



Bishopton Primary School

Newsletter August 2019

Dear Parent, Carer,

A very warm welcome to the new session in Bishopton Primary. I hope you have all had a relaxing summer and are refreshed for the year ahead. It is hard to believe we are already in September. All pupils have settled well and are already working hard. I am sure we will have another very successful year.

Parent Council

A big thank you to the parent council for their kind donation last term. STEM resources have been purchased and distributed to each stage. The pupils are very much looking forward to making use of these.

The first Parent Council meeting will be on the 9th September at 7.00p.m.

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.

Lines

The children are all now familiar with the procedures for lining up at their specific entrances. Therefore can I ask that all parents stand well back from the lines. This allows the teachers to bring the children into the building promptly and maximises time for learning.

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.

Active schools have moved to an online booking system. Information regarding this is contained in the letter about the clubs.

Wider Achievements

At our weekly 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. 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.

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.

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

Renfrewshire Council have launched a Schools Parking Pledge which will be issued to you child shortly. We hope you will sign up to this safe parking initiative.

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 at the main entrance.

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 Councils website.

Please remember we endeavour to be a nut free zone. We have a number of children with severe nut allergies and ask that no nuts or nut products be brought to 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 the necessary information on how to apply. 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

09.09.19 - Parent Council meeting
27.09.19 - 30.09.19 (inclusive)- September weekend holiday
30.09.19 - Maths Week Scotland
08.10.19 - Parents Evening 6.00-8.30 p.m
09.10.19 - Parents Twilight 3.30-6.00 p.m

11.10.19- 18.10.19 (inclusive)- October Holiday
24.10.19 - Individual Photographs
25.10.19- Individual and Sibling photographs
02.12.19 - 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.

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.

School Uniform

Renfrewshire Council supports the wearing of school uniform. The agreed uniform for Bishopton Primary is
NAVY BLAZER and BADGE
NAVY / GREY SMART TROUSERS / SKIRT / PINAFORE
NAVY / GREY 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. 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
 - Pupil homework diaries
 - 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

Yours in partnership

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