



# Bishopton Primary School

## Newsletter August 2021



Dear Parent, Carer,

A very warm welcome to the new session in Bishopton Primary. I hope you have all had a great summer and are refreshed for the year ahead. It is lovely to see everyone again and to welcome our new P1 to the school. We are all hoping that this will be a year free from disruption and we can go full steam ahead with learning.

### Summer Works

Over the summer months the school has seen flooring, ceilings and redecoration in a number of classrooms. All pupil toilets have been refurbished and the playground has been resurfaced. Mrs Davidson is working with pupils to have additional games painted on the playground. The gym hall and dining hall are scheduled for refurbishment during the October break with the roof and exterior of the building to follow in the new year.

### School Lunches

School lunches have returned to the dining hall. The menu has changed from last session. It is available on the school blog and on Renfrewshire Councils website. Please note there is no longer a sandwich option.

Universal free school meals has now been extended to all P1-4 pupils should they wish to take them.

As always, P3-7 packed lunches can eat outside weather

permitting but this is a choice not a requirement. There is space in the dining hall for all diners.

### DHT Remits

Please note the change to the remits of our DHTs. Mr McAvoy has returned to his PT post. Mr Collins is responsible for P1-4 and Mrs Davidson is responsible for P5-7. You can contact any member of the school management team by calling the main school number or by emailing [bishoptonenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:bishoptonenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk). Please mark your email for the attention of the staff member you require.

### 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 drama club. These clubs are run by Active Schools, school staff members and volunteers.

As restrictions ease over the next few weeks more information regarding these clubs will be distributed.

### Wider Achievements

Although we are still not able to hold face to face assemblies, at our weekly online assemblies we enjoy celebrating the successes of our pupils outwith 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. Alternatively, you can download the certificate from our website and send it in with your child or hand it in to the class teacher or school office.

### Changes to Contact Tracing In School

In line with the wider changes to self-isolation guidance, in the event of a positive test, schools are no longer involved in contact tracing. This is now conducted by the Test and Protect team.

You should continue to inform the school of any positive test results or if a pupil has been identified through test and protect and asked to isolate and go for a PCR test.

Those with a positive test should continue to follow the guidance and isolate for 10 days. Those who receive a negative PCR results can return to school, even if a household member tests positive, as long as they do not display any symptoms.

### Playground

Adults should continue to only enter the playground where necessary. All adults on school premises, including the playground, are required to wear a face covering unless they have an exemption.

### Parking

A reminder to park with the safety of our pupils in mind and



with consideration for our neighbours.

The car park is for staff and disabled parking only and The Grove entrance is for goods vehicle access only. 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.

A new gate has been opened on Old Greenock Road to enable those with prams, bikes or scooters to access the playground without having to negotiate a set of stairs.

### Buses

While we are sharing the building with Dargavel Primary a number of buses will drop off and pick up from the school. Please ensure that the bus bays are kept clear at all times. Bishopton pupils who will continue to travel by bus when Dargavel Primary school opens should travel on their original bus where possible.

### Dates for the Diary

**24.08.21** - P1 information session  
**02.09.21** - Parent Council meeting  
**24.09.21 - 27.09.21 (inclusive)** - September weekend holiday  
**28.09.21** - Maths Week Scotland  
**05.10.21** - Parents Evening 6.00-8.30 p.m (Format TBC)  
**06.10.21** - Parents Twilight 3.30-6.00 p.m (Format TBC)  
**11.10.21- 15.10.21 (inclusive)** - October Holiday  
**18.10.21** - Inservice day - Pupils off  
**30.11.21** - St Andrews day holiday

### Annual Data Check

These will be issued shortly, and it would be great if you could return it as soon as possible.

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

You can also update information as required on your parent portal account.

### 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 always with pupils. 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.

### School Uniform

Renfrewshire Council supports the wearing of school uniform. The agreed uniform for Bishopton Primary is

NAVY BLAZER and BADGE  
NAVY / SMART TROUSERS / SKIRT / PINAFORE/ JOGGING  
BOTTOMS/LEGGINGS  
NAVY / PULLOVER / CARDIGAN  
NAVY SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT  
WHITE SHIRT/ BLOUSE  
RED SCHOOL POLO SHIRT  
SCHOOL TIE

Parents are asked to supply gym shoes, shorts and polo shirt for Physical Education. (You will be informed when this will be required.)

There is no requirement for parents to buy any additional items not listed above.

### Head Lice

From time to time, we receive reports of head lice within the

school. Please be vigilant and check your child regularly. Information on how to spot and treat head lice can be found at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits>

### Communication

We have a variety of ways we communicate with parents.

- Our school website and class blogs
- Our twitter feed - @BishoptonPS
- Our Facebook page - Bishopton Primary School Renfrewshire
- Read our monthly newsletters
- MS Teams
- Letters
- Through the parent council

Sign up for email alerts for notification of new posts.

If you wish to contact us please call in at the school office or email us at

[bishoptonenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:bishoptonenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

### Dogs

Please remember there are no dogs permitted in the school grounds. We have many pupils who are wary of dogs and dogs can be unpredictable around excitable children. If you are bringing a dog please wait outside the school gates. Also please ensure that the paths around the school are free from dog mess by picking up after your dog.

It is not pleasant for anyone when dog mess is carried into the classroom on someone's shoe.

Yours in partnership

Wendy McNaught  
Head Teacher