



## Kilbarchan Primary School

### Newsletter

16 June 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Classes for Next Year**

Letters outlining your child's class for next session will come out on Monday 21 June, please look for these in their bag.

#### **Updated Vision, Values and Aims**

We thank everyone for their input on our vision, values and aims over the last couple of years. We now feel that these truly reflect our school community and will be working closely with pupils to embed them in our daily lives as we move forward. Based on feedback received from pupils, families, and staff we altered one of the previously shared values. This is now the final set and we are excited about the journey ahead!

#### **Our Vision, Values and Aims**

*Kilbarchan Primary School, at the heart of the community, with community at our heart.*

##### **Our Values**

##### **We are Kind**

##### **Our Aims**

To treat each other with care and concern, we value everyone in the school and respect our differences and similarities. We are kind when we speak to and about others. We will always ask each other if our behaviour was kind, and if it was not, how can we make amends.

##### **We are Welcoming**

To welcome everyone at Kilbarchan Primary whoever you are. We are an inclusive school and recognise that we are part of a wider community and world. We will always challenge prejudiced behaviour and language and continue to make everyone who comes through the doors feel welcome and valued.

##### **We are Supportive**

To ensure everyone gets the help they need to be a part of the Kilbarchan Primary School community. We use language that supports and helps one another. We put children at the centre of everything we do here and recognise that at times people need extra support.

##### **We are Determined**

To embrace the opportunities to learn, create and contribute to the positive learning environment. We are determined to challenge ourselves by participating in a range of new experiences, building on what we know so that our learning can progress. We are proud of our achievements and love to share these with others.

#### **Mrs Robb**

We are pleased to announce the lovely news that Mrs Robb is expecting! Although her maternity leave does not start until September, COVID regulations mean that she will not be able to return to the building after the summer holidays. Mrs Robb will still be very much involved and contactable up until her maternity leave. She will also ensure a smooth handover to Mrs Ralston who will be taking on the role of Acting DHT in her absence.

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

By Monday 21 June you will all have received a copy of your child's report. A text will be sent out to notify you of the report in your child's bag.

### **School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality Report**

As you know, each year the school completes a Standards and Quality Report outlining the successes achieved across the year. We also create our School Improvement Plan based on feedback received from pupils, families, and staff. Both documents are submitted to the local authority for quality assurance purposes and returned to the school in August. I will be sharing both reports with our Parent Council at the start of the new session and then posting these on the school website for everyone to read.

### **Update to BookBox**

We are working closely with the Renfrewshire Schools Librarian to update the texts in our BookBox. Each class will be given the opportunity to select new texts for our library and this update will continue to take place at regular intervals throughout the year. We want our texts to better reflect the diversity of the world around us and to create a real passion for reading amongst our pupils.

### **Primary 7 Playground Legacy Project**

I wish to give my heartfelt thanks to the boys and girls in Primary 7 for their hard work in redesigning the outdoor learning environment of our school. They have discussed appropriate resources, budgeted accordingly, and carried out a number of tasks themselves in order to keep costs down!

The children couldn't have achieved what they have without the continued support of their class teacher, Miss Lynas, and our wonderful Parent Council. This project just goes to show how much can be achieved when we work together. A big 'Thank You' to everyone involved!

The work will take place in the front garden of the school, near the Infant entrance and will begin over the summer holidays. We know that for years to come, the children of our school will appreciate this new learning space and remember the Leavers of 2021. We hope you all enjoy this lasting monument to a wonderful year group!

### **Mr Russell**

As per our earlier message, tomorrow will be Mr Russell's last day at Kilbarchan Primary School. Mr Russell has taught woodwind at the school for over 14 years. We wish him and his family all the very best for this next stage of his life.

### **Meet the Teacher**

We would normally have a short Meet the Teacher session in class during the last week of term. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this in our usual way and so will be doing something slightly different. In the afternoon of Wednesday 23 June our pupils will go outside for a short Circle Time session with their new teacher.

They will be led outside by their current teacher and then move to meet their new teacher. The children will be outside for this event and will remain 2m from their new teacher. We will ensure all risk assessment guidance is adhered to in order to maintain our high standards of health and safety.

### **Caring for our School Grounds**

We wish to thank those families who have volunteered to water our plants over the summer holidays. The school has an outside tap, found to the rear of the building. We ask that anyone helping with this ensures the tap is fully turned off when you are finished to prevent leakage or damage.

### **The Last Day**

The school will close at 1pm on Friday 25 June. **We normally let our Primary 1 pupils leave first, however on this last day, our Primary 7 pupils will be piped out from the Infant gates first.**

We cannot have large groups of adults congregating together as this poses a health risk. We ask therefore that the following is strictly adhered to:

- Only those adults collecting a Primary 7 pupil, should stand at the gates at 1pm
- **Once your child has been collected you must move away from the gates** so that we can let the next class out
- We will not let the next class out until the previous class and their adults have moved away from the gates. In order to keep it flowing you must move safely away.
- We will then call parents/carers of the Infant classes forward as we normally would eg P1, P2/1 etc
- Once your child has been collected you must move away from the gates
- We ask that only one adult collects their child and that 2m distancing and the wearing of masks is adhered to
- If anyone feels that there are too many adults, please stand back. Your child will remain with us until it is safe to let them leave
- The exit of pupils will be calm and controlled. For this reason, it might take slightly longer than normal. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. The safety of our children is paramount.

I hope that you find this letter helpful and informative.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona MacKenzie  
Head Teacher