

# Welcome back to a new school year



Dear Parents and friends,

It has been lovely to welcome your children to back to school - they have grown over the holiday and look so smart in their new school uniforms. Our Primary One children have settled into their new routine in school and are doing really well!

I am delighted to welcome Mr Downey back to Primary 5 this session and Miss Stewart to Primary 2. Mrs Kerr has started her maternity leave so Ms Fox will run our Anchor this session. Ms Conway (P7) and Mrs Gibson (P6) are our newly appointed classroom assistants. I extend a warm welcome to them and hope they have a wonderful year at Ardeer Primary. There will be an opportunity to meet staff at our Meet the Teacher event on the afternoon of 26th September.

At this time of year it can take time to get back into the swing of school routines. I have included in this newsletter a number of important items of information which I hope will be helpful over the coming session.

School attendance is very important and we want all of our children to get the best possible start in their education. We want to increase the number of children achieving 100% attendance this year. Please help us!

Should you have any concerns about your child, Mrs Lacy and I can be contacted through either the school office - 469785 or by e mail [ardeer@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk](mailto:ardeer@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk).

Kindest regards,

Anne Surgenor  
Head Teacher

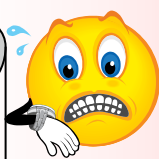


## September 2019 Diary

- 9th— Parent Council meeting @ 2pm  
Football training begins 3-4pm
- 12th—Thumbs up Thursday
- 17th—Pupil voice Groups
- 19th— Tempest Photographs  
- Thumbs up Thursday 3-4pm
- 20th—SCHOOL CLOSED staff in-service
- 23rd—SCHOOL CLOSED staff in-service
- 26th—Meet the Teacher event (pm)  
Thumbs up Thursday 3-4pm

## October 2019 Diary

- 3rd - Thumbs up Thursday
- 8th—Pupil Voice
- 10th—Harvest Festival  
Thumbs up Thursday P1-7  
Parent Council Bingo Night 6.30
- 11th - SCHOOL CLOSES @ 3pm
- 22nd—SCHOOL REOPENS @ 9am



### Late comings

Please ensure your child is in school for the start of the school day at 9am. Late comings cause disruption to routines and learning.



### Contact Information

If you, or your child's emergency contacts, change mobile phone numbers PLEASE let us know immediately.



### App

We will be using our Groupcall Xpressions app to communicate with parents. Please download this onto your smartphone so you don't miss out on important information.



### Website

Check out our school website at:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/na/ardeerprimaryschool/>



**The breakfast club** is open from 8.15am. Children can have juice and toast or cereal. Children who have already had breakfast at home should not be coming to the club! The club is free for all pupils. Children are expected to be polite, courteous and well behaved.



## Expensive Toys



Please do not allow your child to bring expensive toys and games into school as the school is not insured should they go missing or be broken. Children will not be allowed to take them into the playground.

## Mobile Phones

If you allow your child to bring a mobile phone to school it must be switched off and signed into the school office for safe keeping. Children will only be allowed to use their phone once they have left the premises. Any calls to and from the school will be made through the school office.



Children are not permitted to take their mobile phone into the playground for ANY PURPOSE.



## School Security



The health, safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff is of paramount importance. **ALL** visitors **MUST** enter the school through the main entrance. Please do not enter through classroom doors or pupil entrance doors.

If you wish to speak to a member of staff, either teaching or support staff, this **MUST** be organised through the Head Teacher or the Depute Head. Parents are not permitted to enter the school building and make their way to classrooms.

**DO NOT AT ANY TIME ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO ENTER THE SCHOOL GROUNDS THROUGH THE VEHICLE ENTRANCE. THIS IS DANGEROUS.**



Remember to bring your gym kit to

## Rainy Days

A day at school can be a long one for children and getting outside for fresh air, exercise and fun with friends is vital. Wet intervals which are spent indoors are not popular with teaching staff or children!

For this reason we will ensure that children are only kept inside on days where the rain or snow is particularly heavy. **We would ask that your child comes to school with a jacket appropriate to the weather and time of year.**

Should there be heavy rain before 9am then playground staff will ensure that children are brought into the building.



## Parent Council - New members welcome

The Parent Council are always looking for new members to support the development of the school. If you would like to learn more or would like to get involved why not speak to members at the PC Bingo Night or come along to the next meeting.



## Lunch

There is always plenty of food but if your child is a fussy eater please check the menu before sending them for a café lunch.



## Attendance at school

- ⇒ Attendance is monitored on a termly basis. Should your child's attendance fall below 95% you will be contacted by the Head Teacher.
- ⇒ If your child is going to be absent due to ill health please call or text the school between 8.30am and 9.00am.