



Bishopton Primary School

Newsletter May 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our May newsletter. It is hard to believe that we are in the final term. Like last session, this has been a most unusual year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we have navigated our way through these difficult times.

As we look ahead to next session, we hope that the good progress in suppressing the virus continues and we can get back to more normal times in the new session.

Yours faithfully

Wendy McNaught
Head Teacher

Transition Events

Current restrictions limit what we can provide this session in terms of the Nursery/P1 and P7/S1 transition events. It is hoped that as restrictions ease in June, some form of in-school events will be able to take place. Information for those affected will follow separately.

Sports Day

As we are still required to keep pupils in class bubbles, sports day will take a different format this session. Pupils will still compete for their house but the competition will take place within their own class. The House winners will be announced at an assembly as normal.

We will not be able to accommodate spectators to the events, therefore we ask that you don't attend.

Individual class events will be recorded and a link to the recording will be shared with parents in the coming weeks.

School Transport

School transport is provided for those who are more than 1 mile safe walking distance from the school. If you have a child in P7 or a child about to start P1 in August please remember to apply for transport via the Renfrewshire Council website. https://selfservice.renfrewshire.gov.uk/Ef3/General.jsp?form=SS_SchoolTransport&page=pg_CustomerDetails

If your child is currently transported from Dargavel and you have chosen to remain in Bishopton Primary, transport will continue.

Sunscreen

Although the weather has not been great this term so far, classes have been managing to spend some time learning in the outdoors. On sunny days we would appreciate it if you would apply sunscreen in the morning before your child comes to school. If this requires to be reapplied during the day please send it in your child's bag. A sunhat, sunglasses and a water bottle would also be advisable on sunny days.

Pupil Reports

Teachers are currently preparing your child's report. These will be sent home with pupils on Friday 18 June. Please make sure you check your child's school bag on this date.

P7 Activity Week

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to organise a residential experience for our P7 pupils this session. However, P7 will be participating in an activity week from 17-21 May.

They are looking forward to taking part in many interesting challenges throughout the week.

We are sure they will have a fun, challenging week and we look forward to seeing them participate in all activities.

Parking

Once again can I draw your attention to parking around the school at the start and end of the day.

The parent council produced a video earlier this session to encourage people to think about the safety of our pupils as they come and go from school.

We have recently witnessed an increase in the number of cars stopping on the zig zag lines outside the school. We would ask that you refrain from this.

Also, a number of vehicles and pedestrians have been entering the car park at the start and end of the day. The car park is for staff and disabled parking only. We actively discourage our pupils from entering and leaving through the car park for their own safety. The car park can become very busy and it can be difficult to see small children when they are walking around parked cars. Please also note that The Grove is designated as a goods entrance only. It is not a pedestrian entrance. The Grove gates will be closed before the start and end of the day. Please use one of the other designated pedestrian entrances.

Please help us to keep everyone safe by parking responsibly.

Parent Questionnaire

A link to the annual parental questionnaire will be posted on the school blog next week. Your views are very important to us and we would appreciate your time to complete this. The link will remain open until Friday 4 June.

End of Term Concert

As you will be aware, we are putting together a virtual concert to mark the opening of a second school in the village and the moving on of some of our pupils.

We really appreciate your assistance in this.

We have ordered special house colour T-shirts for pupils to wear in the videos. It would be great if you could continue to practice and record the video once the T-shirts have arrived. We are hoping that as restrictions ease, we can do some of the recording in school.

Videos should be sent to gw21concertvideos@glow.sch.uk

School Refurbishment

Some refurbishment work will take place in the school over the summer holiday period.

This work will include some flooring and suspended ceiling replacement, decoration to all classrooms, refurbishment of all pupil toilets, repair and decoration to the dining hall, flooring and decoration in the gym hall.

In addition, work to the outside of the building will include re-roofing, an upgrade to insulation, render repairs/timber panel replacement to external walls and painting to elevations. This phase would also include the upgrading/re-surfacing to the school playground-provisional commencement is early spring 2022.

Dargavel Primary School

Up to date information for those transferring to Dargavel Primary School can be found on the Renfrewshire Council website. We also have a dedicated Dargavel Primary page on the Bishopton School Blog.

If you have any questions regarding any information contained in the newsletter please do not hesitate to get in touch.