



# Bishopton Primary School

## Newsletter August 2016



Dear Parent, Carer,

Welcome back to the new term. All classes have settled well and it is lovely to see all the pupils looking so smart in their uniform.

Despite the weather I hope you all had a lovely break. The school staff and I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

### Staffing

This session we have welcomed a number of new staff in to the school. Miss Hamilton, Miss Frew, Miss Grant, Mrs Hughes, Miss Altman and Mrs McFarlane have all joined the staff and we are delighted to have them. Mr Collins remains as Acting DHT infants as Mr Shields continues in his Acting HT role at Howwood.

Mrs Nugent is out on secondment and Miss Grant and Mrs MacKenzie are taking a career break this session. They are due to rejoin us in August 17.

### Primary 1

Primary 1 have only been in school for a very short time.

They have all settled very well and we look forward to watching them develop in the coming months. They will be visiting all areas of the school so that they become confident moving around the

building. We are all very proud of their excellent progress so far.

As they settle into school routine we would encourage parents to take a step back in the playground and allow them to line up independently. This helps to avoid congestion in the lines. Similarly at the end of the day if parents stand back from the doors it allows the teachers to see all the adults and ensure that no child is released until an appropriate adult is present.

### Clubs

As in previous years we will have a number of clubs running within the school. These will take place before school, at lunchtime and after school. We will have a mix of sporting clubs, chess club and computer code club. These clubs are run by Active Schools, school staff members and volunteers. Initially we will offer clubs for P2-7 but will be including P1 in the coming months. If you have a skill, some time to spare and would like to run a club please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### Educational Visits

We like to enhance the pupils' learning experiences in school by offering a wide range of educational visits. These enhance the topics that are being covered in class. Each visit is subsidised by the school but unfortunately due to the rising costs of transport it

is not always possible to keep the cost per pupil under £6 as had been done in the past. We will strive to give parents as much notice as possible of upcoming visits. If you wish to discuss this matter please call the office and make an appointment to see myself.

### Wider Achievements

At our weekly Wednesday assemblies we enjoy celebrating the successes of our pupils out with school. Please encourage your child to make us aware of their success so that they can get the recognition they deserve for all their hard work.

### Parking

A reminder to park with the safety of our pupils in mind and with consideration for our neighbours.

The car park and Grove entrances are vehicle access only and for their own safety pupils should not be taken in or out of these entrances. Pupils should use the main entrance on Old Greenock Road or the path at the side of the school.

As a rising number of our pupils are bussed to school please ensure that adequate space is left for the bus to park.

## BPPC

Once again the Parent Council will be supporting the work of the school.

The first event will be a race night on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please keep checking the school bags for information regarding this event coming soon.

## Personal Belongings

Last session we had an incredible amount of lost property throughout the school.

Please ensure all of your child's belongings are labelled with their name so that we can return lost items to the rightful owners.

If your child has misplaced an item please come in and have a look in the lost property box.

If the item is not there please inform a member of staff and we will endeavour to track it down.

## Lunches

P1-3 will continue to be provided with a lunch each day free of charge. A copy of the menu has been sent out. If you have any questions regarding this please get in touch.

More information regarding school meals can be found on Renfrewshire Council's website.

A number of children in the school have allergies and therefore as much as possible we aim to be a nut free school.

## Buses

A number of our pupils now travel on the school bus. This service is only for those named children. If

you think you may be entitled to this service please contact the school office and we will provide you with information regarding the necessary application form.

If your child is on the bus list but is not travelling on it for any reason, it would be helpful if you informed the school office so the departure of the bus is not delayed.

## Dates for the Diary

**25.08.16**- P1 Parent Talk 7pm

**06.09.16**-Bounce Back Talk 6.30

**07.09.16**- Paisley Gazette taking P1 photographs

**08.09.16**- P6- Visit to Scotland Street Museum

**14.09 & 16.09.16** - Eco Drama in school

**23.09.16** - BPPC Race Night

**23.09 & 26.09.16** - September weekend holiday

**28.09.16** - P6 swimming

**30.09.16** - Eco Drama in school

**05.10.16** - P6 swimming

**06.10.16** - Whole school flu immunisation

**11.10.16** - Parents Evening

**12.10.16** - Parents Twilight

**14.10 to 21.10.16** - October holidays

**27.10.16** - School photographs

## P.E/Daily Mile

The class teachers will supply you with information regarding your child's P.E. time. P.E. is a vital part of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum and it is important that children take part in all activities. Therefore please ensure that your child comes equipped with the correct kit on P.E. days.

Renfrewshire council policy states that no body jewellery, including piercings, is permissible during P.E

lessons. It would be advisable that all pupils leave jewellery at home on P.E days. The school is not insured for any lost valuables.

On most days classes will be participating in the daily mile. Pupils do not require a change of clothing for this but as we will be trying to go out regardless of the weather conditions it might be a good idea to put a waterproof jacket and wellies in a bag. These can be left in school to ensure that everyone can still go out on 'rainy days'.

## Annual Data Check/ Permission Slips

It would be helpful if you could return your annual data and permission forms as soon as possible.

It is important we have up to date information if we need to contact you in case of emergency.

## Medicines

Schools are only permitted to administer prescribed medication that must be taken during the school day. Should your child require medication, a form must be completed by an adult and the medicine handed to the school office.

Asthma inhalers should be with pupils at all times. Older pupils may wish to carry their own or staff will keep them safe in the classroom. If inhalers are kept in school please check regularly with the class teacher that they have not run out and are still in date.

Yours sincerely  
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