

Dunbarney Primary School

Updates & News for Families and Friends of our School

Welcome Back



Miss Louise Kelly
Headteacher



Our first week back was very busy and all the children are settling in well to school life and their new class/nursery groups. A special well done to our new pupils in P1, P3 and Nursery, we are so happy that you are part of our school community and part of our 'Dunbarney Family'. A very warm welcome to you all. You were superstars last week! The children were all looking great in their school uniforms last week and we thank all our families for ensuring the children are turned out so smartly. **Remember** we have agreed that the children can come to school in their PE uniform on the days that they have PE lessons. (see info below)

Class Information

By the end of next week (25/08/23), each class will receive information home from class teachers which will let you know all the important information you need for each class: PE days and arrangements for home learning etc.

Mrs Johnston has sent information home to each family about SeeSaw as this is our chosen tool to share with you what your child is learning in class and we use it as a communication tool to send home school information. For returning families, you will need to sign the parental agreement again - see email for details.

****NEW NEW NEW****

Families will receive a class planner each term, from Class Teachers, which summarises key learning in your child's class for that block, this will share the learning with our families.

Daily Uniform



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Grey Trousers or Grey Skirt - not black, with either bottle green sweatshirt and white polo shirt or bottle green v-neck cardigan or jumper with a white shirt/blouse & school tie.

Black school shoes with black, grey or white socks.

A schoolbag/satchel/backpack – no handbags please!

Grey trousers, polo shirts, bottle green jumpers/cardigans/sweatshirts can be purchased from any supplier.

Green checked dresses or grey shorts and white polo shirt can be worn in the summer.

For branded items, please go to www.beuniforms.co.uk and search for Dunbarney.

Dunbarney School Ties can be purchased from John Ferguson, Methven Street, Perth.

Gym Kit (No branding or patterns)

Indoor: Black shorts, white or house colour t-shirt (no buttons), black gym shoes

Outdoor: Black joggers, white or house colour t-shirt (no buttons), trainers (preferably black) – to be worn with bottle green sweatshirt/jumper.

Outdoor Play & Waterproof Coats

We will be encouraging the children to play outdoors as often as possible during break and lunch as they need the chance to get the fresh air, run around and spend time with friends across the classes. Please can you ensure that the children come to school suitably prepared for the Scottish weather e.g waterproof coats and shoes (a change of socks in their bag is always helpful).

Communication

Email is the main method of communication. Our email address is dunbarney@pkc.gov.uk. This mailbox is checked regularly throughout the day. Please check your email regularly. Please email absences to this email address by 9.30am.

Groupcall Text Message is used for emergencies or if we need to circulate information quickly. It is also used for unexplained absences in the morning.

Seesaw is used by class teachers to keep you up to date with learning in class.

Please note: This will be the last academic year that we use Seesaw as our online learning/communication platform at Dunbarney PS and Nursery. Perth and Kinross Council have made an authority wide decision not to use/support this platform beyond 31 May 2024 in PKC schools/nurseries. Alternative online learning platforms are being piloted this year by schools in the authority. Our school subscriptions coincide with the date given and we will make a joint decision with staff, learners and families as to what we use moving forward in session24/25.

ParentPay is used to pay for school lunches (P6 & P7), to collect permissions for events (paid or free).

You will be contacted with details about how to sign up for ParentPay in the first few weeks. **ParentsPortal** is a service set up by the Scottish Government. It allows you to check and update all your contact details and we also use it to organise Parent Contact appointments. You will be contacted with details about how to sign up for ParentsPortal in the first few weeks.

Our Communications Policy is here [LINK](#)

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The School Day

8.58am 1st Bell Signal to get lined up - P1 & P1/2 pupils line up outside the door closest to the gate on Manse Road, P2/3 Pupils at the Fire door close to the main back door, P3/4 – P7 classes at the main back door

9:00am 2nd Bell Class teachers and DHT / HT will welcome children into the classroom.

10:30-10:45am Playtime Children play outside and eat their snacks.

12.15-1.15pm Lunch. Children go to the dining room when their bell rings. The Class Teacher will tell them which bell it is.

3.15pm Home Time Children leave from the back door of the school into the playground.

Food & Drink

Children should bring a filled bottle of water every day. The bottle should not contain juice.

Snacks can be brought for breaktime (preferably healthy)

Lunch: Children make their lunch choice each morning in classroom.

School meals are free of charge for all P1-P5 pupils. Pupils may instead bring a packed lunch.

The menu for 2023-24 is [HERE](#) . Parents/Carers will be invited to join their children for lunch on Friday 1 September.

For special or medically prescribed diets please see the information [HERE](#) and complete the application form [HERE](#)

Wrap Around Care

Safe Drop Off Club (8-9am in the GP room). Please contact dpsafedropoffclub@gmail.com for further information.

Kids Club (3.15-6.00pm in the GP room). Information about Kids Club and how to apply can be found [HERE](#)

Health Conditions & Medication - IMPORTANT

If your child requires to take or keep medication at school, please contact the school office and a medication form will be sent for you to complete. Medicines are stored centrally in the school office in named boxes.



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House Captain Elections

As you know, we have 4 houses in our school – Culzean, Drummond, Glamis and Urquhart and all of our learners and staff are assigned to a house. Each year we have nominated P7 learners who become Captains and Vice Captains for these houses and we will announce the successful candidates soon. This Friday, the candidates have been invited to make a one-minute election speech at assembly and then we will take a school vote to establish successful candidates this year. Good Luck to all our self-nominated candidates.

Diary Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday 22 August (weely)	3.15-4.30pm	1 st P5 -P7 Dunbarney PS Netball Training with Mrs Dewar	School Hall /Playground
Friday 25 August	tbc	P1 Photographs with Perthshire Advertiser Photographer	School
Friday 1 and then 8 September	1.30-3pm	P7 Bikeability Cycle Run tbc	School & B.o.E
Thursday 7 September	5.30-6.30pm	Meet the teacher P1-P7	Classes in school
Friday 15, 22, 29 September Friday 6, 27 October Friday 3 November	1.30-3.00pm	P5 Bikeability 1 tbc	School Playground
Friday 6 October	3.15pm	Term 1 Ends	
OCTOBER BREAK -SCHOOL CLOSED			
Monday 23 October	9am	Term 2 begins	
Monday 23, 24, 25,26, 27 October	1.30-3.00pm	P6 Bikeability 2 tbc	School Playground

Please note that information for each event will be shared with parents nearer to the date. We have assemblies in school most Friday mornings and this year each class will host an assembly each to share their learning. Dates will be shared with parents/carers once classes have signed up to these at our teacher business meeting this week.

We will also confirm dates for Parent Council Meetings and Parents RSHP information session once these are diarised.

