18th February - In-service day

March

- ✓ TBC - Parent/Teacher Meetings
- ✓ TBC - Eid Celebration

April

- ✓ Thursday 2nd April - Easter Egg & Easter Bonnet Competition
- ✓ Thursday 2nd April - School closes at 2.30pm, for Spring Holiday
- ✓ Monday 20th April - School reopens

May

- ✓ Monday 4th May - May Holiday
- ✓ Thursday 7th May - Election Day/In-service day (This may change)
- ✓ Friday 23rd & Monday 26th May - Holiday Weekend

June

- ✓ Friday 5th June - Sports Day- parents/carers welcome in afternoon
- ✓ Thursday 11th June - Primary 7 Prom - TBC
- ✓ Friday 19th June - Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm
- ✓ Thursday 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 is unwell, please keep them at home and call the absence line on 0141 287 0039.

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

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

