

Bridge of Weir Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are back and off to a great start. We hope that you all had a good summer with lots of lovely family time.

Congratulations to Cumbrae House who were last year's overall winners. Their colours are proudly displayed on the house cup. I wonder, who will win this year?

Some teachers are already planning their first class visits out of school, so please make sure you are all organised with ParentPay. ParentPay is not only the method for making payments to the school but it also contains your permission for children to go on a trip.

Permission is essential. If you need any help, Bernie and her team are happy to assist you.

For parents and children who are new to the school, can I take this opportunity to welcome you all. We have a very supportive Parent Council who will always welcome new ideas and any time you may have to give. Your contact is Rob Ramsay and you can drop him an email on robertgtramsay@gmail.com

This year we are celebrating 50 years in Warlock Road and we have lots of ideas on ways to mark and celebrate this event. One of our first events will be the launch of our new school website, huge thanks to parents Mr and Mrs Glen and their business, kukastudios. We will also be launching our Twitter and Facebook pages, which will improve our communication across the social media platforms that our families like to use. Please note that our social media will not be a platform that we directly respond to. The office will remain the contact point for the school and we would appreciate your consideration and respect to think carefully before posting anything.

Upcoming Events

September 4 - Primary 1 Parent Meeting 6pm at the school gym hall

September 19 - Learning Journey Bags home

September 26 - Primary 7 Fun Run at Gryffe

September 27 and 30 – Holiday, school closed

October 8 and 9 - Parents' Evenings – date and time will be sent to you

October 11 - In-Service Day – school closed

October 14 to 18 - Holiday – school closed

October 24 – Autumn disco

Important Announcement

Nut allergies can be extremely dangerous. We do have children who need to be protected. Please do not send in nuts for snacks or in packed lunch boxes.

Parent Helpers

Thank you to everyone who is able to volunteer at the school. For many people this has been very helpful for getting back into the world of work, especially those who have an ambition to work in a school. Several of our volunteers now have places at university or paid employment. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer.

Attendance

Please make every effort to have your child to school on time and to make arrangements for holidays, concerts and special events that do not require absence from school. There are very few reasons that the school is able to grant permission for an absence and this results in an unauthorised absence for your child. Often special events and celebrations are arranged for the last days of term which does mean that your child can miss out on these shared memories with their teacher and class.

School Improvement Plan

Every school participates in a self-evaluation process using a document called, How Good Is Our School 4? This helps us to identify areas for improvement. We produce an annual plan to inform all stakeholders, Renfrewshire Council and Education Scotland of our plans. This session we have linked our school plan to our school vision of Equity, Equality and Excellence. Our annual plan will soon be available on the school website.

Paisley Road Race – 10k and Fun Run

We are already off to a fabulous start with our fundraising. Thank you to the many children and parents who joined school staff for a Fun Run through Paisley on Saturday, August 17. Thanks Mrs Duncan for organising us all. Next year, let's get even more runners!



In the Community

Easy Fundraising

Whenever you buy online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be making a free cash donation to the school.

Over 3000 retailers take part in this including Amazon, John Lewis and Sainsbury's.

All you have to do is sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Social Media

Please think before you click: anything you post on social media will be there long after you've gone. We're a small community and we need to think about everyone in it both offline and online. The National Parent Forum of Scotland has published a guide for parents and carers, called [Clicked social media and your school community](#).

https://www.npfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/npfs_social-media_leaflet_E.pdf

We teach the children to be bucket fillers and think about the words that they use and how they can make others feel. We are all trying to do the best that we can.

Keeping safe

Please follow our no parking times signposted in the bus bays. All adults please drop off and collect children from the front of the school. We want to ensure that there are no unknown adults in our playground in order to keep everyone safe. Staff will question your presence if you enter the school playground. If you are collecting your child earlier please do so through the school office. Please remain on designated paths and do not cut across the school car park. It is very busy at the end of the day. The car park is a staff car park and for taxis and small buses that have Renfrewshire Council contracts. Please be very careful if you are

dropping off children on Warlock Road as thoughtless driving and parking up on the pavement can be dangerous. Dogs are not allowed on school grounds, no matter how well behaved they are. We appreciate your co-operation in keeping everyone safe.

Medications

If your child needs to take medicine at school, we need your permission in writing and all medication must have a prescription label with your child's name; this includes any form of pain relief, such as Calpol. A form can be downloaded from the school website or picked up from the school office. Please ensure that asthma inhalers have been renewed and returned to the school. Staff have completed Epi-pen training and I must stress the importance of not sending nut products to school, this includes Nutella.

Learning Journey Bags – Supporting Learning

Soon your child/children will be bringing home their Learning Journey Bag. This is a great opportunity to share work with you. It might be to discuss why a piece of work is good or it might be to discuss how a piece of work could be improved. We will also keep you informed about effort in class. 'Yes' ticked indicates that all is well and 'not yet' indicates that, in the teacher's opinion, there is more to be done. We know that your support and encouragement is vital to ensuring the best progress at school and we ask that you take time to write a comment for your child and to encourage your child to live up to our school values;

Do be friendly

Do be honest

Do be responsible

It's OK to be different

Do be kind and support others

Do show respect

Do cooperate

Do be fair

School Uniform Shop

Every time you buy from our school shop you are making a donation to the school. These high-quality sweatshirts and polo shirts last a long time, retain their shape and don't fade.

Susan Bell

Head Teacher

