



Dargavel Primary School



Newsletter – 23rd August 2024

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the new school session at Dargavel and a special welcome to all our new families across the school.

The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information about staffing, administration and to share important dates. Please take a few minutes to read over the newsletter to stay informed of what's going on at Dargavel. If you have any queries, please contact the school office on 0300 300 1481 or email dargavelenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk and a member of staff will get back to you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Gerry Carlton



Label Items

Please remember to label all items of uniform, school bags and lunch boxes/ bags with your child's name and class. A number of items, particularly from P1 pupils have been left behind or misplaced. If things are labelled it is easy to get them back to the child.

Nut Free

We have a number of children with a nut allergy, and we therefore ask for no nuts or products containing nuts to be brought into the school.

We also request that birthday cakes/ treats are not sent in with children to share with the class. It is a lovely gesture, however, many of these products contain traces of nuts.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Seesaw

We are very excited to be using Seesaw as our main channel for communication and sharing learning.

It should be up and running by the end of next week. Communication will be sent out to help with signing in etc. P1 parents and new parents will also be issued with sign up instructions next week.

The expectations of Seesaw will be explained at the Meet the Teacher sessions.



Medication

If your child requires medication or an inhaler, please contact the school office. You will be required to complete paperwork and to hand the medication into the school.

Be Prepared

Can you please ensure children come to school with everything that they need, for example, water bottles, packed lunches, school bags etc. Children should also know the lunch option they are selecting for that day and what their end of day arrangements are. The office staff will always ensure messages are passed on or items handed in late are delivered to classes, however, it does take the staff away from the office which can result in phone calls being missed etc. Thank you for your support with this.



The school and Parent Council are hosting a Dance-A-Thon sponsored event on Friday 6th September. Further information will be sent out early next week.



Kindness



Respect



Acceptance



Growth

Meet the Teacher – Thursday 5th September

Meet the Teacher will take place on Thursday 5th September. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and to learn about the routines of the class. We will be offering 2 sessions; 3.15pm – 4pm and 4.15pm – 5pm. The teacher will do a presentation at 3.30pm and at 4.30pm and the rest of the time will be spent chatting to parents/ carers. For those unable to attend either session, we will send out the teachers' presentations which will contain all information discussed at the event. If you have more than one child in the school, try to pop into each class so that you get to speak to all of your children's teachers.

We will also be launching our Relationships Policy video at Meet the Teacher. There will be two showings of the video, one at 4pm and the other at 5pm. These will take place in the Gym Hall. Following the event, there will be a link on the school website where you can access the video.

To allow staff to manage numbers, please click on the link to select your preferred Meet the Teacher session:

<https://forms.office.com/e/RnkOU2KbsM>



Staffing

Every teacher receives weekly Non-Class Contact (NCC) time. This is normally planned in 2-hour blocks. We therefore have NCC teachers who teach the classes for these periods of time. Miss Ritchie covers the P1 classes, Mrs Galbraith for P2, Ms Laing for P3 and P4 classes, and Mr Galloway, Miss Ritchie and Mrs Kennedy for P5-7. This therefore means that your child will have two teachers throughout the week. This is common practice in all schools across Scotland.

We also have some staff who work part-time (4 days per week); and these classes need to be taught by a different teacher one day per week. Mrs Hood, one of our Principal Teachers and the P5/6 teacher, has time out of class to fulfil her remit so her management day is covered by Mr Galloway. Our newly qualified teachers also have a Friday out of class. Staff will be able to talk to you at Meet the Teacher about the key staff who will work with each class throughout the week.

Playground Safety – Bikes

If your child cycles to school, please encourage them to park their bike in one of the bike storage areas and also to lock their bike. For safety reasons, we ask that pupils come off their bikes and scooters as soon as they enter the school grounds.



Playground Safety – Dogs

Dogs are not permitted on school grounds. We have children who are allergic to dog hair and dog saliva and it is therefore crucial that these children do not come into contact with dogs. Thank you for your understanding.

Wet Weather

On wet mornings, P4-7 will be brought into the gym hall from 8.50am to wait until 9am.

School Finish Times

Just a reminder that P1-3 start at 8.50am and finish at 2.50pm. P4-7 start at 9am and finish at 3pm. It is only siblings of P1-3 children who have the option of finishing at 2.50pm.



RIGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT

Article 2

'All Children have Rights'

This will be launched at Friday's assembly and discussed with children in class.

THE UNITED NATIONS
CONVENTION
ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Administration

ParentPay - Primary 1 activation letters were issued to pupils this week and we can see lots of parents have signed up. Thank you!

P1 Annual Data – these were sent out on Wednesday. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible. It is important that we have the most up to date contact details for your children.

Parents Portal –If you have still to sign up, please click on the link below and follow the instructions. All admin forms will be issued electronically through the Portal so it crucial that all parents/ carers get signed up as soon as possible.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/dargavelprimaryschool/parents-portal/>

Flu Immunisation Letters - these will be issued this week. These should be completed and sent back to the school as soon as possible.

Parent Council

The Parent Council AGM will take place in the school at 7pm on Tuesday 27th August. Please come along if you are able to.

Also, the Parent Council Facebook page is their main platform for sharing information and for making contact with its members. Please submit a request to the page if you would like to join.

PE Timetable

The PE timetable was shared with parents/ carers on Tuesday. Please click on the link below to access the timetable.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_CpXoR_mzBVn29E05F7jnZLPluMtXG4q/view?usp=drive link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_CpXoR_mzBVn29E05F7jnZLPluMtXG4q/view?usp=drive_link)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE YEAR

Meet the Teacher – Thursday 5th September

Dance-A-Thon – Friday 6th September

September Weekend – Friday 27th & Monday 30th September (school reopens on Tuesday 1st October)

October Holiday – Monday 14th – Friday 18th. Friday 11th is an Inservice Day.

Parents' Night 1 – Thursday 21st November

St Andrew's Day Holiday – Monday 2nd December

Whole School Pantomime Trip to The Pavilion – Friday 6th December

Christmas Fair – Saturday 7th December (AM)

Christmas Shows (including P1 Nativity) – Thursday 12th & Friday 13th December

Christmas Holidays – Monday 23rd Dec – Friday 3rd January (school reopens on Monday 6th January)

February Holiday – Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th February. Friday 14th is an Inservice Day

Pupil Progress Reports – Friday 21st March

Spring Holiday – Monday 7th – Monday 21st April (school reopens on Tuesday 22nd April)

Parents' Night 2 – Thursday 8th May

May Holidays – Monday 5th & Monday 26th May (Friday 23rd is an Inservice Day)

Sports Days – P1-3: Monday 9th June P4-7: Tuesday 10th June

P7 Residential – Monday 16th – Thursday 19th June

P7 Leavers' Assembly and Dance – Wednesday 25th June

Family Fun Day – Thursday 26th June (Families welcome from 1pm)

School Closes – Friday 27th June at 1pm