



**Kilbarchan Primary School**  
**Welcome Back to Term 4!**  
**23/04/21**



Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely to welcome our pupils back to Term 4 with the sun shining and the birds singing! I don't know about you, but Spring has certainly brought that feeling of fresh, new beginnings and this is just what we need.

#### **Primary 7 Transition**

Our Primary 7 pupils and their teacher, Miss Lynas are working closely with our wonderful Parent Council on ways in which we can safely celebrate the end of their primary school career. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to have our traditional school prom however we have some fantastic alternative ideas instead! Our current plan will involve a day of food, fun and a party atmosphere towards the end of June. The details are still to be finalised, but we will be in touch nearer the time to let you know more!

You may also be aware from communication from our Parent Council, that there are plans for a video, a yearbook, and trophies. Please keep an eye out for letters coming home asking for permission, **\*hint, there is one in their bags today!\*** Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school or the Parent Council should you wish to know more.

The pupils have been keen to be involved in the development of our outdoor space as part of the legacy that they leave behind. They will be looking at quotes and plans provided by contractors whilst also generating their own ideas for the grass space at the front of our building. We are keen for this to move as quickly as possible so that they can see their plans come to life before they move on to secondary school!

#### **Primary 1 Transition**

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new Primary 1 pupils into school for next session. We unfortunately remain in a position where our activities are limited by the restrictions in place. Over the next few weeks, we will be contacting our feeder nurseries and linking with families regarding the plans that we have. Please be assured that we will do all that we can to make the transition in to Primary 1 as smooth and calm as it can possibly be.

#### **School Improvement Plan**

As we do every year, usually through questionnaires provided at Parents' Nights, we ask for your views regarding priorities for next year's School Improvement Plan. This year we will do this via an online form posted on the school website. **This will go live on Friday 30 April and will remain there for 1 week.** Please have a think about what you feel would be important for the school to focus upon in session 2021-2022 and give us your thoughts.

#### **End of Year Reports**

An end of year report for every pupil will come out later this term, around May/June. It will identify the levels achieved, key strengths and areas for further development, along with an overview of how they have coped over what has been a challenging year. If you have specific concerns or questions regarding the progress your child is making, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

#### **Risk Assessments**

We continue to update our risk assessments and guidance as more information is released from the government. We are asked to remind families of the importance of ensuring the pupils wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds before leaving the house in the morning and upon their return home in the afternoon.

### Lunches

Now that we are in Term 4, children with packed lunches will be allowed to eat outside as long as they follow our high standards for playground cleanliness. This will apply to packed lunches provided by the school or from home however we will ask that hot meals continue to be eaten indoors

### Sunscreen/sun hats

With the better weather and a focus on outdoor learning it is likely that pupils will be outside and exposed to the sun for longer periods of time. We are unable to apply sunscreen to pupils so ask that families apply this before they come to school in the morning and/or provide their children with a sun hat (please ensure it has their name on it).

### Uniform

We have two lovely parents (Mrs Munton and Mrs Macleod) who are regular helpers with our Reuse Recycle Uniform scheme. For those of you who don't know about this, we accept previously worn uniform items from parents which are quarantined, cleaned, and organised by age/size. These items are then available for families to take at no cost. In the past we would put the racks of clothing out at events held throughout the year but of course this has not been possible.

In order to make this available for parents/carers again, our two helpers will be organising the uniform items on Friday 30 April in our outdoor classroom. They have informed me that **should you wish any items, you should contact them through the Parent Council Facebook page before Friday 30 April with your requests**. They will then put your pack together and organise a way in which to get it to you.

### Primary 3 Drama

We pleased to say that we have managed to work around the current restrictions to ensure that our partnership with West College Scotland has been able to continue this year. On Wednesday 28 April Primary 3 will have an online drama lesson from students at the college. We have followed all internet safety recommendations to make this a success. The performance has been pre-recorded, our pupils will not be seen by the drama students and no part of the lesson will be recorded. The drama students have also provided individualised packs for each pupil which were delivered to the school today to quarantine them in time for the lesson. Should you have any questions regarding the lesson please contact the school.

### Sports Extravaganza!

On Friday 28 May we are excited to announce that we are having a day of sport! Our Active Schools Co-Ordinator is working closely with Mrs Ralston to put together a day of fun sporting activities for our pupils. As you will be aware, we are not able to invite families to attend this event which will take the place of our normal Sports Days.

I know there has been a lot of information in this newsletter, but I hope it has provided some clarity with regards to our plans for the next few months. I will continue to keep you updated as we progress through this term but, as always, know that we are always happy to hear from you should you wish to ask or clarify something.

Yours faithfully

Fiona MacKenzie  
Head Teacher